

Minutes approved December 08, 2009

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

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden, with the following roll call recorded: J. N. Greene, Chet Hunter, John Hull, Mike Tebow, Max Springer, Carol Millsap. Absent: April Canchola, Gary Albers. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator John Rice, City Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Treasurer Shari Weldy and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve the agenda as presented, with the exception of Item No. XV, Closed Session. Motion approved.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve minutes as presented. Motion approved.

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested any comments of visitors.

- Miranda Short requested the Board consider adopting an ordinance to prevent minors to sell video games at game exchange businesses and pawn shops unless present with a parent or guardian.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2009-0018 re: An ordinance calling for a general election in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, for the purpose of electing a Mayor for a term of two years and one Alderman from each of the four wards, each for a term of two years, was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1st reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Canchola, Albers

2nd reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Canchola, Albers

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Bill No. 2009-0018 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2009-0018 thus became Ordinance No. 5.156.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Revenue. Reported current revenue and sales tax collections.
- Budget Amendments. Discussed the process of budget amendments.
- Mt. Vernon Medical Rescue. Received a request from Eric Snow to allow the Mount Vernon Medical Rescue to park their unit or to construct a building at the Fire Station to house their vehicle. After much discussion, Mayor Eden requested Mr. Snow attend the next council meeting to answer any questions the Board may have.
- Sales Tax Lawsuit. Commended Petrus for work on the sales tax lawsuit which was dropped by Tom Burcham.
- I-44 Interchange. Reported the opening ceremony interchange dedication would be held on December 14, 2009.
- Sunshine Law Workshop. Reported a Sunshine Law workshop would be held on Monday, November 23, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lawrence County Judicial Center and invited Aldermen to attend.
- Research Center. Reported the University of Missouri would hold a 50th Anniversary reception on December 3, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and requested Aldermen RSVP to Neely if interested in attending.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented bills to be paid and requested permission to pay bills for end of month since the second meeting is cancelled for the Thanksgiving holiday. Weldy noted she has not received statements for end of month bills, but presented an estimate of what the amounts would be. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to pay bills as presented, with addition of end of month bills. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Hunter, Hull, Springer, Millsap

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Tebow

ABSENT: Canchola, Albers

Motion approved.

- Budget Amendment. Requested the Board consider amending the budget due to the installation of the new natural gas heating unit at the Fire Station. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve a budget amendment to the following line items: \$2,000.00 from 10-5-140-225, Bldg./Grounds Maintenance to 10-5-140-500, Utilities. Motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

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- Schreiber Foods, Inc. Reported Schreiber Foods, Inc. has installed a pre-treatment facility, which would be on-line approximately November 23, 2009. Stanton noted this would ease the treatment load at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- Ace Pipe Cleaning. Reported the Notice of Award had been sent to Ace Pipe Cleaning and was awaiting the final paperwork from them.
- Hydrant Flushing. Reported the hydrant flushing was complete. Stanton noted hydrant painting would begin soon.
- Alderwoman Millsap questioned if Stanton had received any input from Missouri Highway and Transportation Department regarding lighting of the Mount Vernon Blvd. Stanton reported he was waiting for Scott Bachman to return his phone call.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Preliminary Site Plans. Reported the Planning and Zoning Commission had reviewed the preliminary site plans from Kum n Go and Wind and Willow.
- Waiver of Requirement. Reported a waiver of requirement for sign placement had been received from Sexton and Associates. Conway noted the Planning and Zoning Commission had recommended the request due to the unique situation of the business location on the square. Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to grant the waiver of requirement and to proceed with process for placement of sign at Sexton and Associate. Motion approved.
- Abandoned Buildings. Reported had completed the mailing of notifications of unsafe structure to Robbie Austin regarding the building located at 317 N. Main Street. Conway requested direction from the Board as to what step to proceed with. After much discussion, Board consented to proceed with hearing for demolition.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- October Statistical Report. Presented the October statistical report.
- Seat Belt Enforcement. Reported the statistics for the Click-it or Ticket enforcement in October.
- Vehicle Thefts. Discussed the increase of vehicle thefts in the Mount Vernon area.
- Statement of Support. Reported the Department had received a statement of support from the National Guard for their support while Officer Thompson is serving in Afghanistan.
- Officer Assistance. Reported city officers had assisted COMET, the area Drug Task Force in two meth labs.

Committee Reports.

Airport. Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

Finance. Alderman Springer reported the committee met to discuss software for the Police department and recommended the city lease software for the remaining fiscal year, and with new budget pay remaining balance.

Parks. Alderman Tebow reported the committee has not met.

Personnel. Rice reported the committee has not met.

Public Works/Streets. Alderman Hull reported the committee has not met.

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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. The following discussion was held:

- Alderman Springer requested discussion on minors selling video games to game exchanges and pawn shops. Petrus noted he would research the request from Short for an ordinance to prohibit minors selling video games without parental permission.

Mayor Eden requested any other business to be discussed. None brought forward.

Closed Session.

Removed from agenda.

Adjournment.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to adjourn meeting. Motion approved, meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Shannon Neely, City Clerk