

Minutes approved Tuesday, May 28, 2019

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regular scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Deanna McElveen, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Shari Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. The following city personnel was also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Moore, Assistant Chief of Police Jason Lacey and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Chief of Police David Hubert.

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

Approve of the Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the agenda with the following deletion:

- City Administrator Report: Remove Sales Tax Report.

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the City Council meeting held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Business Recognition.

Mayor Eden presented a plaque of recognition to Charlotte, Scott and Brian George honoring Mid-America Dental and Hearing for forty (40) years of service to the Mount Vernon community.

Mayoral Proclamation.

Mayor Eden read two proclamation to honors; Police Week, the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> and; Public Works week, from May 19 to May 25, 2019.

Mayoral Appointments of City Officials.

Mayor Eden recommended the following names to serve in their respective positions with the city, for one year, per City Code §115.020:

Chief of Police	David Hubert
City Clerk	Shannon Neely
Director of Public Works	Joe Kelley
City Collector	Jason Patten
Treasurer	Shari Weldy
Municipal Court Clerk	Toni Buttram

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Counselor  
Prosecuting Attorney

William Petrus, Jr.  
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Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve Mayor recommendation for appointments of city officials, as required by City Code §115.020. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting was set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2019-09 re:** An ordinance changing zoning designation of one (1) tract of real estate from R-1 Single-family Residential District to R-2 Two-family Residential 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, Martin and Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin and Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2019-09 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2019-09 thus became Ordinance Number 2.193.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Change Order 109 N. Hickory St. Springer presented Change Orders #4, #5, #6 and #7 to the Board for review. Springer held discussion on each change order. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve change orders for 109 N. Hickory Street as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Kone Proposal. Springer presented elevator maintenance for 600 N. Main Street facility that consisted of three proposals. Springer noted a decision does not need to be made until later in the year. Discussion was held.
- Fuel Bids. Springer reported the city received three (3) bids for fuel for city vehicles and two bids for fuel for transit vehicles. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to award the fuel bid and the transit vehicle fuel bid to Warsaw Oil Company. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- 600 N. Main St. Springer presented a bid turned in after the bid date from R & H Custom Services for mowing at 600 N. Main Street facility. Springer noted no other bid was received. Discussion was held with no action taken by the Board. Springer reported he direct solicited five (5) security companies, with only three companies responding. Springer noted bids range from \$28.00 per hour to \$42.00 per hours. A lengthy discussion was held with no action taken by the Board. Springer noted he is currently working on estimates for electronic surveillance of the facility.
- Gibbs Park Storm Water Project. Springer noted the project is slated to begin May 15, 2019, with an estimated completion date of August 23, 2019. Discussion was held.
- I-44 Bridge Project over Railroad Drive. Springer reported the project is scheduled to begin May 20, 2019 but there a couple of issues which may prevent extension of utilities. Springer noted the city must obtain DNR permits to extend the water and sewer lines and will be responsible for re-paving the road, adding to our costs. Further discussion was held.
- Cul-de-sac Sleepy Meadow Drive. Springer reported crews will be replacing the cul-de-sac at the end of Sleepy Meadow.
- 600 N. Main. Springer reported interest in the property has remained steady. Discussion was held.
- Change Order #5. Springer reported the Board previously approved a change order to replace gear box and bearings for \$10,000.00, but actual cost to install is \$11,923.00 and \$2,984.00 to replace the inboard bearing. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve Change Order #5 with the additional costs. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

#### Treasurer.

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 presented the Bills over \$5,000 report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve bills as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to Destroy Records. Weldy presented a list of records to be destroyed, which included invoices for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve destruction of records as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

#### Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Spring Clean-up. Kelley reported the Spring Clean-up was a success. Kelley reported eight 40-yard commercial dumpsters were filled by Saturday. Discussion was held.

#### Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- May Statistical Report. Moore presented the May Statistical report and held discussion.

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- Planning and Zoning Report. Moore reported the Planning and Zoning Commission held discussion on zoning districts for medical marijuana. Moore noted concern for locations near schools, daycares, churches and parks are being considered.

#### Police.

Lacey held discussion on the following items:

- April Statistic Report. Lacey presented the April Statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Request to Officers. Lacey requested the Board hire Chad Garoutte and Stephen Nelson to fill two vacancies in the Police Department. Lacey noted due to Mr. Garoutte's experience as a fourteen year veteran in the police field, Lacey requested his starting pay at \$18.00 with Mr. Nelson at normal starting pay. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to hire Stephen Nelson and Chad Garoutte to fill vacancies as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Employee Probation. Lacey recommended the Board move John Sappington to full-time status. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to accept recommendation and move Officer Sappington to full-time employment status. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Click-it or Ticket. Lacey reported the department will be participating in a Click-it or Ticket campaign which will be in effect Memorial weekend. Discussion was held.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Alderman Fairchild questioned the stolen property statistics compared to last year. Discussion was held.

#### Old Business.

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

#### New Business.

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

Alderwoman Lee reported she has received a complaint from a constituent in her ward regarding a storm water issue at the intersection of Sloan Avenue and Market Street. Discussion was held.

#### Closed Session.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to close a portion of the meeting pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(2) leasing, purchasing or sale of real estate and RSMo, Section 610.021(3) hiring, firing disciplining or promoting and employee. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

With all present members voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 8:08 p.m.

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Reconvene.

Mayor Eden reconvened the meeting at 8:35 p.m. and noted all Aldermen were in attendance and to continue the meeting.

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 8:35 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Date

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Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

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Date