

Minutes Approved Tuesday, August 11, 2020

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regular scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, 319 E Dallas Street, on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Haymes with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Deanna McElveen, Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Moore, Assistant Chief of Police Jason Lacey, City Clerk Shannon Neely, and Deputy City Clerk Melissa Aduddle. Absent: City Administrator Max Springer.

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 made the motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- Treasurer: Add: MML Conference Information.
- Public Works: Add: Street Department – Sealing and Striping Square.

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

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the City Council meeting held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve the minutes with the following correction:

- In City Administrator Report, under Mount Vernon Dog Obedience Training, change with all present members voting in favor Mayor Haymes declared the motion passed, to with unanimous consent, this question was approved.

The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Phillips

ABSENT: None

Citizen Participation

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

Department Reports

City Administrator

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- None brought forth due to absence.

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### 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 Gramm to approve bills over \$5,000.00 for July and August as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- Weldy requested approval to pay Maurice Harlow \$22,510.00, the amount his insurance paid the City to hold for 411 E Sloan Ave plus interest, as he has sold the property. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve the payment to Maurice Harlow. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- Six Month Financials. Weldy reported the six month financials should be in the Lawrence County Record on July 29, 2020. Discussion was held.
- MML Conference Information. Weldy informed the Board that the MML Conference cancelled in-person attendance and went to a virtual format. The cost for the virtual conference is \$99.00. Discussion was held.

### Director of Public Works

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Electric Department – Service Upgrades. Kelley requested \$7,000.00 to purchase a primary metering rack for the east industrial park, and \$3,850.00 to purchase a capacitor bank for the northwest industrial park. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made the motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips, to approve the service upgrade purchases, in the amount of \$10,850.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- Street Department – Sealing and Striping Square. Kelley reported in an effort to preserve the surface and striping on the square bid requests were sent out to Kelly Bishop Construction Company, Blevins Asphalt Construction Company, and Springfield Striping and Sealing. Blevins Asphalt bid \$16,620.00, Springfield Sealing and Striping bid \$17,888.68, and Kelly Bishop did not submit a bid. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made the motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild, to approve the bid by Blevins Asphalt in the amount of \$16,620.00 to seal and stripe the square. With all present voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- Other Items of Discussion. Kelley noted Aqua-Aerobic Systems is coming this week to start rebuilding the sand filtration system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Discussion was held.

### Code Enforcement

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- Planning and Zoning Report. Moore reported the Planning and Zoning Commission held discussion on moving to new International Building Codes. This discussion has been tabled until the August 4, 2020 meeting. Moore reported during this time he has been working on ISO and learning how the BCEGS grading system works, in effort to improve the City's rating. Discussion was held.

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Police

Lacey held discussion on the following items:

- Officer Firearm Range Qualifications. Lacey reported range qualifications were held on July 18, 2020 and every officer qualified with handgun and shotgun. Discussion was held.
- MoDOT Grant Work. Lacey informed the Board that the Police Department has participated in several youth alcohol and DWI enforcement grants, the past few months, which were funded by MoDOT.

Old Business

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. None brought forth.

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 7:28 p.m.

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Jason Haymes, Mayor

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Date

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Melissa Aduddle, Deputy City Clerk

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Date