

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2016.**

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, June 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call recorded: J.N. Greene, Craig Nelson, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert, Fireman Rick Richardson and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Director of Public Works Gene Stanton.

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

Approval of Agenda.

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

- City Administrator Report. Remove Rural Fire Dispatch Fee discussion

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

Presentation of Minutes.

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

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside for citizen comment and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Request to Destroy Records.

Mayor Eden presented a request from the City Clerk for records to be destroyed. City Clerk noted all records were in compliance with the Missouri Secretary of State's record retention schedule. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Department Reports.

City Administrator

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenue and held discussion.
- V.A. Contract. Springer reported the proposal submitted to the Veterans Administration was a "firm term" lease of 30 months, beginning July 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2018 and eighteen optional monthly extensions for a possible total lease period of four years. Discussion was held.

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- Veterans' Way and Mount Vernon Regional Arts Council. Springer held discussion on Veterans' Way and the Mount Vernon Regional Arts Council which are receiving recognition for support of veterans thru various projects. Springer noted the Regional Arts Council has raised \$20,000.00 for the Veterans' Way project but needed an additional \$5,000.00 in donations to complete a second mural. Discussion was held.
- Fuel Bid. Springer requested the Board give him direction on handling fuel purchases, either by allowing local fuel providers to bid competitively or to proceed with use of a WEX Fuel Card program. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to proceed with WEX program. The following votes were recorded:

AYES: Greene, Kimbler

NOES: Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

With all present members voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion failed. After lengthy discussion, Mayor Eden announced it was a consensus of the Board directing Mr. Springer to proceed with requesting bids for fuel for city vehicles.

### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- May Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the May Treasurer report and requested any discussion. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- May Statistical Report. Conway presented the May Statistical Report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning & Zoning Update. Conway reported a public hearing was held by the Planning and Zoning Commission on June 7, 2016 regarding a request from Mark Short to rezone his property east of the Veterans' Home from R-2 to R-3. Conway noted the Commission approved his request and would honor a fourteen day waiting period before the request will come before the Board of Aldermen for approval. Discussion was held.

### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- May Statistical Report. Hubert presented the May Statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Permission to Hire Officer. Hubert recommended the Board approve hiring Joseph G. Duran to fill a vacancy in the Police Department. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve request to fill vacancy. With all members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Additional Items of Discussion. Mayor Eden requested status of three-way stop located at McCause Street and Alice Street. Hubert noted tickets are still being issued at this location.

Fire.

Richardson held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Richardson reported the department has received two calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Richardson reported maintenance has been performed.
- Training. Richardson reported monthly training would be held on June 16, 2016.
- Community Activities. Richardson reported the Department conducted the first Muscular Dystrophy Boot drive on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and collected \$1,200.00. Richardson noted the department would provide stand-by with truck at the FFA Truck and Tractor Pull, scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2016.

New Business.

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

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. Alderwoman Fairchild requested discussion on the Hickory Street Sidewalk Project. Discussion was held.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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Date