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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE  
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, 319 E Dallas Street, on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Haymes with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Craig Nelson, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, and Marda Gramm. Absent: Dallas Gramm, Lowell Phillips, and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Joe Kelley, Counselor Darlene Parrigon, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Public Works Director Dustin Davis, Code Enforcement Terry Moore, Chief of Police David Hubert, and City Clerk Melissa Aduddle.

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

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Haymes presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, to the Board for approval. The following change was requested:

- Under Treasurer Report – March needs to be capitalized.

Alderwoman Thrasher moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting with the change, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm. The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Nelson

ABSENT: D. Gramm, Phillips, Lee

Motion passed.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Haymes announced this portion of the meeting was set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion. The following brought forth:

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- Charles Fender – Concerns about nuisance issues with neighbors.
- Paula Brockwell – Asked what is being done about various properties that are blighted or maintaining a nuisance.

Ordinance

**Bill No. 2022-08 re:** An Ordinance approving and accepting dedication of the final plat of the Rickey D. and Heidi M. Clark Minor Subdivision, being part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 28 North, Range 27 West, Lawrence County, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: D. Gramm, Phillips, Lee

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: D. Gramm, Phillips, Lee

Bill No. 2022-08 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 1.293.

**Bill No. 2022-09 re:** An Ordinance approving and accepting the re-plat of Lots 16 and 17 of the Kings Row Addition, a subdivision to the City of Mount Vernon, Lawrence County, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: D. Gramm, Phillips, Lee

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: D. Gramm, Phillips, Lee

Bill No. 2022-09 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 1.294.

**Bill No. 2022-10 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:

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AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: D. Gramm, Phillips, Lee

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: D. Gramm, Phillips, Lee

Bill No. 2022-10 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 1.295.

**Bill No. 2022-11 re:** An Ordinance appointing Darlene Parrigon as the City Attorney for the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: D. Gramm, Phillips, Lee

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: D. Gramm, Phillips, Lee

Bill No. 2022-11 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 1.296.

**Bill No. 2022-12 re:** An Ordinance allowing the Mayor to appoint the City Clerk, Director of Public Works, Chief of Police, and City Treasurer for the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: D. Gramm, Phillips, Lee

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: D. Gramm, Phillips, Lee

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Bill No. 2022-12 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 1.297.

## **Department Reports**

### City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Personnel.** Kelley stated Dustin Davis has completed his three month probationary period and requested approval to move Mr. Davis to full-time status. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve moving Dustin Davis from probationary to full-time status, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Hazard Mitigation.** Kelley stated the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, required state and local governments to prepare and adopt a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved hazard mitigation plan as a condition of eligibility for federal mitigation grants. The State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) relies on a partnership with regional planning commissions throughout the state to help local jurisdictions develop and adopt countywide, multi-jurisdictional, multi-hazard mitigation plans. Therefore, later in the meeting, there is a resolution to adopt the Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation plan. Discussion was held.
- **SWMO Regional Water.** Kelley updated the Board that the Southwest Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission (SWMO Regional Water) is a coalition of public water suppliers, pooling their resources to develop additional regional water supply and infrastructure. The Commission was developed by the board of directors of Tri-State Water Resource Coalition (Tri-State Water). Tri-State Water is a nonprofit (501c4) organization whose mission is to secure adequate and sustainable long-term water supplies for a 16-county area in southwest Missouri. Kelley stated later in the meeting there is a resolution designating a director and alternate director by title only, instead of by name and title. Discussion was held.

### Treasurer

Ms. Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- **Bills Paid.** Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Bills over \$5,000.00.** Weldy then presented the bills over \$5,000.00 to the Board for approval. Alderman Beckley moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Motion passed.

### Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis did not have any agenda items, but did request any questions the Board might have, and none brought forth.

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### Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following item:

- **April 2022 Permit Report.** Moore presented the Permit Report for April 2022 and requested any questions or discussion. None brought forth.
- **Planning & Zoning Report.** Moore gave a quick update of items of discussion in Planning and Zoning. Discussion was held.

### Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Statistics for April 2022.** Hubert presented the statistics for April 2022 to the Board for review and requested any discussion. None brought forth

### Old Business

Mayor Haymes requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

### New Business

Mayor Haymes requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. The following were brought forth:

**Bill No. R2022-02 re:** A Resolution of the City of Mount Vernon adopting the Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: D. Gramm, Phillips, Lee

Bill No. R2022-02 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Resolution number R2022-02.

**Bill No. R2022-03 re:** A Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri to designate a director and alternate to the Southwest Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission, was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: D. Gramm, Phillips, Lee

Bill No. R2022-03 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Resolution number R2022-03.

### Closed Session

Alderwoman Thrasher moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(3) Personnel, RSMo. 2018, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm

NOES: None

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ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: D. Gramm, Phillips, Lee

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 7:34 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened at 7:59 p.m. Mayor Haymes determined all Aldermen that were present for closed session adjournment had returned to the meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Haymes announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Jason Haymes, Mayor

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Date

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Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

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Date