



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021.

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 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Haymes with the following roll call recorded: Deanna McElveen, Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. Absent: Scott Beckley. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Public Works Director Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Moore, Police Chief 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 Phillips moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 to the Board for approval. The following changes were requested:

- Public Works – Add Alderwoman Gramm as second to motion on tennis court repairs.

Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the minutes with the aforementioned change, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

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.

- Paula Brockwell – Concerns on location of handicap parking at police department.
- David Adams – Concerns on postage used on City mail.

The Board held discussion on both of the aforementioned items, and thanked the citizens for their participation. Chief Hubert stated the location of the handicap spot will be moved closer to the Council Chamber doors.

McLiney & Company – Refinancing COP's

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Ed McLiney of McLiney and Company addressed the Board on refinancing the City's Series 2014 Certificates of Participation and Series 2016 Certificates of Participation. Mr. McLiney stated that based on today's interest rates refinancing could save the City approximately \$126,000 over five years. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to pursue refinancing the COP's from 2014 and 2016, clarifying that he was authorizing McLiney & Company to move forward with the refinancing and come back with a resolution, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion Passed.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Springer stated the sales tax for May is up \$13,731.65 from the previous year, and year to date sales tax is ahead \$63,995.82 from 2020. Use tax is down from May of last year by \$6,517.33, however for the year use tax is still ahead \$5,842.62 from 2020.
- **Letter Correction.** Springer informed the Board that the letter that was mailed to our utility customers had an error in the amount the fuel adjustment would increase. In the letter it stated the current fuel adjustment charge of \$7.14 per 1000 kWh instead of \$9.89 per 1000 kWh or 0.009886 per kWh that the fuel adjustment cost. So total fuel adjustment cost would be \$17.03 per 1000 kWh. Discussion was held.
- **Liberty True-up for 2019 and Half of 2020.** Springer reported that the City has received information that last the true-up bill from Liberty is coming. This is the true-up for the contract that concluded June 30, 2020 before the City joined the Southwest Power Pool. The information stated the approximate amount owed is \$285,000.00 for the GFR true-up. Discussion was held.
- **Park Restroom Pay Request #2.** Springer requested approval of pay request #2 for the restroom project at Spirit of '76 Park in the amount of \$97,702.75. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve pay request #2 in the amount of \$97,702.75 for the restroom project at Spirit of '76 Park, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

- **Sidewalk Pay Request #11.** Springer requested approval of pay request #2 for \$129,103.00 to A.T. Urban Development, Inc. for work completed to date, and \$17,178.01 in engineering fees to Anderson Engineering for a total of \$146,281.01. The City will be reimbursed \$111,041.91 from the Federal Government. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve pay request #11 for the sidewalk project in the amount of \$146,281.01, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

- **Skatepark Pay Request #1.** Springer requested approval of pay request #1 to American Ramp Company, in the amount of \$37,000.00. The City will be reimbursed \$3,250.00 of that amount from Community Betterment, which are funds raised for the skatepark. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve pay request #1 to American Ramp Company in the amount of \$37,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **City Swimming Pool.** Springer updated the Board that last year the City found out there was a leak in the swimming pool, but we were not sure how much water was leaking. The City spoke with the swimming pool supply company, which also rehabs pools, to get an

idea of what could be done to fix the issue. An estimate was requested for refurbishing the pool, but was never received. The seams in the pool have been repaired and a water meter was installed to determine the actual water loss of the pool. There are several areas of water loss that are normal with the use of the pool, such as backwashing, evaporation and splash out. Monitoring of the water meter began after filling the pool to see the amount of water that has been lost. Water loss is about 25,120 gallons per day and is believed to be occurring through the piping in the pool walls. The pool is 43 years old and has other issues that also need to be discussed, in addition to the water loss. Springer requested a meeting with the Parks and Recreation Committee to discuss the swimming pool issues. Discussion was held. Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2021 at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

Treasurer

Ms. Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- **Bills Paid.** Weldy presented the bills paid report for April and May and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Bills over \$5,000.00.** Weldy presented the Bills over \$5,000.00 for April and May to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Gramm moved to authorize payment for the bills over \$5000.00 as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

- **Transportation Driver.** Weldy requested approval to go through Penmac Staffing Services to hire a taxi driver. If the person works out, they will be hired through the City. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the hiring of a taxi driver through Penmac Staffing Services, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Other Items of Discussion.** Kelley did not have any agenda items, but welcomed any questions the Board may have for him. Mayor Haymes inquired as to the status of the Hayward Drive project. Kelley informed the Board that they were currently in the process of getting the box culvert placed. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **Permit Report for April 2021.** Moore presented the Permit Report for April 2021 and requested any questions or discussion. None brought forth
- **Planning & Zoning Report.** Moore presented the Planning & Zoning Report, giving updates on various projects and notifications that have been issued around the City, and requested any discussion. Discussion was held.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Statistics for April 2021.** Hubert presented the statistics report for April and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Old Business

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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. Mr. Petrus addressed the Board and stated that he is closing his law office by July 31, 2021. He thanked the City for a great working relationship over the years and stated when a new City Attorney is hired he will work with them to make the transition as seamless as possible. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips moved to advertise for a new attorney, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

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 7:45 pm.

Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

Date