

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2009.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, July 28, 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, John Hull, Mike Tebow, April Canchola, Max Springer, Carol Millsap and Gary Albers. Absent: Chet Hunter. 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.

Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda for approval. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve the agenda with an amendment of removing Item No. Eighteen, Closed Session. Motion approved.

Minutes – Regular Session (July 14, 2009) and Closed Session Votes (July 14, 2009)

Minutes of the last regular meeting, which was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, and minutes of the votes taken in closed session on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to approve the regular session minutes from July 14, 2009 and the minutes of the closed session votes from July 14, 2009. Motion approved.

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested any comments from visitors. The following comment was brought to the floor.

- Scott Sifferman reported the Locos-Zoomos Bike Club had held a charity bike ride with proceeds to be donated to the Mountaineer Baseball and Softball Association. Sifferman presented Mayor Eden with a check for \$3,000.00 to be used at the Spirit of 76 Park to help purchase a new scoreboard for the ball fields.

Resolutions.

**Bill No. (R)2009-0010 re:** A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri accepting the proposal of MMET Laboratory for testing in connection with the operation of Wastewater Treatment Plant was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1<sup>st</sup> reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hunter

Bill No. (R)2009-0010 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2009-0010 thus became Resolution No. (R)2009-0010.

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**Bill No. (R)2009-0011 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 Blevins Asphalt Construction Company, Incorporated for paving of city streets during 2009 was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1<sup>st</sup> reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hunter

Bill No. (R)2009-0011 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2009-0011 thus became Resolution No. (R)2009-0011.

Ordinances.

**Bill No. 2009-0014 re:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code by removing Chapter 130, Article II, which consists of Section 130.040, and adding new Section 115.240 providing for Director of Public Works to be responsible for keeping a record of cemetery plats and selling same was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1<sup>st</sup> reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hunter

2<sup>nd</sup> reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hunter

Bill No. 2009-0014 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2009-0014 thus became Ordinance No. 1.248.

**Bill No. 2009-0015 re:** An ordinance annexing the Golf Course and Ewing Park into the city limits of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1<sup>st</sup> reading:

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

NOES: Hull

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hunter

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2<sup>nd</sup> reading:

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

NOES: Hull

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hunter

Bill No. 2009-0015 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2009-0015 thus became Ordinance No. 1.249.

## **Department Reports.**

### City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Enhanced Enterprise Zone. Missouri Department of Economic Development approved EEZ on July 9, 2009, which went into effect immediately. Rice noted EEZ would allow qualifying industries a ten year, fifty percent tax abatement and tax credits, which will be based on the annual payroll and investment if the industry.
- Recycling. Reported WCA Waste Corporation would be offering co-mingled recycling at the Spirit of 76 Park. Rice noted money is budgeted for recycling service, but the cost of \$135.00 per dump of container would exceed this amount. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to proceed with recycling and amend budget to reflect the increase in cost. Motion approved.
- Williams Creek Pond. Discussed an area west of the Williams Creek Pond parking lot which would qualify for a wet-land designation by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Rice noted a 50/50 program to introduce wet-land plants would be included with this designation by the Missouri Department of Conservation.
- Engineering for new Industrial Park. Presented a bid tab for preliminary study for development of the new industrial park. Rice noted three bids received, with Archer Engineering as the low bidder. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Albers to accept Archer Engineer bid for \$1,500.00 for a preliminary study for development at the new industrial park. Motion approved.
- Wynne Park. Reported a Sunset Maple tree has been purchased for Wynne Park in honor of Jerry Cook.
- 2008/2009 Surplus. Discussed uses for the 2008/2009 fiscal year surplus money. Rice requested a Finance Committee meeting for Monday, August 3, 2009 at 12:00 p.m., noon.

### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Hull

ABSENT: None

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- Certificate of Deposit. Reported a certificate of deposit with Edward Jones for \$49,000.00 from the Light Fund would be maturing on August 5, 2009. Weldy noted she would be at a Transportation Conference August 9 thru August 10 when the certificate matures and requested direction whether to send out bids for investing or to roll over into the money market. Weldy reported a Certificate of Deposit would also be maturing on August 19, 2009. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to roll the \$49,000.00 Certificate of Deposit, Light Fund with Edward Jones into the Money Market account at Edward Jones until it can be combined with the Certificate of Deposit which matures on August 19, 2009, to be bid together. Motion approved.
- Publication of Financials. Reported the financial statement would be published in the Lawrence County Record on Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following item:

- Hayward Drive. Reported the Mount Vernon Special Benefit Road District would provide the equipment and labor for chipping and sealing of Hayward Drive if the city would pay for the materials at a cost of \$9,800.00. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to partner with the Mount Vernon Special Benefit Road District for chipping and sealing Hayward Drive at a cost of \$9,800.00 for the city for materials. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: Albers

ABSTAIN: Millsap

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Water Conservation. Discussed research of water conservation/
- Missouri Municipal League Conference. Requested permission to attend the Missouri Municipal League Conference at Osage Beach in October. Stanton and Alderman Albers noted they wished to attend also.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Activities. Discussed the decrease in calls for July.
- Officer Commendation. Commended Officer Jason Lacey for solving cases on theft, which were valued at approximately \$100,000.00 value of items.
- Officer Training. Reported Officer Greg Griffith had attended two investigative classes.
- Request for Training - Defensive Tactics. Reported the Veteran's Administration was opening a new floor for psychiatric patients and requested training for defensive tactics from the Mount Vernon Police Department.

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- **Derelict Vehicle.** Reported the department working on derelict vehicles within the city limits.
- **FBI Training.** Earnest noted he would be attending Law Enforcement Executive Development training in Lawrence, Kansas in September. Earnest reported the training is provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigations.
- **Resigned Officer.** Reported Officer Jordan Page had resigned due to accepting employment with the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department. Requested the Board hire Robert Mobley and Holli McKenzie as police officers to fill two vacancies in the department. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to hire Mobley and McKenzie to fill vacancies. Motion approved.

Committee Reports.

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

*Finance.* Alderman Springer reported the committee will meet on Monday, August 3, 2009 at 12:00 p.m., noon, in the City Administrator's office.

*Parks.* Alderman Tebow reported the committee met on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. Alderman Tebow noted the swimming pool would close on August 15, 2009.

*Personnel.* Alderwoman Canchola reported the committee has not met.

*Public Works/Streets.* Alderman Hull scheduled a meeting for Friday, July 31, 2009, at 12:00 p.m., noon.

Old Business.

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

- Alderman Springer requested discussion on American Inn, located at 900 East Mount Vernon Blvd. Conway reported he had received a health inspection from the Lawrence County Health Department, which included the same violations as reported earlier.

New Business.

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

- Alderman Springer requested discussion on a stimulus plan for surplus money from fiscal year 2008/2009.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden requested any other business to be brought to the floor. Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to adjourn meeting. Motion approved, meeting adjourned.