

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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, October 11, 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, Ed Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin, Sue Lee. Absent: Jason Haymes and Lowell Phillips. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, 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 Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene 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 September 27, 2016 to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler 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.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside for citizen input and welcomed any discussion from those in attendance. None brought forth.

Resolution.

**Bill No. (R)2016-06:** A resolution expressing support of the City of Mount Vernon's application for funds through MoDot's Transportation Alternatives Program and authorizing the submission of an application relating to the proposed Hickory Street Sidewalk Improvements, Phase III was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes, Phillips

Bill No. (R)2016-06 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2016-06 thus became Resolution Number (R)2016-06.

*At this point Fire Chief DeLay left the meeting due to a fire call.*

Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2016-021:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 705.010 regarding electrical service was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading.

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes, Phillips

Second Reading.

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes, Phillips

Bill No. 2016-021 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2016-021 thus became Ordinance 2.183.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer reported sales tax revenue showed a 12.57% increase compared to last year and an 8.5% increase for the year to date.
- Hickory Street Phase III. Springer reported MoDot has changed the rules on sidewalk grants, which will allow applicants to apply for amounts up to \$500,000.00 and to apply for multiple grants. Springer noted Anderson Engineering recommended the city apply for two separate grants, which will include:
  - Phase IV – Hickory Street (Sloan Street to Pleasant Street)
  - Phase V – Hickory Street (Pleasant Street to Dallas Street)

Discussion was held.

- Skate Park. Springer reported the Church which initially requested to partner with the City on costs for the design phase of the skate park has had several monetary issues and is no longer able to afford their share of the costs. Springer reminded the Board of the decision by the Board for the city to cover half of the costs several meetings ago. Springer requested direction from the Board if they wished to pay for the design phase for a total of \$5,000.00. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the additional \$2,500.00 for a total amount of \$5,000.00. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: Kimbler

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes, Phillips.

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

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- Enhanced Enterprise Zone. Springer reported the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board will be meeting in the next few weeks regarding new and existing businesses making application for tax abatement. Discussion was held.
- SPP Settlement. Springer reported the city has received notification from the Southwest Power Pool that FERC will allow them to recoup cost spent on transmission line upgrades made in 2008. Springer noted entities are being given the opportunity to set up a payment plan for over a five year term to pay for their share of the transmission usage from March 2008 to August 2016. Springer recommended the Board authorize not take the payment plan, but to pay off in one payment. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler authorizing a \$16,391.96 payment to the Southwest Power Pool. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Apple Butter Making Days. Springer reported although this was a record year in attendance to the event, few complaints were received. Springer reported estimated attendance of approximately 100,000 during the three day event with approximately 70 to 80,000 on Saturday. Discussion was held.
- Celebration of Life Invitation. Springer reported the Farmer's Market Association would be holding a Celebration of Life event on Saturday, October 15, 2016 to honor Tim Goodman. Discussion was held.

### Treasurer.

Weld held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Unclaimed Property. Weldy presented a list of unclaimed property from 2013, which included utility refunds and one expense check from a previous employee and requested permission to send to the Missouri Secretary of State for holding. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve request for a total of \$104.62 to be sent to the Missouri State Treasurer. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Budget Amendment. Weldy requested the Board approve a budget amendment as follows:

\$41,904.00 from 48-4-431 Wastewater transfer to Water Transfer 47-4-431  
Water Transfer 47-4-431

\$41,904.00 + \$88,096.00 = \$130,000.00

Special Sales Tax – Capital Improvement Transfer Out 21-5-210-910 \$88,096.00

Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the budget amendment as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Public Works.

Stanton noted did not have a formal report to present to the Board but wanted to express appreciation to the Fire Department for clean-up of the city square after Apple Butter Making Days. Discussion was held. Stanton also reminded the Board of the Fall Cleanup scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Statistical Report. Conway presented the September statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Update. Conway reported the Planning Commission held discussion on metal carports and have scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, November 1, 2016 regarding code change with respect to allowing these structures in the rear and side yards.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Statistical Report. Hubert presented the September statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Apple Butter Making Days. Hubert held discussion on traffic accidents which occurred during the festival.

Fire.

Due to the absence of DeLay, Alderman Nelson held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Nelson reported there were no calls since last report.
- Training. Nelson reported the following training sessions were held:

9/30/2016	Lawrence County Manor Evacuation Drill and Pre-plan
10/08/2016	Water Streams and Hose practices

- Community Activities. Nelson reported the department participated in the following community events:

10/5/2016	Elementary School Fire Safety Program
10/8/2016	Apple Butter Making Parade

New Business.

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

- Springer presented reports from the Parks and Public Works committees, held on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 and in which both committees held discussion on budget recommendations for 2017. Springer also requested discussion of the master plan for the additional land at the Spirit of 76 Park and how the city could proceed with funding. Mayor Eden requested a survey on Facebook along with a postcard survey to receive input from the public if they are willing to support improvements and also how the city should fund the project.
- Alderwoman Fairchild reported the Personnel Committee met on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 to discuss salaries, health insurance and new overtime rule that will be in effect in December.
- Alderman Greene requested discussion on an RV that is parked in his neighborhood and that he has received complaints from constituents. Discussion was held.

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- Alderwoman Lee invited members of the Board and the public to attend a dedication ceremony for the mural and to honor veterans, scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2016.

Old Business.

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

Springer reported the city has yet to receive a contract from the Veterans Administration for lease at 600 N. Main Street. Discussion was held.

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 8:05 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Date

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Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

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Date