

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 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 23, 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, Ed Kimbler and Sue Lee. Absent: Kathy Fairchild and Sandy Martin. 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 Chief Brad DeLay and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

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 Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the meeting held on August 9, 2016 to the Board for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside for citizen input and invited citizens to the podium.

- Bob Hartley requested discussion on how to control the number of trips different trash companies use his street daily. Mr. Hartley noted it is causing undo wear and tear on the streets. Discussion was held by the Board regarding single-source trash services. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with letter notifying vendors the city is considering single-source trash service and will honor a two-year waiting period before any action will be taken. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2016-019 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and the Mount Vernon R-5 School District for School Resources Officer services 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, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild, Martin

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild, Martin

Bill No. 2016-019 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2016-019 thus became Ordinance Number 14.262.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- MoDot Intersection Grant. Springer reported he has received an estimate of cost for total project at 1.3 million dollars with city share approximately \$600,000.00 and requested input from the Board if it was their desire to proceed with pursuit of grant. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board not to proceed.
- Airport Grant. Springer reported a delay in sealing of the runways at the Airport due to other cities not paying their share of the grant. Springer noted MoDot may not schedule work to be started until March of 2017. Discussion was held.
- Engineering Services for Water Quality Study. Springer requested the Board approve additional funding of \$20,000.00 to Trekk Engineering for a consulting agreement. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to enter into an agreement with Trekk Engineering for professional engineering services in the amount of \$20,000.00 to provide technical assistance to the City of Mount Vernon on the Pretreatment Program and Water Quality Study. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- 600 N. Main Street. Springer reported the gates at the entrance to the facility are locked at night and weekends due to vandal attempts to the Baker Building and Pokeman Go traffic. Discussion was held.
- MML Innovation Award. Springer reported the Missouri Municipal League has awarded the Members Choice Award and the Judges Award to the Mount Vernon Veteran's Way committee. Springer noted the committee will receive the honor at the Awards luncheon during the Missouri Municipal League conference.
- Veterans' Way. Alderwoman Lee announced Wal-Mart has donated \$500.00 towards completion of the second mural. Discussion was held.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

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- Investments. Weldy presented a bid tab for two certificates of deposits at Edward Jones which matured on August 23, 2016 for approximately \$385,000.00 and requested direction for investment from the Board. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to invest matured amount with Edward Jones for eighteen months at an interest rate of 0.90%. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Director of Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Hickory Street Sidewalk Project. Stanton reported the project was currently going well and are anticipating the delivery of street lights.

Code Enforcement.

Conway noted he had no items to discuss but would welcome any questions. Mayor Eden requested discussion on the keeping of chickens. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- LECC Conference. Hubert reported Assistant Chief Lacey and himself attended the conference which was funded by the United States Attorney General's Office. Discussion was held.
- New Vehicle. Hubert reported the new Interceptor vehicle is in the process of striping and once completed will be ready for road use.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received two calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported vehicles and equipment have received maintenance.
- Training. DeLay reported the following training was held:
 - August 16, 2016, Evacuation Drill at the Lawrence County Manor
 - August 18, 2016, Hazardous Materials training
- Community Activities. DeLay reported the department participated in the Back to School night at the First Baptist Church.
- Miscellaneous. DeLay reported the following items:
 - Fire Department has installed sixteen smoke detectors since last report.
 - Muscular Dystrophy donations have passed the record collections amount from 2016 and DeLay feels confident the department will surpass \$7,000.00 in collections. Discussion was held.

New Business.

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

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Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. The following items were discussed:

- Alderman Nelson requested if GPS tracking units in vehicles were working as should be. Weldy and Hubert both noted positive results so far.
- Alderman Nelson requested discussion on dispatching with Monett 911. Hubert reported no problems and DeLay reported occasionally receive an errant call but seems to be working.
- Alderman Phillips requested discussion on Lawrence County tax auction. Springer reported both 320 W. Sloan and 1313 S. Hickory were both purchased for taxes owed and recording fees, but the second property was deeded over by the owners. Discussion was held on bidding out for demolition of both buildings.
- Mayor Eden welcomed back Lawrence County Record reporter James McNary from surgery.

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 7:46 p.m.

Lowell Phillips, Acting President of the Board

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date