

Minutes approved November 14, 2017

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 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, October 24, 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, Craig Nelson, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Director of Public Works in-training Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert, Assistant Fire Chief Grant Wheeler and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Attorney William Petrus, Jr., and Fire Chief Brad DeLay.

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the city council minutes from the October 10, 2017 meeting to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Greene, Haymes

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

Mayor Eden offered condolences on behalf of the Board, city staff and himself to Alderman Phillips in the loss of his Father.

Citizen Participation.

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

Discussion of Public Energy Pool.

Springer reported the City of Monett has postponed the second voting of an ordinance to join the SWMPEP energy pool until their November 28, 2017 meeting, so as to allow Empire District Electric Company to present a competitive proposal for electrical power purchases at the first meeting in November. Springer noted Empire is asking for the City of Mount Vernon to honor the same request. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman

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Phillips to postpone second reading of Bill No. 2017-021 regarding SWMPEP energy pool to be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 and to be placed . The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

#### Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2017-021 re:** Second reading of an ordinance authorizing execution of a power supply and administration agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission is postponed until November 28, 2017.

#### Department Reports.

##### City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer held discussion on sales tax revenue received.
- Water/Sewer Rate Discussion. Springer presented a worksheet with examples of water and sewer rates based on proposed increases to the base rate and the volumetric rates per thousand gallons. Springer noted rates have not been increased since 2015 but should be increased due to the debt service on the city's bonds and COPs. Discussion was held with no action taken by the Board.

##### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy requested any discussion on the bills report. None brought forth.
- September Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the September Treasurer Report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the September Treasurer 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 purchase street lights. Kelley requested the Board approve his request to purchase forty-five (45) street lights for inventory replacement. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve purchase of forty-five (45) street lights for a cost of \$5,265.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

##### Code Enforcement.

Conway noted he had nothing to present to the Board for discussion.

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### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Apple Butter Making Days. Hubert reported the department received a very light call volume during the festival with few traffic accidents and several medical calls. Discussion was held.
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Hubert reported the NHTSA has opened an office in Mount Vernon and will be working in Lawrence and Dade Counties conducting traffic studies, analyzing accidents, education, research, safety standards and enforcement. Hubert noted the NHTSA is authorized to collect data on motor vehicle crashes to aid in the development, implementation and evaluation of motor vehicle and highway safety countermeasures, such as vehicle recalls. Discussion was held.

### Fire.

Wheeler held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Wheeler reported the department has received four calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Wheeler reported maintenance has been performed on equipment and vehicles.
- Training. Wheeler reported the department held regular training on October 15, 2017 and performed the annual hazmat drill at Schreiber's Foods on October 21, 2017. Discussion was held.
- Community Events. Wheeler reported the department has participated or will participate in the following community events:
  - Apple Butter Making Days – October 14, 2017
  - Fire Safety Program at United Methodist Church – October 23, 2017
  - Pep Rally/Bonfire at Mount Vernon High School – October 26, 2017
  - Trick or Treat for children at the Fire Station – October 31, 2017
- Miscellaneous. Wheeler reported 78 smoke alarms have been installed in 39 homes.

### New Business.

- Mayor Eden complimented the Fire Department for cleaning the city square after the Apple Butter Making Days festival and also for the tent located on the green space.
- Alderwoman Lee invited the Board and citizens to attend the "Veterans Day at Veterans' Way" event, scheduled for November 11, 2017 at Veterans' Way mural on the city square.

### Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested discussion on old business.

- Discussion was held regarding the hoarding situation at a residence located on King Street. Mayor Eden requested staff contact owner of 1320 South Hickory Street regarding tall grass/weeds. Discussion was held.

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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 7:32 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