

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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, September 26, 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 Haynes, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. The following city personnel was also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Director of Public Works-in-training Joe Kelley, Assistant Chief of Police Jason Lacey, Fire Captain Rick Richardson and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway and Chief of Police David Hubert.

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 Alderwoman Lee to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- City Administrator Report – Add Airport Discussion
- Public Works Report – Add Employee Probation

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Thrasher, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Nelson, Haymes, Fairchild

ABSENT: None

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

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.

- Shirley Greene commended the renovation of the Colonial Apartments on the square.
- Paula Brockwell requested the City address a hoarding issue at a location next to her residence. Ms. Brockwell noted she addressed the Board in May regarding the issue. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden directed Assistant Chief Lacey visit with the owner of the property and also Mr. Springer will write a letter notifying the owner of the complaints.

Future Electric Purchases.

Springer held discussion regarding the power supply and administration agreement between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (MJMEUC) and Members of the Southwest Missouri Public Energy Pool (SWMPEP) for the purpose of procuring electric energy and related services. Springer noted this is a ten year agreement and includes the City of Monett. Discussion was held.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2017-021 re: 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 was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2017-021 was declared passed for the first reading and approved to proceed for the second reading, which will be presented at the October 10, 2017 meeting.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer reported the sales tax revenue is down slightly from previous months. Discussion was held.
- Veterans Administration Contract Addendum. Springer presented an addendum to the Veterans Administration Contract for 2018 appropriations. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene directing Springer to sign addendum to Veterans Administration contract as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Personnel Committee. Springer requested a personnel committee meeting be scheduled to review employee salaries and benefits for the 2018 budget year. Alderwoman Martin scheduled a personnel committee meeting for Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee. Springer requested the finance committee scheduled two meetings for budget review. Alderwoman Lee reviewed dates and scheduled the following meetings :
 - Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
- Positronic Announcement. Springer reported he has received an announcement that Positronic Industries will be moving a majority of its operation to its Springfield, Missouri location. Discussion was held.
- 600 N. Main Street. Springer reported the City is entering the last year of an agreement with the Veterans Administration for use of the facility and requested the Board begin

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considering future options. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Thrasher requested the Board be allowed a tour of the facility.

- Skate Park. Springer reported the Community Betterment has raised approximately \$2,000.00 to date. Discussion was held.
- Airport. Springer reported he has received a request from another individual for hangar space rental, which is a total of seven on the waiting list for an available space. Discussion was held on construction of hangars, financing and airport layout plans.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- August Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the August Treasurer report for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the August Treasurer Report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Request to purchase Substation Recloser. Kelley presented a request to purchase a substation recloser. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to approve purchase of substation reclosure and any freight costs for delivery, with a spending ceiling of \$18,000.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Employee Probation. Kelley reported Streets employee Joseph “Jody” Jones has reached his passed his three month probation period and recommends the Board approve him to full-time employee status. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to move Joseph Jones to full-time status in the Streets Department with a fifty cent per hour raise. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Other Items of Discussion. Alderman Nelson requested discussion of low water pressure on the west side of town. Stanton noted he would have city staff check water pressure.

Code Enforcement.

Due to the absence of Conway, no report was submitted.

Police.

Lacey held discussion on the following items:

- Pay by Mail. Lacey reported the officers are including pay-by-mail envelopes when a citation is issued. Discussion was held.

Fire.

Richardson held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Richardson reported the department has received four calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Richardson reported maintenance has been performed on equipment and vehicles.

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- Training. Richardson reported the following training dates:
 - September 15, 2017 – Lawrence County Manor Evacuation drill
 - September 21, 2017 – Monthly Training
 - September 29, 2017 – Mount Vernon Place Care Evacuation drill
 - October 6, 2017 – Reyco Pre-plan Training
- Community Activities. Richardson reported the following community activities:
 - September 24, 2017 – Military Convoy
 - October 9, 2017 – Mount Vernon Elementary School Fire Program
 - October 10, 2017 – Mount Vernon Elementary School Fire Program
- Miscellaneous. Richardson reported the department would be observing National Fire Prevention week from October 8, 2017 thru October 14, 2017. Richardson noted seventy-eight smoke alarms have been installed in thirty-nine residences. Discussion was held.

New Business.

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

- Kenneth Hawkins reported the Missouri Baptist Convention, along with Missouri Baptists pastors, has organized a cooperative initiative to hold prayer meetings in all one hundred fourteen (114) county seats in Missouri. Mr. Hawkins noted Dr. John Yeats, Executive Director of the Missouri Baptist Convention will be at the Lawrence County Courthouse on October 4, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

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 is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date