

Minutes Approved March 26, 2019

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 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, March 12, 2019 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, Deanna McElveen, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. Absent: none. 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 final agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- Director of Public Works – Add: Wastewater Treatment Facility
Power Outages

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 Tuesday, February 26, 2019 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Lee

ABSENT: None

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

Golf Course.

Mae Craig requested the Board approve waiving green fees for one month at the Golf Course for anyone who wishes to take golf lessons. Ms. Craig noted Jeremy Weiss, Golf Course Manager, had agreed to give free lessons for one month and waiving the green fees may help encourage people to take lessons and play at the course. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to waive green fees for the four-week golf lessons. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion. Alderman Greene presented a letter he received from a constituent noting their support of leaving the square as it is with no center parking on the east and west sides. Discussion was held.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2019-05 re: An ordinance granting waiver of requirement for Lot 1, Block 2, Hash & Crawford Addition, a subdivision within the City of Mount Vernon and allowing the re-plat of Lot 1 was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2019-05 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2019-05 thus became Ordinance Number 1.279.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the Sales Tax report and held discussion.
- Base Construction Pay Request #2. Springer presented Pay Request #2 from Base Construction for \$6,088.38 for work completed thus far. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden noted this request will be voted upon during the Treasurer Report for Bills over \$5,000.00.
- Utilities Interstate/Railroad Drive. Springer reported he has received notification from Missouri Transportation Department (MoDot) of the replacement of the Interstate 44 bridge that crosses Railroad Drive. Springer noted the bridge will be replaced with an arch, allowing MoDot to fill in over the top and cable the median. Springer added this would be the perfect opportunity for the city to prepare for growth on the south side of interstate by installing sleeves in for electric and communication and to run sewer/water pipes underground prior to the removal of the bridge. Springer noted these pipes would be capped for future uses. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to proceed with installation of sleeves for electric/communication and water/sewer pipes with manholes for Railroad Drive bridge. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- 76 Park Restrooms. Springer requested the Board consider using surplus funds from a cell phone franchise settlement to rebuild the restrooms at the Spirit of 76 Park. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to proceed with rebuilding the Spirit of 76 Park bathrooms by utilizing city labor and surplus money from

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

- Sidewalk Project. Springer recommended the Board use Anderson Engineering for the sidewalk improvement project, as selected from the LPA On-Call List in accordance with the Missouri Department of Transportation Engineering Policy Guide, Section 136.4.2.4.3. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with utilizing Anderson Engineering as engineering consultant for TAP-9900(756) Mount Vernon Sidewalk Improvements, Phase III project. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- 600 N. Main. Springer reported damage from storm on Saturday, March 9, 2019 to multiple buildings. Springer noted maintenance crew had already repaired and replaced shingles on the power house and the well house. Springer received a quote from Abernathy Roofing for repair/replacement of remaining damage on other buildings. Springer presented the following quote received from Abernathy Roofing:

Service Call (which includes first (1st) hour work
\$65.00 per hour after that until finished

Discussion was held. Springer noted Abernathy Roofing would begin repair before next set of storms move in.

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 for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Bad Debt. Weldy reported she has sent out notification of bad debt letters out to accounts for a total of \$2,835.27. Discussion was held.

Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Chemical Purchase (Parks/Aquatics). Kelley requested approval of chemical purchases for the Aquatics Department. Kelley noted this purchase was budgeted for and will aid in the start-up process of opening the pool Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve purchase of chemicals for \$8,798.66, as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Seasonal Employment. Kelley requested the Board approve the following to be hired as seasonal employees for 2019:

Golf Course: Johnnie Lind, John Freitag and Jessie Burton

Parks: Larry Boxx

Streets: Landon Janes

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Kelley noted all candidates have been employed with the city in the past. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve recommendation as seasonal employees. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Wastewater Treatment Facility. Kelley reported the magna rotor aerator in the ditch functioned for a brief time until vibrations sheered the metal bracket. Kelley noted G & G Construction has been contacted to repair this and a few other miscellaneous items. Discussion was held.
- Power Outages. Kelley reported on the recent power outages and presented a breakdown of each event:
 1. **Lightning** – strike located in field behind T.A. Truckstop
 2. **Storm/High Winds** – large limb broke and fell into lines in alley
 3. **Empire District** – Lost power from them to our substation
 4. **Mediacom** – infrastructure broke onto city lines
 5. **Cross-arm** – City forced to shut down circuit to safely repair pole/cross-arm

Kelley noted of the five outages, one outage was on the city side. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

- February Statistical Report. Moore presented the February Statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Commission Report. Moore reported the Commission approved a request for B3 zoning for commercial business. Discussion was held. Moore reported an ordinance will be presented at a later date for the specific zoning.
- Other Items of Discussion. Mayor Eden requested if a permit has been issued for a remodel on Seneker Street. Moore replied he would look into the request.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- February Statistic Report. Hubert presented the February Statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Live Scan. Hubert reported he has applied for a fully funded grant (100%) from the Missouri Police Chiefs Association (MOPCA) for a Live Scan Fingerprinting unit. Hubert noted obtaining this unit would put the Police Department in compliance with latest requirements for municipal court required by the state. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

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

New Business.

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

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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 7:45 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date