

Minutes Approved October 11, 2016

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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, September 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call reported: J.N. Greene, Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Ed Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. Absent: Jason Haymes. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert, Fire Captain Rick Richardson and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Director of Public Works Gene Stanton.

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 with the following amendments:

- City Administrator Report – Add Sales Tax.
- Police Report – Add Policy Change

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the September 13, 2016 meeting to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Kimbler, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Fairchild, Lee

ABSENT: Haymes

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 welcomed any discussion.

- Bob Hartley requested status on single-source trash service. Mayor Eden directed the required notification letter should be mailed out as soon as possible. Discussion was held.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax Revenue. Springer reported tax revenue is up by 3.9% compared to last year and 7.989% for the year. Discussion was held.

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- Well #3. Springer reported Well #3's motor was struck by lightning and included costs for replacement of the motor and pump. Replacement is covered by insurance and will have a deductible of \$1,000.00, which the city is responsible for and the insurance company will reimburse the city for \$23,313.55. Discussion was held.
- Veterans' Administration Contract. Springer requested direction from the Board regarding the VA lease agreement should the city not receive it until September 30th. Springer suggested two options; hold a special meeting for approval or give authorization to Springer to sign lease. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to authorize Mr. Springer to sign lease agreement. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Sidewalks. Springer reported he has received requests from the public for a sidewalk replacement cost-share program. Springer suggested limiting the amount of cost-share which would be available to each applicant for a set amount or a percentage of total cost. Springer suggested budgeting \$50,000.00 per year to be available on a first-come, first-serve basis through an application process, city code regulations must be followed along with ADA requirements and a statement from contractor upon completion of project would be filed with the city. Discussion was held.
- Transportation Grant Audit Review. Springer presented the Transportation Grant Compliance and Requirements Review and held discussion on the report.
- Committee Meetings. Springer requested the following committee meetings scheduled:
 - Personnel Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 5:45 p.m.
 - Public Works Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
 - The MARC Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 5:15 p.m.
- Light Up the Vern. Springer noted he has received a request from the Sponsors of the Light up the Vern Fun Run to shoot off fireworks at the conclusion of the event. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips granting permission for fireworks as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Purple Wave Auction. Springer reported five vehicles have been listed with Purple Wave Auctions and will available to sell in the October auction. Discussion was held.
- Bid #2016-08. Springer reported one bid was received from Hillhouse Services for demolition of residential buildings located at 1313 S. Hickory Street and 320 W. Sloan Street. Springer noted budgeted amount for the project was \$20,000.00 but the bid price received was for \$20,350.00. Springer added another option to consider would be using city staff and equipment, which could possibly save the city up to \$6,000.00, but would require the city to purchase a grappling thumb for a backhoe. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with utilization of city staff for demolition and to proceed with purchase of grappling thumb. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Airport. Springer reported the city has taken possession of Hangar #5 and will be auctioning off abandoned equipment and supplies that are currently in the building. Springer noted there is a waiting list for rental of the hangar and first person listed is ready to sign the lease. Springer noted the city will be involved in a Pavement Condition

Index Study for the development of a Pavement Management Plan with MoDot's Research Division and also the Aviation Division. Springer added when the project is complete the city will receive a report specific to the airport which will include pavement condition information, pavement maintenance projects for future plans and typical costs for completing the work. Discussion was held.

- Additional Items of Discussion. Springer reported two awards were presented at the Missouri Municipal League, which was received by Mayor Eden, Alderwoman Lee, Karen Millsap, Raine Clotfelter and himself. Mr. Springer thanked the Board for allowing the Mayor and himself to attend the conference. Mr. Springer reminded the Board that Fall Cleanup would be held on October 14th and 15th and that no electronics will be accepted.

Treasurer.

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Investments. Weldy presented a bid tab for three matured electric certificates of deposits for investment. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to invest \$404,000.00 with Edward Jones for eighteen months at 1.00% interest rate and to roll the remaining \$202.84 into the money market account. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- August Statistical Report. Conway presented the Statistical report to the Board and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning report. Conway reported the Commission met on September 6th and held discussion on the following items:
 1. Public Hearing on changes to the Municipal Electric Code with recommendations to remove several lines from the code which required copper conductors in the meter loop and panel. Conway noted a fourteen day waiting period was observed and an ordinance will be presented to the Board at the October 11th meeting.
 2. Commission held discussion regarding definition of metal carports and if should be allowed. Conway noted further discussion will be held at the October 11th meeting.

At this point, Fire Chief Brad Delay joined the meeting.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Update on homicide. Hubert updated the Board on a recent homicide noting the suspect is in custody at the Lawrence County Jail. Hubert thanked city police officers, Highway Patrol and Lawrence County Sheriff's office for assistance with the investigation and quick work in arresting the subject. Discussion was held.
- Police Vehicle Status. Hubert reported the 2017 Ford Explorer is now in service. Discussion was held.

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- Employee. Hubert reported he has received notice of resignation from Officer Joseph Duran and requested the Board authorize him to advertise for vacancy. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Policy Change. Hubert reported current policy states a prospective officer may not be hired if he/she has any visible tattoos and requested if the Board would consider changing it. Hubert presented a policy for the Board to consider. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept policy change recommendations. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received three calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported the following items:
 1. Generator on Rescue truck repaired and back in service.
 2. Annual Aerial certification has been completed.
- Training. DeLay reported regular monthly training was held on September 15th and Aerial maintenance was held on September 25th. DeLay noted the department would participate in the annual evacuation plan at the Mount Vernon Place Care Nursing Facility.
- Community Activities. DeLay reported Fire Prevention program for elementary school and other groups to observe the month of October as Fire Prevention month. DeLay also noted the Mount Vernon Fire Department has been invited to film a special commercial for Muscular Dystrophy at KSPR television. Discussion was held.

New Business.

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

- Alderwoman Fairchild requested discussion regarding Gibbs Park. Discussion was held.
- Alderwoman Lee reported the Mount Vernon Regional Arts received the Regional Organization award at the 2016 Springfield Regional Arts Council Ozzie Awards ceremony. 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 8:19 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date