

Minutes Approved on April 24, 2018

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018.

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, April 10, 2018 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, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., 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 and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: 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 Alderwoman Martin to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

- City Administrator Report. Add Discussion of Blight Study (TIF).

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, March 27, 2018 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee 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 to receive input from those in attendance and requested if anyone wished to address the Board.

- Danny Burks discussed unsightly property located on Filmore Street which has several un-tagged cars, golf cart and a large amount of trash. A lengthy discussion was held.

Presentation of Audit.

Rebecca Friedrich, Senior Auditor with KPM CPAs presented the final audit for the year 2017 to the Board and reported the city has received an “unmodified” opinion on the audit. Discussion was held.

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Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax Revenue. Springer reported sales tax revenue and held discussion.
- 109 N. Hickory Street. Springer noted the Board had previously requested information on equipment at 109 N. Hickory Street and reported the roof, boiler and chiller were installed sometime between 1987 and 1989 during remodeling of the building. Springer reported final closing on the building was held earlier in the day. Discussion was held.
- Fire District. Springer reported he would be meeting with members of the new Fire Board to discuss requirements in formation of the Fire District after the approval at the general election on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. A lengthy discussion was held.
- Blight Analysis Study (TIF). Springer reported Gilmore & Bell received five proposals for the Blight Analysis Study required by TIF and presented the bid tab. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to award project to Development Initiatives to conduct a Blight Analysis Study (TIF). With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any questions. None brought forth.
- Presentation of Bills over \$5,000.00. Weldy presented bills over \$5,000.00 and requested approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve bills over \$5,000.00 as presented. With all present members voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Request to purchase chemicals. Kelley requested the Board approve purchase of chemicals for aquatics for \$7,802.67. Alderwoman Fairchild made motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve purchase of chemicals. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Employee Probation. Kelley reported Shane Angus, Electric Department, has successfully reached his three (3) month probation and recommended the Board move him to full-time status. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to move Mr. Angus to full-time employment status. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- March Statistic Report. Conway presented the March Statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Commission Report. Conway reported the commission met on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 and reviewed the Comprehensive Plan. Conway noted a public hearing will be scheduled for presentation of the Comprehensive plan so as to receive input from citizens. Discussion was held.

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Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following item:

- Hubert introduced new police officer Levi Cope to the Board.
- March Statistical Report. Hubert presented the March statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Fire.

Due to the absence of Chief DeLay for a fire call, Alderman Nelson volunteered to answer any questions regarding the report.

- Neely requested clarification on calls received. Alderman Nelson reported the department has received three (3) calls since last report.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2018-07 re: An ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri at Section 705.040 pertaining to electrical energy rates for non-residential customers with demand meters within the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri was read for the second and final reading, with the following roll call vote recorded:

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2018-07 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2018-07 thus became Bill No. 13.109.

Bill No. 2018-08 re: An ordinance authorizing entry of a depository agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and Simmons Bank was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2018-08 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2018-08 thus became Ordinance Number 14.286.

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Bill No. 2018-09 re: An ordinance declaring the results of the General Election held in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri on April 3, 2018 was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2018-09 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2018-09 thus became Ordinance Number 5.179.

Old Business.

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

Mayor Eden read a letter of resignation from Director of Public Works Gene Stanton announcing his official retirement date for May 15, 2018. Discussion was held.

Adjourn Sine Die.

With all old business conducted, Mayor Eden declared meeting adjourned Sine Die. Meeting adjourned Sine Die at 7:44 p.m.

Oath of Office.

City Clerk Neely conducted the Oath of Office to the following:

- Mayor (two year term).....David W. Eden
- Alderman Ward One (two year term)Craig A. Nelson
- Alderwoman Ward Two (two year term).....Sue Lee
- Alderwoman Ward Three (two year term).....Steve Fairchild
- Alderman Ward Four (two year term).....Lowell W. Phillips

Reconvene Meeting.

Mayor Eden called the meeting to order at 7:47p.m. with the following roll recorded: J.N.

Greene, Craig Nelson, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee.

Acting President of the Board.

Mayor Eden requested the Board begin the selection process to elect an Acting President of the Board, as required by City Code, Section 110.030. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to nominate Lowell Phillips to serve one year as Acting President of the Board of Aldermen. The following vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

New Business.

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

- Alderman Phillips requested discussion on daily routine of School Resource Officer. Discussion was held.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no other business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date