

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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, October 23, 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, 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 Bruce Conway, 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 addition:

- City Administrator Report – Add: Tax Anticipation Note – Fire Department

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Haymes

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 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 report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Bill No. 2018-026 Pole Attachment Agreement. Springer reported the agreement with Empire District Industries, a subsidiary of Empire District Electric Company, allows attachment and maintenance of equipment on city-owned utility poles for the provision of internet services. Springer noted current rate is \$3.85 per pole, billed semi-annually. Discussion was held.

- Bill No. 2018-027 MoDot Bridge Agreement. Springer reported MoDot was given authority by Section 227.107 RSMo for three (3) pilot projects using the design-build project delivery technique, with Bridge Number A0980 (Railroad Drive) bridge included in this project. Springer noted the design-build is a project delivery method in which the design and construction service are contracted by a single entity known as the design-build contractor. Discussion was held.
- Single-source Trash Service. Springer noted City Clerk sent certified letters to waste-collections companies in 2016 notifying them that the City of Mount Vernon will consider single-source service for waste pickup. Springer requested discussion on how services should be billed, whether through the city utility billing system or through the company selected to provide the service. Discussion was held.
- Brush Hog (Public Works). Springer presented a bid tab for a seven foot (7') Land Pride Heavy Duty Brush Cutter. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with purchase of a seven foot Land Pride Heavy Duty Brush Cutter from Crown Power for \$5,490.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- 320 West Sloan Avenue. Springer reported he has received a request to purchase the empty lot located at 320 W. Sloan and requested direction from the Board. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with soliciting bids for sale of 320 W. Sloan Avenue with a reserve minimum of \$5,000.00. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Phillips

ABSENT: None

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

- Tax Anticipation Note. Springer presented a request from the Mount Vernon Fire District for the city to provide funds for operational purposes. Springer reported the city could provide funds thru a tax anticipation note in an amount not to exceed a percentage of the estimated taxes and revenues for the year yet uncollected. Springer added such notes must mature within twelve (12) months of their date of issuance. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with an ordinance to agree to enter into a tax anticipation note for \$41,000.00. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Phillips

ABSENT: None

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

- Veterans' Day on Veterans' Way. Springer invited all to attend the "Veterans' Day on Veterans' Way" event, scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2018, on the green space on the square. Discussion was held.

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Ordinances.

Bill No. 2018-026 re: An ordinance authorizing entry pole attachment agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and Empire District Utilities regarding attachment of equipment to poles owned by the city was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote 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. 2018-026 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2018-026 thus became Ordinance Number 14.296.

Bill No. 2018-027 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a municipal agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission regarding bridge construction within city limits was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote 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. 2018-027 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2018-027 thus became Ordinance Number 14.297.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. 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 spending limit and requested permission to proceed with payment. Alderwoman McElveen made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with payment. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- September Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the September Treasurer Report for approval and requested any discussion. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve the September Treasurer Report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Weldy presented a bid tab for a matured certificate of deposit from Edward Jones for \$253,651.76. Weldy noted she would be adding \$348.24 from surplus funds for total available funds for investment to be \$254,000.00. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with investing \$254,000.00 with Simmons Bank for eighteen months at 2.81% interest rate. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Bad Debt. Weldy presented past due accounts and requested approval to transfer to bad debt for collections. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee granting approval to transfer past due accounts for a total of \$1,947.84 to bad debt for collection. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Inventory. Kelley requested approval to proceed with purchase of a pallet of LED streetlights for inventory replacement. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to proceed with purchase of LED streetlights for a total of \$5,265.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Meter Replacement. Kelley requested the Board approve purchase of a new meter for Well #2 as it is currently not in use. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve proceed with purchase of new meter for \$4,100.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Conway announced he had nothing to report, but welcomed any questions. Mayor Eden questioned if a roofing permit had been issued for a location on Alice Street. Conway noted he had issued a permit.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Apple Butter Making Days. Hubert reported the department received a very low number of calls during Apple Butter Making Days.
- Resignation of Officer. Hubert reported he had received official resignation from Police Officer Jeff Romine and requested permission to advertise for vacancy. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with advertisement for vacancy. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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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. Petrus reported he has not made any headway on contacts for 155 West Patterson Street building burn-out. Discussion was held.

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 7:36 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date