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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE  
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, 109 N Hickory Street, on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Haymes with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Dallas Gramm, Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, and Logan Phillips. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Joe Kelley, Public Works Director Dustin Davis, Code Enforcement Terry Moore, Chief of Police Dave Hubert, Counselor Toni Hendricks, and Treasurer/Intern City Clerk Shari Weldy. Absent Sue Lee.

Guests registering their attendance are listed on the sign in sheet attached to and made a part of the minutes.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Mayor Haymes presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Lowell Phillips moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman Scott Beckley.

Motion passed.

**Presentation of Minutes**

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, to the Board for approval. Alderman Steve Fairchild moved to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2023, seconded by Alderman Logan Phillips. The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Logan Phillips,  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Lee

Motion passed.

**Citizen Participation**

Mayor Haymes announced this portion of the meeting was set aside to receive input from those in attendance.

Scott Beckley on behalf of Lawrence County Manor wanted to thank the water department for getting their water leak resolved so quickly.

## Ordinance

**Bill No. 2023-017 re:** Read one time in full an ordinance calling for a general election in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri for the purpose of electing a Mayor for a term of two years, one Alderman from each of the four wards, each for a term of two years.

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Logan Phillips

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill No. 2023-17 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 5.196.

## Department Reports

### City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **City Clerk.** City Clerk the search for an individual to fill the position of City Clerk was extended to Tuesday, October 31, 2023. Currently, we have received 50 plus resumes many of the resumes have been from the online website Indeed. Com.
- **Personnel Committee:** – request for the personnel committee to meet to discuss the following: employee wages for the 2024 budget year and the position of City Clerk. The current personnel committee is Steve Fairchild, Scott Beckley, and Dallas Gram. The meeting was set for Monday, October 30, 2023, at 5:00 pm.

### Treasurer

Ms. Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- **Bills Paid.** Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Bills over \$5,000.00.** Weldy then presented the bills over \$5,000.00 for October, and two invoices for November to the Board for approval. Discussion was held. Alderwomen Sherie Thrasher moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 for October, and the two invoices for November, seconded by Alderman Scott Beckley. Motion passed.
- **September 2023 Treasurer Report.** Alderman Scott Beckley moved to approve September 2023 Treasurer Report, seconded by Alderman Lowell Phillips. Motion passed.
- **Reimbursement #19 – 76 Park.** Weldy requested approval for the City Administrator to sign off on Reimbursement #19 – 76 Park in the amount of \$172,503.00. Alderman Steve Fairchild moved to approve City Administrator to sign off on Reimbursement #19 – 76 Park, seconded by Alderman Scott Beckley. Motion passed.

## **Public Works Report**

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **MARC – Equipment Replacement.** Davis presented 3 bids for an air conditioner at the MARC that controls the green room, two bathrooms, and foyer has stopped working. Mike has called a technician out to repair, but they have said that the unit needs to be replaced. Davis presented three bids for the replacement.
  - Dion’s \$6942.00, 2-year labor warranty, 10-year parts and compressor and lifetime warranty on heat exchanger.
  - Jameson Heating and Air \$6,500.00 Warranty 20 - year heat exchanger, 5 – year compressor, 5 – year parts, 1 – year labor.OR
  - \$7,450.00 Warranty Lifetime Heat Exchanger, 5 – year compressor, 5 – year parts, 2 – year labor.
  - Heller Heat &Air Inc: \$10,320.00 Warranty 10 – years on parts and compressor, 10 – years furnace parts and heat exchanger, 10 – years coil, 1 – year labor.

Alderman Logan Phillips moved to approve Dion’s for \$6,942.00, seconded by Alderman Steve Fairchild. Motion passed.

- **WWTP Update.** Davis stated that on Monday 10/16/2023 Copperstate Machine & Industrial Service arrived and began and began installing the 3 new replacement rotors in the north oxidation ditch. The installation was completed Friday, October 20, 2023. The rotors were turned on by 7:00PM and started without any issues. On Monday, October 23, 2023, Rotor #6 was removed. And the replacement rotor will be installed approximately October 24, 2023, and turned on. Dustin showed pictures of the WWTP and Allen Frantz who operates the wastewater treatment plant was here in support of the work being done.

## **Code Enforcement Report**

- **September 2023 Permit Report.** Moore presented the Permit Report for September 2023 and requested any questions or discussion. None brought forth.
- **Planning & Zoning Report.** Moore reported that he is working on the Nuisance ordinance and will be brought back to the board at a later date. Moore stated this will require him repelling the original ordinance and presenting a new one.

## **Police**

Chief Hubert did not have any agenda items but requested any questions from the Board. None brought forth.

## **Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Closed Session**

Alderman Lowell Phillips moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Section 610.021 (3) Personnel seconded by Alderman Beckley. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Logan Phillips

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 7:25 p.m.

Due to no vote taken except roll call vote to adjourn close meeting at 8:22 pm.

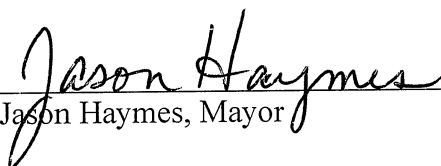
**Reconvene after Closed Session**

Meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m. Mayor Haymes determined all Aldermen that were present for closed session adjournment had returned to the meeting.

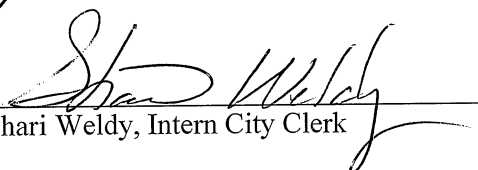
Alderman Logan Phillips made a motion to add an apprentice lineman position on January 1, 2024. Seconded by Alderman Lowell Phillips. Motion passed.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Haymes announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

  
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Jason Haymes, Mayor

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Shari Weldy, Intern City Clerk

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