

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, October 27, 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, Mike Tebow, April Canchola, Max Springer, Gary Albers. Absent: John Hull. 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, Treasurer Shari Weldy and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway.

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda for approval. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve agenda with and amendment to remove Item No. XVI. Closed Session. Motion approved.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 was presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve minutes as presented. Motion approved.

Comments of Visitors.

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

At this point, 7:05 p.m, Alderman Hull arrived at the meeting.

Resolutions.

Bill No. (R)2009-0014 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing execution of a real estate purchase agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and Rick Clark, Trustee of the revocable trust agreement of Rickey D. Clark dated January 3, 2007 for purchase of said trust of Lot 1 in the Northwest Industrial Park was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2009-0014 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2009-0014 thus became Resolution No. (R)2009-0014.

Bill No. (R)2009-0015 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 Ace Pipe Cleaning, Inc. regarding maintenance and inspection of sewer pipes was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2009-0015 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2009-0015 thus became Resolution No. (R)2009-0015.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Single Trash Service. Sent certified letters to area trash hauling companies to begin the process of establishing single service trash hauling for the city.
- Recycling. Reported the first recycling day was Saturday, October 24, 2009, with large participation.
- Dangerous Buildings. Presented a draft of "Procedures for Dangerous Buildings".
- Pet Licensing. Requested discussion on proposed pet license.
- Census. Discussed the importance the census count and how it affects funding by population. Rice noted a representative from the Census Bureau would be located at City Hall for a month in April, 2010 to assist citizens with the form.
- Employee Probation. Recommended the promotion of Bruce Conway from probation to full-time status, effective November 18, 2009. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to remove Conway from probation to full-time employee status, effective November 18, 2009. Motion approved.
- November/December Council Meetings. Requested Aldermen consider one meeting in November and December due to the holidays. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to cancel council meeting for November 24, 2009 and December 22, 2009. Motion approved.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following item:

- Bills. Presented bills to be paid. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to pay bills as presented. Motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Spirit of 76 Park. Reported new gates have been installed at the Spirit of 76 Park.
- Halloween Egg Hunt. Reported the 3rd Annual Halloween Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, October 24, 2009 with approximately 70 children attending.

Planning and Zoning.

Due to absence of Conway, no report was submitted.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Special Use Permit. Discussed Special Use Permit for fireworks display during home varsity high school football games. Mayor Eden directed Petrus to prepare an ordinance to present for approval at the November 10, 2009 meeting
- Compliance Checks. Officers conducted compliance checks at different alcohol selling establishments, with all being 100% compliant.
- Employee Training. Officers Romine and Cobb are attending a State Crime Scene Investigator course, which is reimbursed by the Lawrence County Prosecutor's Office. Earnest noted at the completion of this training, four officers will be C.S.I. certified.
- Click-It or Ticket. Officers completing the Click-It or Ticket program, which expires October 31, 2009.
- Office Swap. Police Department is in the process of moving offices, with Stanton and Conway moving to Chief of Police Office and the General Police Office. Earnest will move to Stanton's office with Hubert and Lacey moving to Conway's office.
- Software. Discussed updating the department's software, which was installed in 1998. Earnest noted any queries on records management program is time-consuming. Earnest presented a bid from Enterpol at \$23,460.00 with a yearly support fee of \$4,355. Alderman Springer scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 12:00 p.m., to discuss purchase or financing of software.

Committee Reports.

Airport. Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

Finance. Alderman Springer noted a meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.

Parks. Alderman Tebow reported the committee had met prior to the council meeting with the following items discussed:

- Golf Fees. Committee recommends golf fees to remain the same, except add Twilight Fees \$20.00, to include cart, May thru September.
- Signage. Reported the Committee had discussed and does not recommend the installation of a sign at the entrance to the course, with businesses purchasing advertising space. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Canchola to allow installation of sign with advertising from businesses. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: None

NOES: Greene, Hunter, Hull, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Millsap, Albers.

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None.

Motion denied.

Personnel. Alderwoman Canchola reported the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2009 had been cancelled.

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

Old Business.

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

- Alderwoman Millsap reported discussion had been held in the past regarding lighting of Mount Vernon Blvd. and requested with the new interchange and five lanes, improved lighting is needed. Mayor Eden requested Stanton contact Missouri Department of Transportation to begin discussion of this topic.
- Firework Sales. Alderman Albers requested discussion on the sale of fireworks inside the city limits. Rice reported the Fire Chief was concerned with the storage of unsold fireworks and that the sales would not be held inside of a building. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap directing Petrus to prepare an ordinance to allow sales within the city limits.
- Petrus reported the Sales Tax lawsuit was in the process of being dismissed due to legislation.

New Business.

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

Adjournment.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Canchola to adjourn meeting. Motion approved, meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Shannon Neely