

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY
OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, March 10, 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, Max Springer, Carol Millsap, David Van Pelt. Absent: Randy Short, April Canchola. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator John Rice, City Attorney William Petrus, Jr., 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 Conway to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested any comments from visitors to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forward.

City Administrator Report.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax Lawsuit. Received a letter from Attorney Tom Burcham offering a settlement if city will admit guilt and pay \$6,588.00 for attorney fees on his claim of illegally stacked sales tax. Alderman Conway made a motion, seconded by Alderman Van Pelt to do nothing in regards to the offer of settlement from Tom Burcham. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Short, Canchola

Motion carried.

- Sales Tax Revenue. Presented report reflecting sales tax revenue thru the end of February. Rice noted the revenue is 92.6% compared to last year's revenues.
- Stimulus Money. Reported the Federal Stimulus would cover a 50% share of costs for automatic meter reading equipment.
- FEMA Money. Presented information for funding from FEMA for a grant which will pay for 75% of costs for a "safe house" storm shelter. Rice noted Great Rivers Engineering had offered their services for the grant writing. Rice requested permission to

pursue requests for the Federal Stimulus for automatic meter reading and also with FEMA for the “safe house” shelter. All Aldermen agreed to have Rice pursue for monies with no obligation if the City is accepted.

- Golf Course. Discussed the need for another part-time employee for the golf course.
- Vintage Chevrolet Club. Reported the Vintage Chevrolet Club would be having a Southern Spring Tour with a stop in Mt. Vernon on Wednesday, May 6, 2009.
- Vender Research. Discussed precautions taken to ensure employees are not set-up as vendors and receiving city money. Rice noted Weldy is working on a form for new vendors to complete before any transactions would take place. Rice reported a business registration would be checked with the Missouri State Secretary’s Office, which handles all business registrations.

Public Works Report.

Due to absence of Director of Public Works, Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Notice to Proceed with McClanahan. Discussed the Notice to Proceed for McClanahan Construction to begin work on the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Petrus noted the ordinance for contract gave permission for the Mayor to sign documents.
- Number Five Well. Reported the well was running “hot” and would require the motor be pulled.
- Electric Outage Tuesday March 10, 2009. Reported the re-closure would need to be replaced due to outage at a cost of approximately \$20,000.00. Alderman Van Pelt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve spending \$20,000.00 for replacement of substation re-closure. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented listing of bills to be paid. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Conway to pay bills as presented. Motion carried.
- Bond Called. Reported a Bond at Edward Jones for \$125,000.00 had been called and rolled into the money market account. Weldy also noted interest-earned from the Certificates is in the Money Market account made available another \$17,000.00 which could be included with the investment from the called bond and requested direction for investment. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to invest the called bond amount of \$125,000.00 and the Money Market interest-earned amount of \$17,000.00, a total of \$142,000.00 to be invested with Mid-Missouri Bank for a total of 12 months at 2.15% with securities, without securities invest for a total of 6 months at 1.75%. Motion carried.
- CDARS. Discussed investment with Great Southern Bank in the CDARS program. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Van Pelt to proceed with the 13 week CDARS ladder schedule. After much discussion, Alderman Springer withdrew his motion due to the fact that this was previously voted on and approved at the February 10, 2009 meeting.
- Budget Amendment. Discussed the State Revolving Fund 2008 interest payments. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to amend the budget by taking \$30,000.00 from the Wastewater Account, Professional Fees, 48-5-480-300 and

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to transfer it into the Wastewater Account, Interest Expense SRF 2008, 48-5-480-603.
Motion carried.

Police Report.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Trend Report. Presented a Trend Report in conjunction with other agencies in the area.
- February Activity Report. Presented the monthly Activity Report for February, 2009.
- Under-age Drinking Grant. Awarded an Under-age Drinking Enforcement grant for \$5,000.00
- Department of Justice Grant. Reported had not received confirmation if the city has been awarded the Department of Justice grant.

Committee Reports.

Mayor Eden requested committee reports.

- *Airport.* Alderwoman Canchola absent, no report presented.
- *Finance.* Alderman Springer noted no changes had been made for the Finance Committee Budget meeting schedule.
- *Parks.* Alderman Short absent, no report presented.
- *Personnel.* Alderman Conway reported the Personnel Committee had met and recommended to the Board for consideration during budget meetings that no cost-of-living raises be considered.
- *Public Works.* Alderman Short absent, no report presented.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. Petrus reported he would present an ordinance for a zoning change for West Mt. Vernon Blvd., in which a Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2009.

New Business.

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

Closed Session.

Alderman Van Pelt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Conway 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, Tebow, Springer, Millsap, Van Pelt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Short, Canchola

Motion carried.

Return to regular session.

Council returned to regular session.

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Mayor Eden requested any other unfinished business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forward. Alderman Van Pelt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Shannon Neely, City Clerk