

*Minutes approved August 25, 2009*

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2009.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden, with the following Aldermen answering roll call: J. N. Greene, Chet Hunter, John Hull, Mike Tebow, April Canchola, Max Springer, Carol Millsap and Gary Albers. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator John Rice, City Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Treasurer Shari Weldy.

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to amend the agenda for item XV., remove Section 610.021 (2) Real Estate and Section 610.021 (3) Personnel. Motion approved.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last regular meeting, which was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Hull, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Hunter

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested any comments of visitors to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forward.

Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2009-0016 re:** An ordinance to authorize the Mayor to enter an Airport Aid Agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for improvements and maintenance of airport pavement was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

AYES: Hunter, Hull, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Millsap, Albers

NOES: Greene

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

AYES: Hunter, Hull, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Millsap, Albers

NOES: Greene

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2009-0016 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2009-0016 thus became Ordinance No. 14.219.

## **Department Reports.**

### City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- **Recreational Sales Tax.** Received an email from the City of Cameron requesting other cities to partner to formulate legislation which would allow establishing a sales tax for recreational centers/facilities. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to direct Rice to begin dialogue with the City of Cameron regarding the partnership for legislation of recreational centers/facilities sales tax. Motion approved.
- **Sales Tax Revenue.** Reported the sales tax revenue reflected a 2.5% increase for the first two months of the fiscal year.
- **City Council Work Session.** Requested the work session for the September 8, 2009 council meeting be held at the new substation to view the progress.
- **Preliminary Study for New Industrial Park.** Requested Petrus to proceed with an ordinance directing HDR/Archer Engineering to conduct a preliminary study for the development of the new industrial park.
- **City Web Site.** A request from the Planning and Zoning Board to allow the agenda and approved minutes from their meetings and also from the city council meetings to be posted on the city web site. The Board consented unanimously to this request.
- **University of Missouri Field Day.** Invited the Aldermen to attend breakfast at the University of Missouri Field Day on Friday, September 11, 2009 at 7:00 a.m.
- **Experience Works.** Rice and Neely met with representatives of Experience Works which offer training to individuals by working for companies under the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), which is funded totally under Title V of the Older Americans Act, enabling low-income individuals that are 55 and older to transition into the workforce. Rice requested the city participate with this program and asked for permission from the Board. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with participation with the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Motion approved.
- **Stimulus Plan.** Discussed options for use of surplus money. Reported was advised by Richard Sheets with Missouri Municipal League to review Article VI of the Missouri State Statutes which addresses use of public funds. Rice requested Alderman Hull schedule a Public Works/Streets Committee meeting so they may discuss use of the surplus for different projects which would benefit the community. Alderman Hull scheduled the Public Works/Streets Committee to meet on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 12:00 p.m., noon.

Treasurer.

Due to absence of Weldy, Rice held discussion on the following item:

- Bills. Presented bills to be paid. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve bills to be paid with additions as presented. Motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Dump Truck. Requested permission to purchase a 2009 International 7400 thru the MoDot Cooperative Purchasing Program. The new truck will be compatible with spreaders and snow plows currently used by Public Works. Stanton noted he must respond with commitment no later than September 1, 2009 and requested to participate in the four year buy-out program with four equal payments at \$22,423.96 per year. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to participate in four year program with Missouri Highway and Transportation Department for purchase of dump truck. Motion approved.
- Fire Hydrant Maintenance. Presented a proposal from Oak Creek Hydrant Services for a three-year testing and maintenance program. Stanton noted the financial incentives for the maintenance and testing, which would include lowering insurance rates for the city. After much discussion, Stanton reported he would allow the Aldermen to research and would discuss at the next meeting.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Permit Report. Presented the permit report for July, 2009.
- MML Conference. Requested permission to attend the Missouri Municipal League Conference at Lake of the Ozarks October 4, 5, 6, and 7. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to allow Alderman Albers, Alderman Hunter, Stanton and Conway to attend the Missouri Municipal League Annual Conference. Motion approved.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Statistical Report. Presented the statistical report for July 2009.
- Oath of Office. Reported City Clerk had administered the oath of office to Holli McKinzie and Rob Mobley as Patrol Officers.
- Accident. Reported the number of traffic accidents lower than previous years.
- Officer Injury. Reported Officer Ed Evatt had been involved in an accident when assisting with an ambulance call and is on light duty.
- Lawrence County Mitigation. Noted he and Rice had attended a Mitigation meeting on July 29, 2009 at the Lawrence County Judicial Center.
- Service Calls. Reported the number of service calls has been higher than in previous years.

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Committee Reports.

*Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

*Finance.* Alderman Springer reported the committee had met on Monday, August 3, 2009 to discuss uses for the surplus money.

*Parks.* Alderman Tebow reported the committee has not met.

*Personnel.* Alderwoman Canchola reported the committee has not met.

*Public Works/Streets.* Alderman Hull reported the committee would meet on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 12:00 p.m., noon, to discuss projects.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any Old Business to be brought to the floor for discussion.

- Alderman Hunter requested discussion on the fencing surrounding the parking lot at the Municipal Airport. Alderman Hunter noted emergency personnel has previously cut the fence for access to the runway for emergency purposes and requests the city consider installing a permanent fence with access. Discussion was held.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any New Business to be brought to the floor for discussion.

- Mayor Eden reported he may not be at the next meeting.

Closed Session.

Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to adjourn to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo., Section (1) Litigation. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Hunter, Hull, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:30 p.m.

Reconvene Meeting.

Meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other item for discussion to be brought to the floor. None brought forward.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to adjourn meeting. Motion approved, meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk