

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 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 26, 2020 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, 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/Planning 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 the Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for consideration. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the agenda with the following addition:

- Director of Public Works Report. Add: Well #6

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 meeting held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 for consideration. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to approve the minutes with the following correction:

- City Administrator Report. Pool and Park Program Employees. Correction: Alderwoman McElveen and Alderwoman Thrasher both voted NO.

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

Landrum Street Flooding – David Adams.

Mr. Adams noted he lives on Country Lane and has dealt with flooding issues on Landrum Street for approximately twenty years. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden noted city staff has been addressing this issue and has Anderson Engineering scheduled to study the area for a solution.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion.

- Delores Bowling-Eukel continued discussion of flooding on Landrum Street and how it affects access to Country Lane.

Ordinances.

**Bill No. 2020-014 re:** An ordinance authorizing execution of a private hangar/tie-down lease agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation and Ken Hurley was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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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. 2020-014 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-014 thus became Ordinance Number 14.320.

**Bill No. 2020-015 re:** An ordinance vacating a cul-de-sac in the Rolling Acres subdivision within the city limits of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and reserving a utility easement for the city 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. 2020-015 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-015 thus became Ordinance Number 10.63.

**Bill No. 2020-016 re:** An ordinance authorizing execution of a third amendment to a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and Mount Vernon Investments, LLC, assignee of Timothy S. Hogan for sale of real property by the city, authorizing the Mayor to sign all documents necessary for the conveyance 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

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Bill No. 2020-016 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-016 thus became Ordinance Number 14.321.

### Department Reports.

#### City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Update on 600 N. Main Street. Springer reported the nine (9) cottages have been disconnected from the facility's water and electric system and Springer noted an Environmental Phase I Study is to be conducted by Environmental Works for the property. Discussion was held.
- Empire Contract. Springer reported Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (MJMEUC) will officially begin supplying power to the city on June 1, 2020. Springer noted as the contract with Liberty is finalized, the city will need to continue to review the transmission formula rate and noted n-Front Consulting Services has previously saved the city money while working on the GFR and TFR with Liberty. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm to continue to continue to utilize n-Front Consulting Services for an additional year. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

#### Treasurer Report.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Bills over \$5,000. Weldy presented bills over \$5,000 and requested permission to proceed with payment. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to approve bills over \$5,000 as presented and authorizing City Administrator to sign agreement with Home Computer Repair for one hundred (100) hour service contract. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: McElveen

NOES: None

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

#### Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Tri-State Water Coalition. Kelley presented a break-down of total contributions for Southwest Missouri long-term water resources study. Kelley noted he would be having Gail Melgrin present information on behalf of Tri-State Water Coalition at a future Board meeting. Discussion was held.
- Well #6. Kelley reported storm damage during the weekend took out Well #6 from the system and requested the Board approve using Flynn Drilling for replacement of pump, new wire and pipe for approximately \$35,000.00. Kelley noted this claim will be turned into the city's insurance company. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a

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motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve Flynn Drilling for repair of Well #6, up to \$35,000.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

#### Code Enforcement.

Moore noted he had nothing to report, but welcomed any questions. None brought forth.

#### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- April Statistic Report. Hubert presented the April Statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Request to use Police Building. Hubert requested permission for an employee to use the Police Station for a graduation party. A lengthy discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Haymes to allow a graduation party to be held at the Police Station at 319 E. Dallas Street. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Haymes, Phillips, Gramm

NOES: McElveen, Thrasher, Fairchild, Lee

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Vote resulted in a tie which required the Mayor to vote. Mayor Eden cast his vote as NO.

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

#### Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to discuss.

- Mayor Eden requested discussion on the burn-out on Patterson Street. Moore reported temporary power has been installed and the contractor has contacted neighboring property owners regarding pumping the water out of the basement. Discussion was held.

#### New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to discuss.

- Petrus reported the State of Missouri Alcohol and Tobacco Control has extended their deadline date for renewal of liquor licenses to fall on August 31, 2020 instead of June 30, 2020 and requested the Board consider extending the city's alcohol deadline to follow the same date. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to extend liquor license renewals to fall on August 31, 2020. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

#### Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 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