

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2009.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Acting President of the Board Max Springer, with the following roll call vote recorded: J.N. Greene, Chet Hunter, Mike Tebow, April Canchola, Max Springer, Carol Millsap and Gary Albers. Absent: Mayor David W. Eden, John Hull. 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, Treasurer Shari Weldy and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Agenda

Acting President of the Board Springer presented the agenda for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Canchola to amend the agenda by removing Item XVIII. Closed Session. Motion approved.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve minutes as presented. Motion approved.

Comments of Visitors.

Acting President of the Board Springer requested any comments from visitors. The following discussion was held.

- Not-So-Square Arts Council. Karen Millsap, Director of the Not-So-Square Arts Council reported the Arts Council was considering holding Movies in the Park during the summer months of 2010, requesting the city carry the liability coverage to hold the event. Rice reported he would research this request to carry liability under the city's insurance umbrella.
- Airport Issues. Brian Wolford request to erect a tent for September 25, 26, 27 event. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to allow erection of a tent on east side of hanger for use during event on September 25th thru 27th. Motion approved. Wolford noted a decrease in mowing at the Airport and with this decrease in maintenance, requested his hangar rent be lowered. Alderman Greene reported he would schedule a meeting for discussion of this request.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2009-0012 re: Reading of a resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing execution of an agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon and HDR Engineering Inc., for preliminary engineering of new industrial park was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

Minutes approved September 8, 2009

1st Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Bill No. (R)2009-0012 was declared passed and sent to the Acting President of the Board for signature. Bill No. (R)2009-0012 thus became Resolution No. (R)2009-0012.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2009-0017 re: An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1.234, passed February 14, 2006 and providing for annexation of a certain parcel of real property, to correct legal descriptions, was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1st Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

2nd Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Bill No. 2009-0017 was declared passed and sent to the Acting President of the Board for signature. Bill No. 2009-0017 thus became Ordinance No. 1.250.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Business Loop. Notified by the Missouri Highway Department that paving would begin the first week of September on the Business Loop.
- Direct Deposit for Payroll. Discussed direct deposit to begin in October for all employees. All Aldermen agreed to move forward with the direct deposit of payroll.
- Capital Improvement Projects. Requested a Public Works/Streets Committee meeting for Friday, August 28, 2009 at noon to discuss a five-year plan, which is mandated in the Comprehensive Plan.
- Eminent Domain. Discussed a ruling by the Missouri Supreme Court in a case for eminent domain for municipalities and the effect it will have.
- Recreation Tax. Discussed information from Shelby Hendee, Cameron, Missouri, addressing development of the Recreation Sales tax.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented bills to be paid. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve bills to be paid with addition of \$775.00 to the Chamber of Commerce, line item 10-5-110-308, Community Relations for share of billboard. Motion approved.
- Investments. Presented a bid tab for investment of \$122,000.00 from the Light Fund. Weldy requested to deposit into Light Fund Checking Account at Liberty Bank instead of investing at this time. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to deposit the \$122,000.00 from Edward Jones Light Fund into the Light Fund Checking Account. Motion approved.
- Transportation. Presented an award from the Missouri Public Transit Conference awarding the City of Mount Vernon Rural Transit Program for the highest rural increase in ridership (27.14%).

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Wastewater Treatment Facility. Reported a pump at the Wastewater Treatment Facility is not working and requested permission to purchase a new one. Stanton noted may be reimbursed from the State Revolving Funds. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow permission to purchase a new pump from the Wastewater Replacement Account for \$8,200.00 if not reimbursable by the State Revolving Fund. Motion approved.
- Water Line Project. Reported progress of installation of water line on McCause Street.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Held discussion on abandoned and nuisance properties.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- New Officers. Introduced new police officers Holli McKinzie and Robert Mobley.
- Probation. Recommended promotion of Ed Evatt to full-time status as a police officer. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hunter to promote Ed Evatt to full-time status. Motion approved.
- State Statutes. Working on current city policies to reflect changes in State Statutes.
- Training Funds. Reported the Lawrence County Prosecutor's office has been awarded a grant to assist in officer training in which Mount Vernon Police Department would receive \$10,000.00 from this grant.
- 90/10 Grant. Requested permission to apply for a 90/10 Equipment grant from the Department of Justice. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to permit Earnest to apply for 90/10 grant for purchase of equipment with the city share to be \$1,000.00. Motion approved.
- Emergency Management. Working on Employee Assistance Program for Emergency Management to provide assistance to employees dealing with disasters.

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Committee Reports.

Airport. Alderman Greene scheduled an Airport committee meeting for Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 12:00 p.m., noon, at City Hall.

Finance. Acting President of the Board Springer reported the committee has not met.

Parks. Alderman Tebow reported the committee has not met.

Personnel. Alderwoman Canchola requested a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 12:00 p.m., noon, City Hall.

Public Works/Streets. Rice noted meeting scheduled for Friday, August 28, 2009 at 12:00 p.m., noon, City Hall.

Old Business.

Alderwoman Millsap requested discussion on the status of the stimulus plan research. Petrus reported he would continue research on options to use surplus money.

New Business.

Robert Feisthamel requested the city consider lowering the speed limit from 35 miles-per-hour on Robins Nest Hill. Fiesthamel noted his concern for the safety of school children in this area. Acting President of the Board Springer directed Stanton to research lowering the speed limit on Robins Nest Hill.

Adjournment.

Acting President of the Board Springer requested any other discussion. None brought forward. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to adjourn meeting. Motion approved, meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Shannon Neely, City Clerk