

Minutes Approved Tuesday, September 8, 2020

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 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 25, 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: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Joe Kelley, Chief of Police David Hubert, City Clerk Shannon Neely, and Deputy City Clerk Melissa Aduddle. Absent: Code Enforcement Officer Terry Moore.

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
- Public Works: Add: Fall Clean-Up

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

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Gramm made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the minutes with no corrections.

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.

- Tracy Bradshaw, Sam Palmquist, Conner Moore, Harley Reed, Steve Chrisman, Garrett Whitmer and Marsha Jones all spoke to the Board in support of building the skate park. Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Jones and Mr. Palmquist all noted how much work and dedication has already been done to raise money for the project. Discussion was held.
- TJ Cypret brought discussion about dog ordinances. Discussion was held.

Ordinances

Bill No. 2020-018 re: An Ordinance authorizing execution of a private hangar/tie-down lease agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and James J. Harper and Donald G. Jester was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call votes recorded:

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First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2020-018 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-018 thus became Ordinance Number 14.323.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Update on Restrooms.** Springer spoke with the architect who submitted the original concepts for the restrooms about the estimated cost for the total replacement of the restroom. Her estimated cost was somewhere between \$200,000 and \$210,000 for the project. He also spoke with Anderson Engineering and their estimated cost for the project was \$165,000 to \$185,000. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to hire Anderson Engineering to provide services for the Spirit '76 restroom project. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- **Update on Skate Park.** Springer started by thanking everyone who came out in support of the skate park. Then he addressed the Board and informed them that Pillar Design Studios, the skate park design group that worked the group of young people to design what they felt would be a good beginning for Mount Vernon's skate park, has provided a turnkey price to build the park of \$131,681.81. This figure does include prevailing wage for 2020. This would not include landscaping nor structure, or benches shown in the drawings. The skate park is designed for beginners and experienced skaters and with the idea that additional elements could be added in the future. In order to offset some cost, the City can provide in-kind work such as dirt work, which would reduce cost by \$8000 to \$10,000. K & B Equipment, LLC submitted a quote for \$8500 for dirt work. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve the turn key price of \$131,681.81 and to use in-kind work to offset some cost. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- **Well at Airport.** Springer reported that he spoke with D & D Drilling and Pump Service of Miller about the approximate cost of drilling a well at the airport. They stated the average cost in our area to drill a farm well was approximately \$8500.00, if it was to a commercial well the cost would be much greater due to DNR requirements. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to

move forward with digging a new well for approximately \$8500.00 at the airport. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.

- **Hangar Agreement.** Springer presented a request from Don Jester to separate the two hangar spaces in hangar #2 into a regular “T” style hangar, which would protect both owners’ planes. The estimate cost is \$2500.00 for building walls, one side of sheeting, and separation of electrical service; or it would be about \$3000.00 if both sides of interior walls are sheeted. He would like to trade two years of hangar lease payments for the cost of the improvements. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm to approve Don Jester’s request to make hangar improvements and in turn have two years hangar lease payments waived. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- **Sign.** Springer informed the Board that the City has the opportunity to utilize the sign at the entrance of the old STOS property. The east side of the sign could say “Welcome to Mount Vernon, Home of Apple Butter Makin’ Days.” Then on the west side possibly “Thank you for Visiting Mount Vernon. Please Come Again.” Discussion was held. Springer is going to bring the cost to upgrade the sign back at a later date.
- **Other items of discussion.**
 - **Gibbs Street.** Various members of the Board received a letter from Mr. Sloan about the condition of Gibbs Street, between Spring Park Blvd. and Landrum Street. Springer updated the Board that there is a two inch water line that serves eight houses on the south side of the road, which has had several leaks over the past few years. The road is also in need of repair. This project has been included in the 2021 budget. It has been in discussion how to best complete the project. Most of the street will need to be closed for approximately two weeks to replace the water line, set new meter vaults, and meters. The road will then need to be patched and prepared for overlay. The road is 625 feet in length and roughly 78 feet wide, with a 52 foot road surface, sidewalks on both sides, and the south side has a retaining wall with areas that need repaired. This is a project that will need to be bid out. Discussion was held
 - **Brush Pile.** Springer passed out a photo of various items deposited in the brush pile that aren’t yard waste. This is becoming a more frequent issue. In addition, commercial tree trimmers are leaving large amounts of yard waste. The brush pile is intended for residential citizen brush, not commercial. This is a service offered to citizens at no charge but if it continues to be abused they may lose the privilege. 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. Alderman Beckley made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to approve bills over \$5,000.00 for August and September as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- **Treasurer Report - July 2020.** Weldy requested approval of the treasurer report for July 2020. Alderwoman Lee made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm to approve

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the treasurer report for July 2020. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.

- **MML Conference.** Weldy reminded the Board that the MML Conference was in three weeks. If anyone was interested in attending the virtual format they needed to contact Melissa by the first part of next week.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following item:

- **Fall Clean-Up.** Kelley reported this spring with the COVID-19 pandemic the spring clean-up was cancelled. Kelley proposed having a fall clean-up the first weekend in October all day Friday and 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, with the Board's approval. Alderman Beckley made the motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to move forward with the fall clean-up. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Planning and Zoning Report.** Springer reported that Ordinances for the garage sale code and building code updates should be coming soon. Then the perpetual garage sale that the City is getting complaints on can be remedied. Discussion was held.

Police

Mr. Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **MoDOT Grants.** Hubert informed the Board that the Police Department has received two grants. The first, drive sober or get pulled over grant is for \$800.00. The second, child seatbelt grant is for \$500.00. Hubert requested any discussion or questions. 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. None brought forth.

Closed Session

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to adjourn to close a portion of the meeting pursuant to RSMo § 610.021(2) Real Estate and 610.021(3) Personnel. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 7:58 p.m.

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Reconvene

Meeting reconvened at 8:22 p.m. Mayor Haymes determined all Aldermen that were present for closed session adjournment had returned to the meeting. Mayor Haymes requested any other 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 8:23 p.m.

Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Melissa Aduddle, Deputy City Clerk

Date