

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 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, August 9, 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, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Ed 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, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert, Fire Captain Rick Richardson and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Fire Chief Brad DeLay.

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:

- Director of Public Works Report. Add – Request to purchase pool paint for Municipal pool.

With all present 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 to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Greene. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Lee

ABSENT: None

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

Citizen Participation.

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

Organizational Chart.

Springer presented an updated organizational chart to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to approve the organizational chart as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2016-018 re: An ordinance authorizing the City Clerk to issue a special tax assessment for costs of mowing properties and record assessment as a lien on the real property, was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2016-018 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2016-018 thus became Ordinance Number 11.85.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales tax. Springer reported sales tax revenue seems to be leveling out.
- Vision Study Agreement. Springer reported the Drury University Vision Study has been rescheduled to spring of 2017. Springer noted cost for project will be added to the 2017 budget.
- Property. Springer requested the Board consider purchase of 320 W. Sloan Avenue and 1313 S. Hickory Street at the Lawrence County tax sale. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to authorize Springer to bid for both properties for no higher than tax amount owed. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- The MARC sidewalk. Springer requested the Board allow funds to be used to add a four foot ramp extension at the theatre entrance. Springer noted costs for the project would be approximately \$1,000.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee granting request for funds and to proceed with extension. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Preventative maintenance. Springer reported two generators at 600 North Main Street would require preventive maintenance for a total cost of approximately \$22,825.00. Springer noted no action was needed at this point, but would request spending of funds for one generator later this year and budget for the second generator in 2017.
- MoDot Intersection Grant. Springer requested if the Board wished to pursue the Intersection grant, which is a 50/50 cost share or pursue the TAP funding for the third phase of the sidewalk project. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to pursue TAP grant. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Greenhouse at 600 N. Main St. Springer recommended postponing discussion of use of the greenhouse by Mount Vernon High School FFA until January. It was a consensus of the Board to postpone discussions.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid report. Weldy presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- July Treasurer report. Weldy presented the July Treasurer report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to only include six-months on the report.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Request to purchase 3-phase breaker. Stanton requested approval to spend funds to purchase a 3-phase breaker for substation #2 for \$15,452.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to approve request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request for approval to move employee to full-time status. Stanton reported Bryan Huse has reached his three month probation period and has received a positive review from Electric Supervisor Paul Piepenbrink. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to move Mr. Huse to full-time status with no increase in wage. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Municipal pool. Stanton requested permission to spend funds to purchase paint for the municipal pool, for a cost of \$5,430.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Elementary School Signage. Stanton reported temporary stop signs will be placed at Blaze and Hickory Street intersection in time for the first day of school and will remain until flashing light will be installed.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- July Statistical report. Conway presented the statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning update. Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission discussed changes to the Comprehensive Plan regarding city streets. Conway also noted a Public Hearing is set for September 6 to discuss changes to the Municipal Electric code.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following

- July Statistical report. Hubert presented the statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- National Night Out. Hubert reported the event was well attended by the public. Discussion was held.

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Fire.

Richardson held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Richardson reported one call has been received since last meeting.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Richardson reported maintenance has been performed on vehicles and equipment.
- Training. Richardson reported training is scheduled for August 18, 2016.
- Community Activities. Richardson reported the department conducted a smoke detector inspection on August 1, 2016.

New Business.

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

- Alderwoman Lee requested discussion benches and waste receptacles on grassy area on Dallas Street during Apple Butter Making Days. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

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

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date