

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, July 14, 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. Absent: None. The following city personnel were also in attendance: 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. Absent: City Administrator John Rice.

Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda for approval. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve the agenda with an amendment to item number seventeen, remove Section 610.021(2) Real Estate. Motion approved.

Minutes – Regular Session (June 23, 2009)

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Albers to approve minutes as presented. Motion approved.

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested any comments from visitors. None brought forth.

Greater Ozarks Leadership Development Program.

Mayor Eden requested approval from the Board for payment of \$695.00 so that he may participate in the GOLD program. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to grant approval for Mayor to attend GOLD program.

Resolution.

**Bill No. (R)2009-0009 re:** A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and A.M. Pyrotechnics, LLC for fireworks display in 2010, 2011 and 2012 was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2009-0009 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2009-0009 thus became Resolution No. Bill No. (R)2009-0009.

## Department Reports.

### City Administrator.

Due to the absence of Rice, no report was submitted.

### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented bills to be paid with an addition of Trogdon Insurance Company, for General Liability Insurance for \$124,106.00. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve bills to be paid with the addition as requested. Motion approved.
- Investments. Reported a certificate of deposit for \$240,000.00, plus interest, with Great Southern Bank would mature on July 15, 2009 and recommended the city roll it over for another six months at 2% APY. Weldy also requested the Aldermen consider investing \$80,000.00 surplus from the Light Fund with Liberty Bank at 2% APY. Weldy noted she sent out bid packets and received four responses. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to roll over \$240,000.00 Certificate of Deposit at Great Southern Bank at 2% APY and to invest \$80,000.00 from the Light Fund with Liberty Bank for six months at 2% APY. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Millsap

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

- End of Year Budget Amendments. With the conclusion of the Fiscal Year 2008/2009, Weldy requested the Board approve final fiscal year-end amendments. Weldy reported the Finance Committee had met on July 13, 2009 to review the requested amendments. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approved 2008/2009 final fiscal year-end amendments. Motion approved.

### Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Cemetery. Discussed rescinding City Code 130.040 which names a three-member board to oversee the City cemetery and a new code considered in its place.
- Bid Tab for Lab Analysis. Presented a bid tab for lab analysis at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Stanton reported his recommendation for low bid was MMET at \$7,840.81 annual total. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to accept bid from MMET for lab analysis services. Motion approved.
- Bid Tab for Street Improvements. Presented a bid tab for street improvements, with three companies responding. Stanton recommended Blevins Asphalt Construction Company, which was the low bidder, be awarded the bid. Verbal consent was agreed by the Aldermen to direct Petrus to present a resolution at the next Board meeting granting the bid to Blevins Asphalt Construction Company.

- Hayward Drive. Presented a proposal from the Mt. Vernon Special Benefit Road District to dedicate Hayward Drive to the City. Stanton noted the road district would provide the labor for chipping and sealing, if the city would pay for the materials, at a cost of approximately \$9,800.00. Alderman Albers made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to postpone any decision on the proposal. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Hull, Tebow, Springer, Albers

NOES: Greene, Hunter, Canchola

ABSTAIN: Millsap

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

#### Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- June Activity Report. Presented the monthly activity report.
- Business Licenses. Reported the Planning and Zoning Commission had held discussion on licenses.
- Annexation Public Hearing. Reported the Planning and Zoning Commission had held a public hearing for annexation of the Mt. Vernon Golf Course and Ewing Park on July 7, 2009. Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission postponed making a recommendation for annexation at the request of a member of the Commission.

#### Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Reserve Officer. Researched the feasibility of using grant money for reserve officers. Per the grant administrator in Jefferson City it would not be allowable.
- Red, White and Boom. Estimated the attendance at the Red, White and Boom celebration to be approximately 3,400 people. Seven officers assisted with traffic, which took 45 minutes to clear the park.
- Burglaries. Commended his officers for solving two burglaries within the day of the occurrences.
- June Statistical Report. Presented the statistical report for June, 2009.
- Federal Grant. Completed and submitted a grant application for bullet-proof vests.
- Emergency Management, Storm Sirens. Meeting scheduled for July 15, 2009 with Washington Electronics, Pittsburg, Kansas regarding a contingency plan for storm sirens.
- Mitigation Plan. Working on a contact and asset list for the Mount Vernon Emergency Action Plan.

#### City Clerk.

Neely held discussion on the following items:

- Mount Vernon Emergency Management. Reported administered the Oath of Office on July 13, 2009 to Garry Earnest as City of Mount Vernon Emergency Management Director.

- Workshop. Reported the University of Missouri Extension would be offering a Municipal Officials training workshop on July 30, 2009. Requested any interested member of the board to contact Neely for registration.
- Missouri Municipal League Annual Conference. Reported the annual conference would be held on October 4 thru the 7, 2009. Requested any interested member of the board to contact Neely for registration.

Committee Report.

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

*Finance.* Alderman Springer reported the committee had met on July 13, 2009 to discuss year-end budget amendments.

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

*Personnel.* Alderwoman Canchola reported personnel discussion will be held during closed session.

*Public Works/Streets.* Alderman Hull reported he would be scheduling a meeting at a later date.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden reported the Enhanced Enterprise Zone has been approved. Mayor Eden requested any other old business be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forward.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business be brought to the floor for discussion.

- Alderman Springer requested discussion on complaints from constituents regarding The American Inn, located at 900 East Mount Vernon Boulevard.
- Alderman Albers requested discussion on designating certain streets with one-side only parking.

Closed Session.

Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to adjourn to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(1) Litigation matters and RSMo, Section 610.021(3) Personnel issues. 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 8:15 p.m.

Reconvene Meeting.

Meeting reconvened at 9:21 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other item be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forward.

*Approved minutes – July 28, 2009*

Adjournment.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to adjourn meeting. Motion approved, meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk