

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, May 26, 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, April Canchola, Max Springer, Carol Millsap and Gary Albers. Absent: Mike Tebow. 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, Assistant Chief of Police David Hubert, Treasurer Shari Weldy and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Public Hearing – Missouri Department of Transportation Grant Section 5311 Assistance

Mayor Eden called to order the public hearing held for the purpose to receive public comment regarding the application for funding assistance with the Missouri Department of Transportation, Section 5311 Transportation Grant. Weldy reported the amount budgeted for grant is as follows: Federal Funds - \$48,736.47; Local Match - \$46,726.48; Fares - \$7,000.00; with total amount budgeted \$102,462.95. Mayor Eden requested any public comment be brought to the floor. None brought forth. Mayor Eden announced public hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda for approval. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to amend the agenda by adding Bill No. 2009-0015 as item number ten. Motion approved.

Presentation of Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Canchola

ABSENT: Tebow

Motion approved.

Comments of Visitors.

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

Amendment to Agenda

Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Albers to amend the agenda by changing the order of the agenda by moving item number eight to item number seven and moving item number seven to item number eight. Motion approved.

Liquor License upgrade – Casey’s General Store.

Neely presented an application from Casey’s General Store, located at 505 E. Mount Vernon Blvd., to upgrade their liquor licenses from malt liquor, original package and Sunday sales, malt liquor, original package to intoxicating liquor, all kinds and Sunday sales, intoxicating liquor, all kinds. Petrus noted this location did not conflict with city ordinances. Hubert reported a background check was performed and resulted in no discrepancies. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hunter to approve liquor license for Casey’s General Store for sale of intoxicating liquor all kinds and Sunday sale of intoxicating liquor all kinds. Motion approved.

Liquor License Renewals.

Neely presented a list of businesses requesting renewal for liquor licenses for July 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2010. Petrus noted these locations did not conflict with city ordinances. Hubert reported background checks were performed and resulted in no discrepancies. Alderman Albers made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to approve liquor license renewals as presented for the term of July 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2010. Motion approved.

Resolution.

**Bill No. (R)2009-0007 re:** A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with BBC Electrical Service, Inc. for work on electrical distribution system was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1<sup>st</sup> reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tebow

Bill No. (R)2009-0007 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2009-0007 thus became Resolution (R)2009-0007.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2009-0015 re: An ordinance to authorize the Mayor to apply for federal financial assistance on behalf of the City of Mt. Vernon and to execute any contract(s) resulting from such application for any grants between the City of Mount Vernon and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating, and/or marketing assistance, comprised of federal funds to be expended for commission approved transit projects was read twice in it’s entirety, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1<sup>st</sup> reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tebow

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2<sup>nd</sup> reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tebow

Bill No. 2009-0015 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2009-0015 thus became Ordinance No. 14.218.

City Administrator Report.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Highlights of previous fiscal year. Presented a hand-out noting projects completed for the 2008/2009 fiscal year.
- Enhanced Enterprise Zone. Noted a public hearing would be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. for the Enhanced Enterprise Zone.
- 2010 Census. Reported attendance to a meeting with the Census regarding the City's role in the 2010 Census. Rice encouraged all citizens to complete the census as population count will affect federal assistance.
- Requested a Personnel Committee meeting to be set by the Chairman. Alderwoman Canchola announced the committee would meet on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at noon.

Treasurer Report.

Weldy held discussion on the following item:

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Hull

ABSENT: Tebow

Motion approved.

Public Works Report.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Substation #3, Miscellaneous Material. Presented a bid summary from Toth & Associates, Inc. regarding bid for miscellaneous materials at Electrical Sub-station #3. Stanton noted KC Utility Packaging, Inc. submitted the low bid at \$48,373.48. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept the bid for miscellaneous materials from KC Utility Packaging at \$48,373.48. Motion approved.
- Street Boring. Presented a request for final pay for road boring from H2 Hostetter Construction Company. Stanton noted this request was to pay for the 10% retainage held until job completion. Stanton reported the engineers had signed off for the completed job. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Canchola to approve final payment of \$2,898.90 to H2 Hostetter Construction Company. Motion approved.

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- **Water Quality Report.** Presented the 2008 Annual Water Quality Report from the Department of Natural Resources. Stanton noted water quality showed no contaminants or violations on health effects.

Planning and Zoning Report.

Conway held discussion on the following item:

- **Activities.** Reported has issued several siding and roofing permits.

Police Report.

With the absence of Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Assistant Chief of Police David Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Click It or Ticket.** Reported the Click-it or Ticket campaign began on May 18, 2009 with the Mt. Vernon Police Department participating.
- **Summer School.** Reported the first day of Summer School was quiet for the department.
- **Mobile radar unit.** Reported the mobile radar unit, which is on-loan from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, is not working.

Committee Report.

- **Airport.** Alderman Greene reported he and Rice had inspected ruts in the field at the Airport and requested the Aldermen consider hiring an individual to brush-hog the outer areas instead of employees using mowers. Rice noted the ruts made the field extremely rough and would damage the mowers. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Canchola to hire an individual to brush-hog the areas away from the runway three to four times per year. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: Hull

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

- **Finance.** Alderman Springer reported the committee had a final meeting on May 18, 2009 and had completed the proposed budget for review. Alderman Springer requested the Board review the proposed budget and present any questions or concerns at the June 9, 2009 Council meeting.
- **Parks.** Rice reported the committee has not met.
- **Personnel.** Alderwoman Canchola reminded the Board of the committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2009 at noon.
- **Public Works/Streets.** Alderman Hull reported the committee has not met.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business brought to the floor for discussion. The following business was discussed:

- **Petrus** held discussion on viscous dog ordinances.

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- Alderman Hunter requested discussion on emergency management. Alderwoman Canchola noted a public meeting for Emergency Management is scheduled for June 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Fire Station.

New Business.

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

Closed Session.

Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to adjourn to close a portion of the meeting pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(1) Litigation Issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tebow

Motion approved. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 8:10 p.m.

Reconvene Meeting.

Meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other items to be discussed. None brought forward.

Adjournment.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Canchola to adjourn meeting. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk