

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016.

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, July 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by David W. Eden with the following roll call recorded: J.N. Greene, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Ed Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin. Absent: 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, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Assistant Police Chief Jason Lacey 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 Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- City Administrator Report
 - Add Request to extend electric line to Northwest Industrial Park
 - Add Discussion of MoDot Intersection Cost-share Program
- Move the Public Works Report to follow Fire Report

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Nelson

ABSENT: Lee

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

Citizen Input.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside for citizens to provide input and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Department Report.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer reported sales tax revenue decreased by 6.19% compared to 2015, but totals for the year-to-date tax revenue increased by 10.12%. Discussion was held.

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- VA Contract. Springer reported a telephone conference is scheduled for Friday, July 29, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. to continue review of lease agreement with the Veterans' Administration. Discussion was held.
- Drury University Vision Study. Springer reported students involved in the Drury University Center for Community Studies have approached the city to create a visioning plan for the downtown area. Springer noted he has requested a plan to draw visitors downtown by developing the grassy area on the south side of the square to take advantage of the murals. Springer noted he sent a request to Olsson's and Associates for the same project. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with utilizing Drury Community Studies students for a cost of \$4,765.00. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: Greene, Kimbler

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

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

- Billboard. Springer reported Wilmoth Enterprises has offered the city billboard space with Interstate 44 exposure. Springer requested direction from the Board if they wish to utilize the billboard to advertise the city. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to research what the billboard will require and collect quotes for costs from several companies to face it.
- Greenhouse at 600 N. Main Street. Springer presented a request from the Mount Vernon Agricultural Teacher if the city would be interested in giving the old greenhouse located at 600 N. Main Street to the school. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to read Memo of Understanding with IFI and to contact them for their input.
- Missouri Municipal League Conference. Springer reported the Missouri Municipal League's annual conference is scheduled for September 11th thru 16th in St. Louis, Missouri and requested if anyone was interested in attending. Discussion was held.
- Electric Lines to Northwest Industrial Park. Springer reported he has received interest from a manufacturing company who would like to locate in the Northwest Industrial Park and purchase of property depends if the city can provide a minimum of 1MGW of power. Springer noted the location is currently powered by the old substation, which would not have the amount of power required, but lines could be extended from the new substation for a cost of \$200,000.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with expenditure of funds from New Lines account and Subdivision & New Services accounts. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Intersection Cost-share Program. Springer reported MoDot is currently taking applications for 50/50 cost-share intersection improvements in the southwest region and requested if the Board would be interested in pursuing of funds for improvements to an intersection. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to proceed with application for intersection improvement funding.

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Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- June Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the June Treasure report for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to accept the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Six Month Financial Report. Weldy reported the six month financial would be published in the Lawrence County Record on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 and also added a copy of the report is included in the council packet for the Board's review. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway noted he had nothing to report, but welcomed any questions. None brought forth.

Police.

Lacey held discussion on the following items:

- School Resource Officer. Lacey reported Officer Chance Cornell attended the School Resource Officer Conference at Lake of the Ozarks.
- National Night Out. Lacey reminded the Board the National Night Out is scheduled for August 2, 2016 at the Spirit of 76 Park.
- Back The Blue. Lacey reported the Back the Blue community event honoring police officer's was held on Sunday, July 23, 2016 at the Spirit of 76 Park and was very well attended.

Fire.

In the absence of Chief DeLay, Mayor Eden reviewed the report for the Board. Alderman Nelson noted an additional call should be added to the report. Alderman Nelson reported the Missouri Department of Transportation conducted a rescue training class for the department on July 21, 2016 at the Spirit of 76 swimming pool.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Water quality study report. Stanton reported two RFQ responses were received regarding the water quality study report to address the metal effluent limitations concerning the Missouri Wastewater State Operating permit and recommended Geosyntec Consultants. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to accept recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business. Springer requested a MARC committee meeting on behalf of committee chairwoman Lee. It was a consensus of the committee members to hold the committee meeting on Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

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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 was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date