

Minutes approved Tuesday, June 11, 2019

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019.**

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, May 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Deanna McElveen, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Sandy Martin 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, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Moore, Chief of Police David Hubert 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 Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

- Treasurer Report. Remove: Investments.

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the City Council meeting, held on May 14, 2019 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve the minutes with the following corrections:

- First paragraph. Roll call recorded: Replace Shari Thrasher with Sherie Thrasher
- City Administrator Report. Fuel Bid. Correction: Thrasher abstained from vote.

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

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting was set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenue report to the Board and held discussion.
- Substation Metering. Springer presented Task Order #01 MV 121 for \$8,252.10 and Task Order #01 MV 123 for \$22,322.06 from Toth Engineering. Springer noted the Board previously approved Toth to conduct a survey of utility poles for Empire's fiber cable. Springer noted he had thought the motion included the MPAU survey of poles for the city. Discussion was held.

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- Storm water/Wastewater Collection. Springer reported due to the excessive rain events in the past week, storm water has been re-directed to the lagoon by bypassing the sewer plant. Springer noted several residents have experienced manhole burps and backups in their sewer lines. A lengthy discussion was held.
- Gibbs Park Storm Water Project. Springer reported K & B Construction has begun work on the culvert on Dallas Street and will continue working backwards through Gibbs Park to Market and South Street. Springer noted he has been working with Tom's Auto Repair to keep the south access section of his business accessible.
- Railroad Drive Utility Extension. Springer reported the scope of work for the bridge at Railroad Drive has changed as it will now be the responsibility of the city to repave the road. Springer recommended the Board consider delaying repaving so not to incur the extra expense at this time. Discussion was held.
- 600 N. Main Street. Springer reported storm damage to the roofs of thirteen buildings located on the grounds and requested permission to proceed with Abernathy Roofing to complete the job. Springer noted this is the only company from recent biddings that carried work comp coverage. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with utilizing Abernathy Roofing to repair roofs to thirteen buildings located at 600 N. Main Street. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Youth Employment. Springer recommended the Board hire Zachary Jones to the Aquatics Program in Parks and Recreation. Springer noted several previously approved applicants could not pass the test, so an additional employee is needed. Springer also added that Mr. Jones worked for the city in the same position in 2018. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to hire Zachary Jones as lifeguard in the Aquatics Program. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Springer reported there is still interest in the 600 N. Main Street facility and has assisted our real estate with several tours recently.

Treasurer.

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. Weldy presented the bills over \$5,000.00 to the Board and requested permission to pay. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Martin to approve payment of all bills over \$5,000.00 as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- April Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the April Treasurer's Report and requested approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the April Treasurer's Report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Bad Debt. Weldy presented a report of unpaid accounts and requested the Board approve moving unpaid accounts to bad debt. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to move unpaid accounts totaling \$1,754.96. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Alderman Fairchild requested discussion on an account on the financial report. Discussion was held.

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### Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Fiber Optic. Kelley requested approval of purchase of fiber optic materials for the Electric Department. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve purchase of fiber optic for a total of \$18,592.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- 600 N. Main St. Kelley presented a breakdown of costs to hire two employees to maintain the grounds at 600 N. Main Street compared to bid estimate presented by Todd Hadlock and Kelsey Rutledge. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to proceed with hiring two (2) employees to maintain the grounds at 600 N. Main St. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Kelley reported opening day of the pool was a success with no issues. Discussion was held.

### Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- Planning and Zoning Report.
  - Moore reported he has scheduled a Public Hearing for June 4, 2019 to receive input regarding zoning issues, permitting and licensing for medical marijuana. Discussion was held.
  - Moore reported he attended flood plain management training on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Moore noted he would like to join the MFSFA (Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Association). Discussion was held.

### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Mental Health Training. Hubert reported Officer Benitez and Officer Hankins received mental health training in May. Discussion was held.
- 911 Board. Hubert reported he was appointed to serve on the Lawrence County 911 Board, with the first meeting held on May 28, 2019. Discussion was held.
- New Officer.

### New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

### Old Business.

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

- Mayor Eden requested discussion on single-source trash service. Springer reported he has been reviewing single-source trash service policies from other cities. Alderwoman Martin enquired if curbside recycling will be included. Discussion was held.
- Mayor Eden requested Kelley inspect a culvert on Landrum Street, at the Country Lane intersection.

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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 7:35 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

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