

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2009.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, June 23, 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, Max Springer, Carol Millsap and Gary Albers. Absent: John Hull, Mike Tebow, April Canchola. 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 Alderwoman Millsap to approve agenda with an amendment to item number sixteen, to remove Section 610.021(1) Litigation from the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes – Regular Session and Closed Session Votes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 and a record of the vote for the Closed Session meeting, which was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hunter to approve the Closed Session record of the vote and to approve the regular session minutes with the following changes: Public Works Report, second paragraph, change River of Life Church to Living Water Fellowship. Motion carried.

Comments of Visitors.

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

Department Reports

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Wynne Park. Reported the family of Jerry Cook had donated \$850.00 to Wynne Park for the purchase of a tree and to use any remaining money for beautification of the park.
- Airport Taxiway and Apron Pavement Maintenance. Rice presented design alternatives options from Ryan Lorton, CMT Consulting Engineers. After much discussion, consent was granted from Aldermen for Option Three, which requires the city to develop a Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP), to include removal of trees from the south end of the runway. Rice noted he has spoken with the adjoining landowners, Bob and Connie Smith, who have no objection to the removal of the trees later this year.
- Sales Tax Lawsuit. Held discussion on recent articles in The Columbia Tribune regarding the sales tax lawsuit.
- Enhanced Enterprise Zone. Reported information phase complete and now in the review process.
- Website. Noted Weldy has been working with Jason Warzinik on the updating of the City website. Rice reported the following items have been added: calendar, baseball and softball schedules, meetings and forms. Rice encouraged everyone to view the site.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following item:

- Bills. Presented bills to be paid. Weldy requested to add two bills to the register. Marla Stewart, line item 10-5-151-225 for \$79.78 and Brad's True Value, line item 10-5-151-225 for \$186.29. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hunter to approve bills to be paid with the two requested additions. Motion carried.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Wastewater Facility Upgrade Construction. Stanton presented a list of requested change orders to the Wastewater Facility upgrade. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve change orders item numbers 2, 4 and 6. After much discussion, Alderman Springer requested to withdraw his motion, Alderman Greene consented to withdrawal of motion. After much discussion, Alderman Albers made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept item numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 for change orders to the wastewater facility upgrade construction. Motion approved.
- Gibbs Park. Reported the Living Water Fellowship had installed gravel at the park.
- Cemetery. Noted the City crews have done a good job cleaning up the brushy area of the cemetery and in doing so, have gained more land. Stanton reported he had MJ Survey LLC plat the new area, and gained approximately 154 additional burial plots.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following item:

- Building Activity. Presented the May 2009 building activity report.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Camera. Reported purchase of a new camera for investigations and evidence which is identical to equipment used at a Crime Scene Investigation course at Missouri Southern State University attended by Officers Jason Lacey and David Hubert.
- Underage Drinking Enforcement Checks. Have conducted two underage drinking enforcement checks covered under a grant with the state of Missouri.
- Grant. Reported in the process of applying for a grant to purchase bullet proof vests.
- Advisory Board. Invited to participate with an advisory board at Missouri State University concerning current and future training needs for law enforcement in Missouri.

Committee Reports.

Airport. Alderman Greene noted the committee has not met.

Finance. Alderman Springer requested the committee meet on Monday, July 13, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. for amendments to the 2008/2009 budget.

Parks. Due to the absence of Alderman Tebow, no report was submitted.

Personnel. Due to the absence of Alderwoman Canchola, no report was submitted.

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

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Old Business.

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

New Business.

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

- Alderwoman Millsap reported the Arts Council would be presenting short films on Saturday, June 27, 2009.
- Alderwoman Millsap announced Red White and Boom would be held on Friday, July 3, 2009 and encouraged everyone to attend.

Closed Session.

Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to adjourn to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(2) Real Estate Matters and 610.021(3) Personnel Issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Hunter, Springer, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull, Tebow, Canchola

Motion approved. Meeting adjourned for Closed Session at 7:59 p.m.

Reconvene Meeting.

Meeting reconvened at 9:04 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other items to be discussed. None brought forward.

Adjournment.

Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Shannon Neely, City Clerk