

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, September 8, 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, Gary Albers. Absent: Carol Millsap. The following City personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator John Rice, City Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Treasurer Shari Weldy and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Director of Public Works Gene Stanton.

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., remove RSMo, 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, August 25, 2009 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Hull

ABSENT: Millsap

Motion approved.

Comments of Visitors.

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

Request for Waiver of Requirements – Mark Overturf.

Conway presented an application for a request for waiver of requirements for a parcel of property located behind 713 thru 731 Gibbs Avenue. Conway reported the request was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 with the Commission recommending the council approve this request. After much discussion, Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to grant the request of waiver of request by Mark Overturf for the specified location. Motion approved.

City Administrator Report.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- 1999 Crown Victoria Police Car. Reported the vehicle is not operable and requested permission to sell it. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hunter to permit sale of 1999 Crown Victoria Police Car. Motion approved.

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- **Cat Problem.** Discussed complaints from residents regarding cats. Rice reported he had researched several options such as spaying and neutering. Rice requested input as to how to handle the increasing numbers of cats. Alderwoman Canchola requested research of licensing pets.
- **New Substation.** Reported the new substation was approximately \$400,000.00 under budget and requested to use approximately \$16,679.00 toward bringing on a fourth circuit at the new substation, which currently is set up for three. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Canchola to order a change-order to the contract for \$16,679.00 to bring on a fourth circuit at the new substation. Motion approved.
- **Extended Service from New Substation.** Discussed extending service from the new substation to include the high school, intermediate school and the Missouri Rehabilitation Center to relieve the load from the old substation. Rice reported with the project being under budget, the cost of the additional expense to extend would be covered. Alderman Hull noted the Public Works Committee recommended the extension. With a consensus of the Aldermen, approval was given to proceed with the extension.
- **Budget Surplus.** Reported the Public Works committee had held discussion on using some of the budget surplus for street paving and recommended Rice obtain estimates from Blevins Asphalt for paving of additional streets. With a consensus of the Aldermen, approval was given to proceed to obtain an estimate with Blevins Asphalt.
- **Wastewater Treatment Facility.** Reported the Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade was under budget and held discussion on using the surplus to camera and catalog the collection system, which is a requirement of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following item:

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

Public Works.

Due to absence of Stanton, no report was submitted.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- **Misty Creek Subdivision.** Discussed a ditch located in Misty Creek in which have received complaints on maintaining. Petrus reported he had researched the covenants for Misty Creek and the ditch should belong to them.
- **Abandoned Property.** Reported a title search should be part of the policy for abandoned properties. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to include a title search in process of abandoned properties.
- **Certified Mail.** Discussed certified mailing for nuisance and abandoned properties.

Police

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- **Statistic Report.** Presented the August 2009 statistic report.

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- MoDot Click-it or Ticket Program. Reported the department would be participating in the MoDot Click-it or Ticket Enforcement Program, in which MoDot pays for the officer's overtime.
- Accidents. Reported two of four accidents in August were due to confusion of the widened Business Loop.
- H1N2 Policy. Reported working on policy for the pandemic flu.

Committee Reports.

Airport. Alderman Greene reported the committee had met on August 27, 2009, with the following items discussed: 1) recommended Freefall Skydiving rent remain the same. 2) Current mowing will remain the same.

Finance. Alderman Springer reported the committee has not met.

Parks. Alderman Tebow reported the committee has not met.

Personnel. Alderwoman Canchola reported the committee met on September 1, 2009.

Public Works/Streets. Alderman Hull reported the committee met on August 28, 2009.

Old Business.

Alderman Albers requested discussion on the stimulus refund plan. Discussion was held.

New Business.

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

Closed Session.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Millsap

Motion approved, meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:05 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened at 8:26 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other item for discussion to be brought to the floor. Alderwoman Canchola requested discussion of 1999 Crown Victoria police vehicle. After much discussion, Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to donate 1999 Crown Victoria police vehicle to Mount Vernon Project Graduation for a fundraiser. Motion approved.

Mayor Eden requested any other discussion, none brought forth.

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Adjournment.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to adjourn meeting. Motion approved, meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Shannon Neely, City Clerk