

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2009.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden, with the following roll call vote recorded: J.N. Greene, Chet Hunter, John Hull, Mike Tebow, April Canchola, Max Springer, Carol Millsap and 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, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Assistant Chief of Police David Hubert, Treasurer Shari Weldy and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Agenda

Mayor Eden presented the agenda for approval. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve the agenda with an amendment to item XV. Closed Session, remove Section 610.021(1) Litigation and Section 610.021(2) Real Estate. Motion approved.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Millsap

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

Comments of Visitors.

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

Fireworks Sales Discussion.

Jared Lankford noted the current ordinances do not allow the sale of fireworks inside the city limits and requested the Board consider changing to allow sales. Lankford noted a tax is collected by the state of Missouri for the sales of fireworks, which is revenue the city is missing out on.

**Department Reports.**

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Recycling. Requested permission to hire Brent Bacon to run recycling program on the second and fourth Saturday of each month, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., starting October 24, 2009. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to

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approve hiring Brent Bacon on a part-time basis to man the recycling program. Motion approved.

- Curb-side Waste. Requested Aldermen reconsider participating in the curb-side waste collection. Mayor Eden reported he was concerned with the amount of traffic from different companies on the streets for pick-up. Rice noted he would research and discuss at a later meeting.
- Cat Problem. Discussed licensing of cats and dogs.
- Portable Hazardous Waste Management. Reported a 100% grant from the Southwest Solid Waste Management for a portable hazardous waste material facility at an approximate cost of \$40,000.00 for the facility. Rice noted this facility would accept paint, used oil and other hazardous waste items, with an annual expense of approximately seven to eight thousand dollars for the city. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to authorize Rice to pursue grant. Motion approved.

### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented bills to be paid. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to pay bills as presented with the addition of the following bills:
  - KC Utility Packaging Inc.  
41-1-156 Construction in Progress (Light Fund) \$8,687.34
  - The Title Place  
10-5-112-370 Contract Labor \$300.00

Motion approved.

### Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Large Rainfall. Reported no problems during large rainfall.
- Fire Station Heating Unit. Presented a bid tab for replacement of a faulty heating unit at the Fire Station. Bids received for a completely installed unit are: All Year Heating - \$2,277.00 and 4K - \$2,390.00. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve purchase of heating unit from All-Year Heating for \$2,277.00 complete install. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: Millsap

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

### Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Abandoned Properties. Reported completion of two title searches for 317 and 422 North Main Street for the abandoned property process.

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- Property Clean Up. Clean-up of property located at 309 North Main Street is completed.
- Seminar/Training. Requested permission to attend training in St. Louis provided by the National Fire Protection Agency, October 26, thru October 30. Noted training cost is \$1,200.00, but would need additional funds for motel and food, which would be a total of approximately \$1,700.00. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow granting Conway permission to attend training. Motion approved.

### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Burglaries. Reported several burglaries were solved which involved a group of juveniles.

### Committee Reports.

**Airport.** Alderman Greene reported the committee had met on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at the Airport to observe and discuss placement of gate. Alderman Greene noted the committee decided a fence would also be needed to block entry onto the Airport and requested placement of signs marking no parking.

**Finance.** Alderman Springer noted the Committee has not met. Rice reported the auditors worked on the audit for the week of September 14 thru 18, with an exit interview held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009.

**Parks.** Alderman Tebow reported the committee had met on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 to discuss a slide for the Spirit of 76 Swimming Pool.

**Personnel.** Alderwoman Canchola reported the committee has not met, but would have discussion in the Closed Session portion of this meeting.

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

### Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business. None brought forth.

### New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business. The following discussion was held.

- Hunter requested discussion on unlicensed vehicles and travel trailers parked on private property. Hubert reported the Police Department has been working on a list and have contacted homeowners.

### Closed Session.

Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow 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, Hunter, Hull, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved, meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:59 p.m.

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Reconvene

Meeting reconvened at 8:16 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other item for discussion to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to adjourn meeting. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk