

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, February 24, 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, Bruce Conway, Randy Short, Mike Tebow, April Canchola, Max Springer, Carol Millsap, David Van Pelt. 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 Steve Helsper, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Treasurer Shari Weldy and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Eden presented the agenda for approval. Alderman Van Pelt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Short to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Presentation of Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on February 10, 2009 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Van Pelt to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested any comments from visitors to be brought to the floor. None brought forward.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2009-0004 re: An ordinance repealing the one-half cent capital improvement sales tax passed in 2003 was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1st reading:

AYES: Greene, Conway, Short, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Millsap, Van Pelt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2nd reading:

AYES: Greene, Conway, Short, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Millsap, Van Pelt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2009-0004 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2009-0004 thus became Ordinance No. 11.81.

Bill No. 2009-0005 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and Hostetter Construction Company, Inc., for road bores was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1st reading:

AYES: Greene, Conway, Short, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Millsap, Van Pelt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2nd reading:

AYES: Greene, Conway, Short, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Millsap, Van Pelt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2009-0005 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2009-0005 thus became Ordinance No. 14.215.

Bill No. 2009-0006 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and McClanahan Construction Co., Inc. for Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1st reading:

AYES: Greene, Conway, Short, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Millsap, Van Pelt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2nd reading:

AYES: Greene, Conway, Short, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Millsap, Van Pelt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2009-0006 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2009-0006 thus became Ordinance No. 14.216.

Bill No. 2009-0007 re: An ordinance changing zoning designation of one (1) tract of real estate owned by Ronald E. Williams and Delia M. Williams from B-3 General Commercial District and M-1 Light Industrial District to R-3 Multi-Family Dwelling District and directing change to be indicated on the district map, as adopted by the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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1st reading:

AYES: Greene, Conway, Short, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Millsap, Van Pelt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2nd reading:

AYES: Greene, Conway, Short, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Millsap, Van Pelt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2009-0007 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2009-0007 thus became Ordinance No. 2.139.

City Administrator Report.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Recycling. Unable to find a market for the recyclables.
- Sales Tax Revenue. Revenue down by 7%.
- Personnel Policies. Reviewing proposed personnel policies for cell phone use, email and personal vehicle use.
- Storm Siren Drill. State-wide storm siren drill scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.
- Public Works Projects. Public Works committee working on an Industrial Park Infrastructure proposal for the stimulus package.
- MML Regional Meeting. Regional meeting scheduled for June 4, 2009 at the John Taylor Senior Center.
- Residential Waste Containers. Discussed concern with large trash dumpster used in residential areas. Rice noted he has received complaints of dumpster in front yards that are over-flowing with trash.
- Enhanced Enterprise Zone. Working on the proposed Enhanced Enterprise Zone. Rice reported a seven-member board will be established and that all taxing entities would be contacted.

Treasurer Report.

Weldy held discussion on the following item:

- Bills. Presented bills for approval to be paid. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve bills for payment as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Conway, Short, Tebow, Springer, Millsap, Van Pelt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Canchola

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Public Works.

Stanton noted he had nothing to report, but would welcome any questions. None brought forward.

Planning and Zoning Report.

Helsper held discussion on the following items:

- **Public Hearing.** Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. regarding re-zoning six contiguous lots located from 701 to 821 W. Mt. Vernon Blvd. from B-3, General Commercial to R-2, Single Family/Duplex land use.
- **Temporary Storage Units.** Will present proposed regulations for the use of temporary storage units in residential and commercial zoning districts.
- **Abandoned Buildings.** Reported he has contacted two individuals whom are recorded as owners of the property located at 323 East Thurman Avenue in regards to cleaning the abandoned building. Helsper noted the individuals have twenty days to respond to the notice, if no response, will send out the second notice.
- **Dangerous Building.** Reported he had not submitted requests for re-bid of demolition of 321 West Sloan Street due to budget constraints. After much discussion, Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Short to not re-bid for demolition of 321 West Sloan Street. Motion carried.

Police Report.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- **Residential Waste Containers.** Reported have had problems in the past with the dumpsters located in front yards of residential properties and was unable to address the problem at that time.
- **Under-age Enforcement.** Conducted under-age alcohol enforcement at several business locations.
- **Liability Insurance Department Review.** Received yearly evaluation report from Russ Vanness, with Meadowbrook Insurance. Reported the department had exceeded recommendations for policies for the first time since Meadowbrook began coverage of the department.
- **Missouri Special Olympics.** Six officers have volunteered to participate in the Missouri Special Olympics, which is to be held in Springfield, Missouri later this year.
- **Grant Money.** Researching a grant from the United States Department of Justice which would pay for 100% of salaries for approximately three years to add more officers onto the force. Alderman Short made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to direct Chief Earnest to pursue grant and to work with City Administrator Rice to establish that the City would be able to fund the program after the first three years. Motion carried.

Committee Report.

- **Airport.** Alderwoman Canchola reported the committee had met on February 20, 2009 and presented the unapproved minutes to the Board. Alderwoman Canchola reported the committee made a recommendation to not lease the city hanger until further notice from the committee. Helsper reported Tom Cresswell was interested in leasing the hanger and requested he address the Board. Mr. Cresswell noted to the Board he would not operate a business from the hanger, but needed a hanger for his airplane which is used for his

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contracting business of aerial photography. Alderwoman Canchola requested a committee meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 12:00 p.m., noon, to be held at City Hall.

- *Finance.* Alderman Springer reported the committee would be conducting budget meetings per the following schedule: April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11 and May 18. Alderman Springer noted all meetings would be held at 5:30 p.m.
- *Personnel.* Alderman Conway noted he had nothing to report.
- *Public Works/Streets.* Alderman Short reported the committee had met and discussed the stimulus package and the Enhanced Enterprise Zone.
- *Parks.* Alderman Short reported the committee had met earlier in the evening and had discussed Park Program and swimming charges for the 2009 season.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forward.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forward.

Closed Session.

Alderman Short made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to adjourn to close a portion of the meeting pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(3) Personnel Issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Conway, Short, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Millsap, Van Pelt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Reconvene.

Alderman Van Pelt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Short to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Shannon Neely, City Clerk