

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, January 27, 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.M. Greene, Bruce Conway, Randy Short, Mike Tebow, April Canchola, Max Springer, Carol Millsap and David Van Pelt. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator John Rice, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Chief of Police Garry Earnest and Treasurer Shari Weldy.

Approval of Agenda.

Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Van Pelt to approve agenda with a change of adding Closed Session – Vote to close a portion of the meeting pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(3) Personnel Issues following New Business. Motion carried.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on January 13, 2008, were presented to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Comments of Visitors.

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

Auditor's Report.

Jon Cummings, representing Davis, Lynn and Moots presented the audit for July 2007 to June 2008. The following items were discussed:

- Pg. 4 – Auditors report. Audit received an unqualified or clean opinion. Cummings noted this reflected as an A+, best you can get and same as last year.
- Pg. 16 – Balance Sheet – Government
- Pg. 18 - Statement Revenues, Expenses and Changes Fund Balances
 - General Fund – Ended year up by \$8,145
 - Special Sales Tax – Ended year down by \$1,161
 - Industrial Development – Ended year up by \$1,264
 - Debt Service – Ended year down \$75,512
- Pg. 20 – Statement of Net Assets, Proprietary Funds
- Pg. 21 - Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets
 - Electric Fund – Ended year up \$1,040,924
 - Water Fund – Ended year up \$113,941 improving the deficit in 2007
 - Sewer Fund – Ended year down \$28,507
- Pg. 55 - Internal Control and Compliance
 - 08-1 – Segregation of Duties – Lack of personnel, which is common to all cities this size
 - 08-2 – Preparation of Financial Statement – 95% of cities receive this
 - 08-3 – Application of Account principals
- Cummings wanted to point out the City had just converted over to a new software package right before the Audit and felt the conversion went well and wanted to commend the staff on a good job. He felt that the new software would improve some of the segregation of duties because of security levels in the program.

Aldermen Van Pelt asked if there was significant Journal Entries, Cummings explained that yes, but that is not uncommon because of the way Trust Statements are handled.

Aldermen Springer made a motion, seconded by Aldermen Van Pelt to accept the Auditor's report. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Proclamation – Ronald McDonald House

Mayor Eden presented for informational purposes, a proclamation deeming February 8 thru February 14, 2009 as Ronald McDonald House week.

Resolution

Bill No. (R)2009-0002 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri adopting a utility policy for the City of Mount Vernon was read once 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

Bill No. (R)2009-0002 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2009-0002 thus became Resolution No. 2009-0002.

Bill No. (R)2009-0003 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri adopting a Reduction in Force Policy for the City of Mount Vernon was read once 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

Bill No. (R)2009-0003 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2009-0003 thus became Resolution No. 2009-0003.

Bill No. (R)2009-0004 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri awarding bid for construction of improvements at Wastewater Treatment Facility to McClanahan Construction Co. was read once 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

Bill No. (R)2009-0004 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2009-0004 thus became Resolution No. 2009-0004.

Ordinance

Bill No. 2009-0001 re: An ordinance repealing Section 705.060 of the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon relating to three-phase electrical service 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. 2009-0001 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2009-0001 thus became Ordinance No.13.82.

City Administrator Report.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Recycling. – Reported he has found a market for recyclables in Monett, so recycling will continue.
- Policies. – Presented the following policies for the Board. Rice noted he would present a resolution at the next council meeting.
 - Personal Vehicle Use Policy
 - Email and Internet Use Policy
 - Cellular Phone Use Policy
- Business Expo. – Reported it would be Saturday January 31, 2009
- Sales Tax Ballot Issue. – Reported the election would be on February 3, 2009

Treasurer Report.

Rice 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. – Presented a report about CDAR's a program with Great Southern Bank. Rice asked for a Finance meeting to discuss this option further.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Resolution 2009-0004 – Reported that we have to send Resolution 2009-0004 to Department of Natural Resources. After their approval then an Ordinance for Contract will be presented.
- Road Bores – Reported bids were opened on January 5, 2009 and Archer recommended Hostetter Construction. Aldermen Short made a motion, Seconded

by Aldermen Van Pelt to award contract to Hostetter Construction. The following voice votes were recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- Substation Construction – Presented a recap of all bids to date on Substation.

Planning and Zoning Report.

Stanton announced there would be a public hearing on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. requesting a zoning change of approximately 4.72 acres located at 1301 S. Landrum St. from B3/M1 to R3.

Police Report.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Weather – Reported that as of 7:00 p.m. we have not had any accidents.
- Traffic enforcement grant money – Reported that he and Assistant Chief Hubert attended a MoDot meeting to see if the City would qualify for any grant money. We do not qualify because of lack of injury and fatality accidents within the City limits.
- Region-wide Underage Drinking Enforcement Grant – Reported that we have applied for this grant.

Committee Reports.

Airport. Alderwoman Canchola noted she had nothing to report.

Finance. Alderman Springer noted meeting Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Personnel. Alderman Conway noted he had nothing to report.

Public Works/Streets. Alderman Short noted he had nothing to report

Parks. Alderman Short noted due to weather meeting had been cancelled.

Old Business.

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

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Closed Session.

Alderman Short made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Canchola 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

Minutes Approved – February 10, 2009

Meeting adjourned to closed session.

Meeting reconvened. Mayor Eden requested any other business to be brought to the floor. Alderman Conway made a motion, seconded by Alderman Van Pelt to adjourn meeting. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Shari Weldy, City Treasurer
for Shannon Neely, City Clerk