

Minutes Approved May 24, 2016

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call recorded: J.N. Greene, Craig Nelson, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert, Fire Chief Brad Delay, and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: City Administrator Max Springer.

Guests registering their attendance are listed on the sign-in sheet attached to and made a part of the minutes.

Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for review. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the agenda as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the May 26, 2016 meeting to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Lee

ABSENT: None

With all present members voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden requested Pastor Tim Burgess of the First Baptist Church introduce his guest to the Board. Pastor Burgess introduced his daughter, Micala Burgess.

Mayor Appointments.

Mayor Eden recommended the following staff appointments:

Chief of Police – David Hubert
Director of Public Works – Gene Stanton
City Collector – Jason Patten
Treasurer – Shari Weldy
City Counselor – William Petrus, Jr.
Prosecuting Attorney – William Petrus, Jr.
Municipal Court Judge – Randee Stemmons
Municipal Court Clerk – Toni Buttram
Fire Chief – Brad DeLay
City Clerk – Shannon Neely

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Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the Mayor's recommendation for staff appointments. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2016-004 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri revising the Schedule of Fees to include fees relating to electrical net metering and adopting application and inspection forms relating to net metering service and electrical system integration, was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2016-004 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2016-004 thus became Resolution Number (R)2016-004.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2016-011 re: An ordinance of Mount Vernon, Missouri to establish a procedure to disclose potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain officials, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Philips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2016-011 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2016-011 thus became Ordinance Number 1.275.

Bill No. 2016-012 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and Buxton Company for retail retention and recruitment marketing services, materials and strategies was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2016-012 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2016-012 thus became Ordinance Number 14.258.

Bill No. 2016-013 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Chapter 705, Article I, Regulating Electrical Service, by adding new Section 705.015 Regarding Net Metering Service and Electrical System Integration, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2016-013 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2016-013 thus became Ordinance Number 13.106.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Due to absence of City Administrator Max Springer, no report was submitted.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Report. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the April Treasurer report and requested approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the April report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Net Metering. Stanton held discussion on net metering and requested any questions pertaining to Bill (R)2016-004 and Bill No. 2016-013. None brought forth.
- Authorization to Fill Vacancy in Electric Department. Stanton recommended the Board hire Brian Huse to fill the vacancy of lineman in the Electrical Department. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to hire Mr. Huse as recommended. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Hickory Street Signage. Stanton reported he has researched the request to add Veterans' Way signage to existing sign poles and reported his opinion the request is not feasible to the existing sign poles. Discussion was held.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Stanton addressed a previous question regarding city funds which were spent on Lawrence County's sidewalk project at the Lawrence County Courthouse noting the additional power would be beneficial. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Statistical Report. Conway presented the April statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning & Zoning Update. Conway reported a Public Hearing was held on May 3, 2016 to rezone property located at 105 and 107 W. Sloan Avenue from R-1 to R-3. Conway noted after a fourteen day protest period would be held with an ordinance presented at the May 24, 2016 meeting. Discussion was held. Conway reported a request to rezone 10.42 acres east of the Veterans' Home was received from Mark Short. Conway added the request was to rezone from R-2 to R-3 and a Public Hearing date is scheduled for June 7, 2016 with the Planning and Zoning Commission. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Statistical Report. Hubert presented the April Statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Request from Mount Vernon School District. Hubert reported he has received a request from the Mount Vernon R5 School District to continue Officer Chance Cornell as School Resource Officer during summer school from May 23 thru June 30, with the school splitting the costs with the city for his services. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes granting the request. With all members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Alderman Nelson reported he has received a request from a constituent to have the intersection of Cherry Street and Landrum Street be deemed a four-way stop to alleviate traffic problems in this area. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to have signage added to this intersection.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received one call since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported equipment and vehicle maintenance was performed with no issues. DeLay also noted Engine Two was back in service after repair of problems with the air conditioning. Discussion was held.
- Training. DeLay reported monthly training is scheduled for May 19, 2016.
- Community Activities. DeLay reported smoke detectors were installed at two residences.
- Miscellaneous DeLay held discussion regarding the need for text messaging when Fire Department is dispatched by Monett Emergency Management. Mayor Eden noted text messaging was put back into service on Friday, May 6, 2016. Discussion of a centralized dispatch center was held for all municipalities and Lawrence County. Mayor Eden noted he and DeLay had met earlier in the week and wanted the city and rural firefighters to know he holds the

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utmost respect for the work they perform for the community. A lengthy discussion continued and the need to resolve all issues.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be discussed.

- Alderman Nelson requested when the orange safety-net fencing would be removed from city property located on Dallas Street on the south side of the Square. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be discussed.

- Mr. Petrus reported the city received an email from the Veterans Administration regarding the status of the request for broker services for lease of 600 N. Main Street as the deadline was Friday, June 13, 2016. Discussion was held.
- Mayor Eden presented a thank you card from Boy Scout Troop 994 for attending the City Council meeting.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date