

Minutes Approved Tuesday, August 25, 2020

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 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, August 11, 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, and Marda Gramm. Absent: 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 Officer Terry Moore, Chief of Police David Hubert, and Deputy City Clerk Melissa Aduddle.

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 Nelson to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- City Administrator: Add: Update on Sidewalks on North Main
- Public Works: Add: Update on Wastewater Treatment Plant

The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Lee

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 28, 2020 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm to approve the minutes with no corrections.

The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Lee

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

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

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax.** Springer reported that despite still being in the COVID-19 pandemic sales tax revenues have remained ahead of the previous year. The use tax has also caught up and is now ahead of last year.
- **Airport.** Springer informed the Board on his meeting with Reagan Bluel, Interim Superintendent of the MU Southwest Research Center. In order to restore the water supply to the airport, Springer presented two proposals. The first, to install 1500 feet of 2" waterline, from the existing well near the educational center to the airport. A meter would be installed and the City would pay for water usage, fee to be determined later. The second proposal would be the City will install a new well to service the airport, future airport development, and the animal pasture. Discussion was held. The Board decided to pursue the second proposal, to encourage future development at the airport. Information and cost will be brought back at a later date.
- **Garage Sales.** Springer stated that in the City's past municipal code, there was a section that restricted the number of garage/yard sales an individual can have per year and a limit on the number of days a sale can last. This section must have been dropped at some point, and the City is currently getting complaints for perpetual garage/yard sales happening. Springer requested a new ordinance to limit the number and length of garage/yard sales. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to amend the code to limit garage and yard sales within the City.

The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Lee

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

- **Apple Butter Makin' Days.** Springer updated the Board that the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors made the decision to cancel Apple Butter Makin' Days this year. The decision was based on the health and welfare of the community, and in support to the Mount Vernon School District. Discussion was held.
- **Skate Park/Restrooms.** Springer reminded the Board at the first meeting in July he had proposed to use some of the monies received from the sale of 600 N. Main to build the skate park and build restrooms at the Spirit of '76 park. At that time, no action was taken. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm to give preliminary approval to use funds from the sale of 600 N. Main to build the skate park at Gibbs park and the restrooms at Spirit of '76 park.

The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Lee

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved. Information, plans, and cost will be brought back at a later date.

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- **Update on Sidewalk on North Main.** Springer reported advertising for bids began on August 5, 2020 for a period of thirty (30) days. Bids have to be in on September 5, 2020, and there should be recommendations from engineer and contractor to approve on September 8, 2020. Discussion was held.

Treasurer

Ms. 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 McElveen made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to approve bills over \$5,000.00 for July and August as presented.

The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Lee

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

Director of Public Works

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Update on Wastewater Treatment Plant.** Kelley reported the contractors repairing the two sand filters have been at the plant for about a week working on the first filter. They will start putting sand back in Monday and will be back mid-week to fine tune the mechanics. They will let that side run a few weeks to make sure everything is in working order before they will start working on the other side. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **July Statistical Report.** Moore presented the statistical report for July, and informed the Board there are still a lot of roofs being replaced in town. Discussion was held.
- **Upgrading International Building Codes.** Moore reported the Planning & Zoning Commission researched upgrading the codes, and decided there would be no benefit to upgrading the code for the ISO rating. However, they did vote to recommend, updating the codes to the 2012 International Building Codes for the City's use. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Gramm made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to upgrade to the new code and bring them back in ordinance form for amending.

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NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Lee

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Police

Mr. Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Tactics Instructor School.** Hubert reported Officers Dunklin and Benitez were sent to Defensive Tactics Instructor School and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **July Statistics.** Hubert presented the July Statistics report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

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. Springer requested scheduling a Personnel Committee meeting. Discussion was held. Meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 5:00 pm, at City Hall, located at 109 N. Hickory Street.

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 7:56 p.m.

Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Melissa Aduddle, Deputy City Clerk

Date