

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call vote recorded: Scott Beckley, Deanna McElveen, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer/Planning and Zoning Administrator Terry Moore, Chief of Police David Hubert, City Clerk-in-Training Melissa Aduddle and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

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

Approval of Agenda.

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the Board of Aldermen minutes from the Tuesday, April 28, 2020 meeting to the Board for consideration. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to accept minutes with the following correction:

- City Administrator Report. Last sentence in paragraph corrected as follows:
  - Springer reported the taxis will begin to pick up passengers starting Monday, May 11, 2020.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from those in attendance. Mayor Eden noted Steve Chapman was the lone attendant and asked if he wished to discuss any items. None brought forth.

Department Report.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- April Statistical Report. Moore presented the April Statistic Permit report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Text Change MU-1 District. Moore reported the Commission reviewed the request to rezone 600 N. Main Street to MU-1 District and voted to recommend adopting the change to MU-1 District and to show the change in the Table of Permitted Uses. Mayor Eden accepted this recommendation as a motion from the committee and recorded the following voice:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

Ordinances.

**Bill No. 2020-10 re:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon regarding creation of MU-1 Mixed-Use Zoning District was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call votes recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2020-10 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-10 thus became Ordinance Number 2.198.

**Bill No. 2020-11 re:** An ordinance zoning certain real property as MU-1 Mixed Use District and directing change to be indicated on the District Map, as adopted by the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None b bg+6v1c1

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2020-10 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-10 thus became Ordinance Number 2.197.

**Bill No.2020-11 re:** An ordinance zoning certain real property as MU-1 Mixed Use District and directing change to be indicated on the District Map, as adopted by the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

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ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABENT: None

Bill No. 2020-11 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-11 thus became Ordinance Number 2.197.

**Bill No. 2020-12 re:** an ordinance authorizing the execution of a temporary construction easement, right-of-way conveyance and waivers of just compensation and appraisal rights regarding sidewalk construction at 600 N. Main Street was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No 2020-12 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-12 thus became Ordinance Number 14.319.

**Bill No.2020-13 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: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2020-13 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-13 thus became Ordinance Number 1.282.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenue to the Board. Discussion was held.
- 600 N. Main St. Springer reported the city crews are separating the nine (9) cottages located at 600 N. Main, from the facilities electrical and water system. A lengthy discussion was held.
- Hangar No. Five. Springer reported the tin roof on Hangar Number Five (#5), located at the Mount Vernon Municipal Airport is in need of repair. Springer noted sprayed foam had previously been applied on the rafters, causing moisture to retain and rot the rafter wood. Springer reported Abernathy Roofing bid \$12,580.00 and Southwest Contractors of Sarcoxie bid \$6,758.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm to proceed with repair of Hangar #5 roof with Southwest Contractors of Sarcoxie for \$6,758.00. With all present voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Pool & Park Program Employees. Springer reported he attended a meeting with the Lawrence County Health Department regarding recommendation for COVID-19 pool opening and handling of park program. Springer recommends the Board hire the following personnel for the 2020 season: Ashley Ragsdale, Pool and Park Program Manager; Assistant Park Program Manager Ashlynn McCanless; Assistant Park Program Manager Carri Ferguson. Springer reported plans to open the pool are for June 1, 2020 and Park Program to begin Monday, June 8, 2020. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to proceed with opening pool for the season and hiring staff as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Springer held discussion on activities usually held at the Red, White and Boom event and how they would relate to the social distancing rules. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden announced it was a consensus of the Board to allow the Red, White, and Boom event to be held at the Spirit of 76 Park, with the following changes: fireworks viewing from vehicles; allow a band for entertainment, but all other activities, i.e., lazertag, free swim, and other activities are cancelled.
- Re-occurring Expenses. Springer requested input from the Board that would allow the Treasurer to pay re-occurring expenses which are more than \$5,000.00. Springer noted there are monthly bills that come due prior to the regular scheduled meeting, which then will incur late penalties until next meeting for approval by the Board. Discussion was held. Petrus suggested staff present a list of the expenses for review at the next meeting.
- Auction. Springer reported he has scheduled the surplus furniture auction at The MARC for the end of May. Springer noted he has verified with the Lawrence County Health Department to be allowed to hold the auction, must observe social distancing. Discussion was held.
- Other Items of Discussion. Alderman Haymes requested how everyone was adapting to the new City Hall. Springer noted staff is moved in and still have a few little issues, but for the most part all is good. Mayor Eden held discussion on when to start the Board of Aldermen meetings at the new location. Alderman Haymes requested status of the window leaks.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the Bills to the Board and requested any questions. None brought forth.
- Bills Over \$5000. Weldy presented the Bills over \$5,000 and noted the Cox amount is incorrect as she has not received by mail, but expects it to be \$19,000.00. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded Thrasher to approve bills over \$5,000.00 and allow Treasurer to adjust Cox Bill up to \$19,000.00 if needed. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Golf Course. Kelley requested purchase of chemicals for the Golf Course for \$8,155.00. Kelley reported he has not been able to purchase this item due to it being placed on hold during COVID-19 pandemic. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with purchase as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Police.

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Personnel. Hubert requested the Board re-hire Stephen Nelson to return to work as a police officer. Hubert reported Mr. Nelson left the city March, 2020 to work for Christian County. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to hire Stephen Nelson as Police Officer.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Mayor Eden asked if staff is working on patrol offices at their facility. Hubert noted other offices are starting to get put together. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion.

- Committee Reports. Alderman Haymes, Chairman of the Committee reported the committee met and elected Marda Gramm as Secretary of the committee on May 7, 2020. Haymes reported the Missouri Conservation Department issues wildlife depredation kill permits for nuisance wildlife and reported the school system is experiencing severe damage to fruit and fruit trees by deer. Haymes noted discussion was held on several options to control the population, which included issuing a wildlife depredation kill permit for the area. Haymes reported the committee moved to authorize the use of a Missouri Department of Conservation Depredation Permit in conjunction with authorization by permit from the Mount Vernon Chief of Police. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Haymes, Phillips, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: McElveen, Thrasher

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

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New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion.

- Springer introduced Melissa Aduddle as City Clerk in training.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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•Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

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