

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017.**

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 22, 2017 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, Sherie Thrasher, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. Absent: Craig Nelson. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Public Works Director-in-Training Joe Kelley, Chief of Police David Hubert, Fire Chief Brad DeLay and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Director or Public Works Gene Stanton and Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway.

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 Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

- Public Works Report – Add: Request for authorization regarding sewer line rehabilitation.

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

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the City Council meeting held on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Fire District.

Tim Rice, President of the Rural Fire Board, reported a petition has been started to garner signatures in support of the formation of a Fire District. Mr. Rice noted once enough signatures are collected, the petition will be submitted to the Lawrence County Clerk for processing. Discussion was held.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from citizens in attendance to the meeting and requested if anyone wished to address the Board. None brought forward.

Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2017-07(A) re:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code by adding a new Section 405.707 regarding revocation of Conditional Use Permits was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson

Bill No. 2017-07(A) was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2017-07(A) thus became Ordinance Number 2.189.

### Department Reports.

#### City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Request for Approval of Amendments to Professional Agreement. Springer presented the following amendments to the professional service agreement with Esterly, Schneider & Associates to the Board for approval:
  - Amendment Number One: To provide architectural services for the renovation of bank building, located at 109 N. Hickory Street, for a cost not to exceed \$31,000.00.
  - Amendment Number Two: To provide architectural services for designing new restrooms/concession stand at the Spirit of 76 Park, for a cost not to exceed \$27,000.00.

Springer noted the funding for both amendments would be paid from the General Fund Reserve account. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips approving amendments as presented for professional service agreement with Esterly, Schneider & Associates. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Request Authorization to sign Work Authorization Agreement. Springer requested the Board approve a work authorization agreement with Anderson Engineering to complete the preliminary engineering for four culverts that are in need of repair. Springer noted this request has been budgeted with construction to be completed in 2018. Springer noted culverts scheduled for replacement:
  - Pleasant Street – between McCause Street and Vine Street for a cost of \$9,700.00
  - South Street – between Landrum Street and West Street for a cost of \$10,500.00
  - Olive Street – between Hickory Street and Hazel Street for a cost of \$8,900.00
  - McVey Street – between Jefferson Street and East Meadow Lane for a cost of \$8,700.00.

Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve work authorization agreement with Anderson Engineering for a total cost of

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\$37,800.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Request to Waive Conflict of Interest Agreement. Springer requested the Board approve waiving a conflict of interest agreement with Spiegel & McDiarmid to represent the city in future power purchase negotiations. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to waive the current conflict of interest agreement with Spiegel & McDiarmid. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- E9-1-1 Dispatch Update. Springer reported the E9-1-1 Dispatch Advisory Board has proceeded to conduct the study of the most appropriate site for the PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point). Springer added the study will focus on five (5) sites in Lawrence County and that the City's proportionate share of the cost is \$2,025.00 to complete the study. Discussion was held.

### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. 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. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Request to Re-allocate Funds. Kelley requested the Board allow the use of funds in the Electric Department Subdivisions and New Services account, which is approximately \$7,500.00, to pay for additional tree trimming services for the remaining 2017 year. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips approving request to use funds for tree trimming services. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to proceed with sewer rehabilitation. Kelley presented two proposals from Trekk Design Group, LLC for the 2017 Sewer Rehabilitation Project for Basin 4.1. Kelley noted Trekk Design Group, LLC recommends Visu-Sewer which submitted the lowest bid at \$125,924.58. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to accept recommendation and to proceed with agreement with Visu-Sewer. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Code Enforcement.

Due to the absence of Conway, no report was submitted.

### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following item:

- LECC Conference. Hubert reported Assistant Chief of Police Jason Lacey and himself attended the LECC (Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee) on August 16, 17, 18,

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2017. Hubert noted the conference is sponsored by the United States Attorney General, Western Division. Discussion was held.

#### Fire.

Delay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has not received any calls since last report.
- Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance. DeLay reported maintenance has been performed.
- Training. DeLay reported training was held on Thursday, August 17, 2017.
- Community Events. DeLay reported the department participated in the following community events:
  - Community Day on Saturday, August 12, 2017
  - First Baptist Church Back to School Bash on Wednesday, August 16, 2017

#### New Business/

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. The following discussion was held:

- Alderwoman Lee requested discussion of lack of sidewalks and safety for school children when walking on North Main Street and Highway 174 during school hours. Discussion was held.

#### Old Business.

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

- Alderwoman Fairchild requested discussion on parking on the square. Kelley presented an estimate from Bishop's Construction to crack-seal, surface seal and re-stripe the center stripe area of the city square on the East, South and West sides for approximately \$3,500.00 for each side of the square. Lengthy discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to solicit for bids. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to conduct a temporary test of removing the middle parking spaces on the east and west sides; the City will revisit the issue in six months, or sooner if necessary, to determine if the change should stay in place or if other modifications are needed; create additional handicapped parking spaces to better assure close parking for those who need it; and if the city re-stripe in conjunction with this test, the parking spaces be angled more if it is determined it might increase visibility without sacrificing safety. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: Greene, Haymes

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson

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

#### Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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Lowell Phillips, Acting President of the Board

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Date

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Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

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Date