

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY
OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, January 13, 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, Mike Tebow, April Canchola, Max Springer, Carol Millsap and David Van Pelt. Absent: Randy Short. 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.

Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on December 9, 2008, were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Conway made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested any comments of visitors. None came forward.

Golden Wings Parachute Foundation.

Mr. Starks was not in attendance to this meeting. Nothing presented.

Robert Fiesthamel – Airport Business.

Mr. Fiesthamel deferred any comment until a later meeting.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2009-0001 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri acknowledging satisfaction of a contract dated August 24, 1979 and releasing land encumbered thereby was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1st reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Short

Bill No. (R)2009-0001 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2009-0001 thus became Resolution No. 2009-0001.

City Administrator Report.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Utility Billing Policy. – Presented the proposed Utility Billing Policy for review. Rice noted he would present a resolution at the next council meeting.
- Economic Forecast. – Presented an economic forecast report from Dr. David Mitchell, Director of Economic Research at the Missouri State University.
- Revenue Projection. – Presented a projection report of revenues. Rice noted this included a seven month history. Rice noted he felt the city was financially sound, but anticipated some challenges in the future.
- Sales Tax Issue. – Reported he would be hosting a Public meeting on January 20, 2009, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. so as to answer any concerns or questions the public may have. Rice noted the sales tax issue would be on the February 3, 2009 ballot.
- Liberty Bank Account. – Reported discussion was held at the Finance Committee meeting that the FDIC will insure to \$250,000.00 on accounts. Rice reported the Federal Government will now insure non-interest bearing transaction accounts beyond the \$250,000.00 amount and noted Liberty Bank requested the city sign-off on collaterals. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Van Pelt to release securities held by Liberty Bank. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Millsap

ABSENT: Short

Motion carried.

- RIF Policy. – Reported he would present a resolution at the next council meeting for approval of the Reduction in Force policy.
- Code Watch. – Presented a report from Sullivan Publications regarding laws which could affect the city's ordinances.
- Recycling. – Due to the economy, there is currently no market for recycled plastics, in which the city may have to discontinue recycling. Rice noted he would research for options.

Treasurer Report.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. – Presented bills to be paid. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to pay bills as presented. Motion carried.
- Investments. – Reported a previous voted on investment of \$116,000.00 with Edward Jones had not been invested by the previous manager. Weldy noted the amount was sitting in the money market account and she had been in contact with the new manager and Edward Jones is honoring the bid that was awarded to them for that investment.
- Investment Bid. Presented a bid tab for \$56,000.00 for a Certificate of Deposit. Weldy also noted a \$100,000.00 bond had become callable and requested direction from the Board. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to invest the \$56,000.00 and \$100,000.00 with Great Southern Bank at 2.25% for six months. After much discussion, Alderman Springer withdrew his motion and Alderman Tebow

withdrew his second to the motion. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion to combine the \$56,000.00 Certificate of Deposit, \$100,000.00 callable bond, \$4,000.00 Money Market interest earned and \$80,000.00 from the Light Fund account at Liberty Bank and invest the total \$240,000.00 into a Certificate of Deposit with Great Southern Bank at 2.25% interest for six months. The following votes were recorded:

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

NOES; None

ABSTAIN: Springer

ABSENT: Short

Motion carried.

Public Works Report.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade. Reported would be presenting a resolution for McClanahan Construction at the next council meeting for construction of the Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade.
- New Substation. Dirt work has begun on the new substation. Stanton reported Toth & Associates of Springfield, Missouri is in the process of bidding out for approximately 20 components. Stanton requested direction as to how to present the bidding of the components to the Board. Alderman Springer requested Stanton present a letter of recommendation of each component to the council meetings as needed.
- Accident. Reported on an accident on West Mt. Vernon Blvd. that left several areas without power due to a semi-truck destroying a utility pole.

Planning and Zoning Report.

Helsper held discussion on the following items:

- Proposed Retirement Community. Reported a developer had approached him in regards to building a retirement community on a current “orphan lot” which is approximately 4.7 acres. Access for lot would be located on Landrum Street. Helsper reported a Public Hearing would be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. request a zoning change for location from B3/M1 to R3..
- Commercial Storage Units. Planning and Zoning Commission will be discussing descriptions and interpretations of commercial storage units for residential areas.

Police Report.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- License Plate designs. Reported the Art Department at the Mt. Vernon High School was working on design ideas for new license plates for the police cars.
- Training. Officers attended the following training: Active school shooting and Defensive tactics/handcuffing/control/baton.
- Monthly Enforcement Report. Presented to the Board a report for December activities.
- Employee Probation. Recommended the Board consider moving Chance Cornell to full-time status as he has passed his six-month probation. Alderwoman Canchola made a

motion, seconded by Alderman Conway to move Chance Cornell to full-time status as a police officer. Motion carried.

- End of Year Report. Presented the Board with a report for yearly activities.
- Military Leave. Reported an officer would be leaving in February for active duty in Iraq for approximately one and a half years. Researched the Reserve program and felt it would be in the city's best interest to hire an officer for full-time status rather than utilize the reserve program. After much discussion, Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to immediately begin the hiring process for an additional police officer. Motion carried.

Committee Report.

Airport. Alderwoman Canchola noted she had nothing to report.

Finance. Alderman Springer noted he had nothing to report.

Personnel. Alderman Conway noted he had nothing to report.

Public Works/Streets. Due to the absence of Alderman Short, no report was submitted.

Park. Due to the absence of Alderman Short, no report was submitted.

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.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden requested any other item for discussion. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.