

Minutes Approved January 26, 2010

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY
OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 7:08 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, April Canchola, Max Springer, Carol Millsap, Gary Albers. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator John Rice, City Attorney William Petrus, 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 Hull to approve agenda with the following changes:

- Remove Item VII. Auditor's Report.
- Remove Item XII. Bill No. 2010-0001.
- Remove Item XIII. Bill No. 2010-0002.
- Add Item XIII. – Bill No. 2010-0003
- Move Public Works Report (Item XVI) to Item XV, and Treasurer Report (Item XV) to Item XVI.
- Remove Item XXII. Closed Session.

Motion approved.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve minutes as presented with an addition in the opening paragraph, roll call vote, add Alderwoman April Canchola as present. Motion approved.

Comments of Visitors.

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

Discussion of Stop Sign – Cherry Street and S. East Street.

Kay Henry, Jack Warren and Jack Turner requested discussion on the stop signs, which were moved from S. East St. for north and south bound traffic and placed on Cherry St. for east and west bound traffic. Mr. Warren stated the move of the stop signs at the new location was more of a safety concern to traffic due to the trees on Mr. Turner's property. Alderman Tebow requested Stanton and Earnest review the location for safety issues and report their findings at the next council meeting.

Liquor License.

Mayor Eden presented a request for Sale of Intoxicating Liquor, all kinds and Sunday Sales, Intoxicating Liquor, all kinds, licenses for Circle K Site #333, which is located at 105 W. Hwy. 174, Mount Vernon, MO. Petrus reported the location did not conflict with city zoning and had no impediments. Earnest reported a background check had been conducted and resulted in no discrepancies. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to approve

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request for liquor license for sale of intoxicating liquor, all kinds and Sunday Sales, intoxicating liquor, all kinds to Circle K, Site #333, 105 W. Hwy. 174, Mount Vernon, MO. Motion approved.

Resolutions.

Bill No. (R)2010-0001 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing execution of a 911 Dispatch agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and Lawrence County 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)2010-0001 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2010-0001 thus became Resolution No. (R)2010-0001.

Bill No. (R)2010-0002 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing execution of contract for sale of real estate as buyer to purchase property located at 317 N. Main, known as the former Ice House 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)2010-0002 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2010-0002 thus became Resolution No. (R)2010-0002.

Bill No. (R)2010-0003 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri adopting the City of Mount Vernon Transportation Substance Abuse Policy 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)2010-0003 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2010-0003 thus became Resolution No. (R)2010-0003.

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Ordinances.

Bill No. 2010-0003 re: An ordinance granting an exception or waiver of requirement at 103 North Market regarding sign location and size was read twice in it's entirety, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1st Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2nd Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2010-0001 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2010-0001 thus became Ordinance No. 2.141.

Public Hearing.

Mayor Eden set a public hearing for Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss amending the Municipal Code, Chapter 405, Zoning Regulations, Article VI, Use Regulations by amending Section 405.450 (B)(2)(C) pertaining to non-residential accessory uses. The hearing will be held at the Planning and Zoning meeting.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Rental House. Reported the tenant at the City's rental house, located at 10285 Hwy. 39, had moved out and Rice has open-listed the property for sale. Rice noted sale would include approximately 18 acres and the house at \$130,000.00.
- Salute to Missouri Legislatures. Reported he would be attending the 2010 Salute to Missouri Legislatures on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.
- Sales Tax Revenue. Reported the Sales Tax revenue was down by 3.5% for January 2010.
- Census. Reported he and Neely had attended a Census meeting on Monday, January 11, 2010 at Verona, Missouri.
- Membership. Discussed the rising costs of health insurance and preventative measures for healthier employees. Requested the Aldermen consider allowing the city to pay for half the costs for gym memberships to employees and Aldermen. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hunter to pay \$12.50 toward employee and Aldermen memberships at health clubs for a period of two months. Motion approved.
- Transportation/Inclement Weather. Reported the city taxi service had been suspended during the recent inclement weather.

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- Agreement. Presented an agreement with the City of Mount Vernon and the Mount Vernon Rescue to house the Medical Response vehicle at the Fire Station.
- City Council Work Session. Requested the Council Work Session for Tuesday, January 26, 2010 be held at the Fire Station, starting at 6:30 p.m.
- Technology Meeting. Reported the Technology Committee had met on Monday, January 11, 2010. Rice noted discussion was held on security, replacement of equipment, back-up of server off-site and future technology needs. Rice reported the committee recommended purchasing a new server and using the current server for the Police Department. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to purchase a new server for use in administration and utilities and transfer the current server to the Police Department. Motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Request for Final Payment. Presented a request for final payment from B & L Electric, \$44,335.25 for completion of the electric substation. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to authorize the Mayor to sign final close-out papers and to pay request for final payment for \$44,335.25. Motion approved.
- Inclement Weather. Reported due to the inclement weather, short dead-end streets were not plowed and salted. Stanton noted if they had been plowed and not salted, it would have caused them to be a safety-hazard. Stanton reported calls for frozen pipes were minimum.
- Electric Status Report. Reported the Electric Department had set 91 poles and changed-out 113 transformers during the year of 2009.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented bills to be paid. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve bills to be paid. Motion approved.
- Investments. Reported bid requests were sent for investments up to \$418,406.61. Weldy noted \$30,033.14, Industrial Development, must be kept as a separate bid. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to open a CDAR account for Industrial Development for \$30,033.14 at 1.05%, renewable every 13 weeks. Motion approved.
Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to open a CDAR account, Light Fund for \$140,000.00 at 1.05% interest, renewable every 13 weeks, re-invest \$244,746.79 in a Certificate of Deposit at Great Southern at 1.55% interest for six months and deposit remainder \$3,626.68 into Money Market account at Edward Jones for investment of another Certificate of Deposit which will be maturing on January 22, 2010. Motion approved.
- Utility Write-Offs. Presented a list of delinquent utility accounts totaling \$47,825.33. Weldy requested permission to write-off past due balances, per recommendation from auditors with Davis, Lynn and Moots. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to write-off non-collected utility accounts, for the period of 1991 thru October 2, 2004 for \$47,825.33. Motion approved.

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Planning and Zoning.

A public hearing will be conducted at the next regular meeting in February.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- December Statistical Report. Presented the Police Activity report for December.
- End Year Report. Presented the Police End of Year statistical year for 2009.
- Inclement Weather. Reported no weather related accidents during the inclement weather.
- Grant Workshop. Reported Assistant Chief of Police David Hubert and he would be attending a grant workshop on Thursday, January 14, 2010 in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Alderman Canchola reported she had called the Animal Control Officer to pick up a cat and was told the City had no holding facilities to house cats. Earnest confirmed the Animal Control Officer's response for no holding facilities for cats.

Alderman Millsap requested discussion on burn permits and what is allowed to be burned. Earnest noted to report trash burned, she would need to call himself or the Fire Chief.

Committee Reports.

Airport. Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

Finance. Alderman Springer reported the committee has not met.

Parks. Alderman Tebow reported the committee has not met.

Personnel. Alderman Canchola reported the committee has not met.

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

Old Business.

None

New Business.

None

Adjournment.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to adjourn meeting. Motion approved, meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Shannon Neely, City Clerk