

Minutes approved March 9, 2010

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 7:05 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, Attorney William Petrus, 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. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve agenda with an amendment to Item XVII, remove RSMo, Section 610.021(1), Litigation and RSMo, Section 610.021(3) Personnel Issues. Motion approved.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOE: None

ABSTAIN: Millsap

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested any comments from visitors. No one came forth.

McCanse Street Parking – Public Input.

Mayor Eden opened the floor for discussion prohibiting parking on designated streets. Alderman Albers reported discussion was held at the Public Works Committee meeting to designate streets for “no parking” and the committee recommended using McCanse Street as a starting point, with parking not allowed on the east side of the street. Rice, Stanton and Earnest reported they have not received any input from the public in favor or against no parking on McCanse Street. Alderman Albers made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to proceed with posting no parking signs prohibiting parking on the east side of street on McCanse Street, from the Business Loop to East Center Street. Motion approved.

Mayor Appointment – Planning and Zoning Commission

Mayor Eden submitted the following for appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Dennis Thrasher, David W. Eden, D.F. Eukel, term to end December, 2010; Louis Woody, James Dennis, term to end December 2011; Matt Lee, John Hull, term to end December 2012.

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Alderswoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to accept Mayor's appointments for Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion approved.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2010-0005 re: An ordinance adding amending the Municipal Code to change the fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year was read twice by title only, 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. 2010-0005 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2010-0005 thus became Ordinance No. 1.251.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Empire Contract. Discussed the Empire District Electric Company contract renewal, which was addressed during the study session preceding the council meeting.
- Golf Cart Contract. Sent bids for golf cart supplier at the Mount Vernon Municipal Golf Course and will present at the second meeting in March.
- Cleaning Contract. Sent bids for cleaning services at City Hall. Rice noted B-Clean Janitorial Services had responded with the lowest bid and would start April 1, 2010.
- Petty Cash Procedures. Reported had met with Jerald Giesler at Liberty Bank regarding proper procedure for Petty Cash Reimbursement. Rice noted will process check payable to Petty Cash, but must be signed by an authorized signature for the City of Mount Vernon.
- Ace Pipe Cleaning. Ace Pipe Cleaning will show a presentation at the City Council Work Session on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
- Council Meetings. Held discussion regarding other cities holding council meetings at 6:00 p.m.
- Hazardous Mitigation Meeting. Reported the Hazardous Mitigation plan is almost complete and would be viewable at www.smcogamissouristate.edu. Rice noted this plan will allow the city to piggy-back with Lawrence County for hazardous mitigation.
- Mayor Eden congratulated Rice on receiving the 2010 Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award on Saturday, February 20, 2010.

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Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented bills to be paid. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve bills as presented. Motion approved.
- Budget Amendment. Requested an amendment to the budget for purchase of new server for Administration. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve amendment to the budget for 10-5-110-010 Capital Asset Additions from \$18,050.00 to \$25,995.87. Motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Ace Pipe Cleaning. Reported Ace Pipe Cleaning had completed 292 line segments, man-hole to man-hole, which is approximately 65,000 to 70,000 lineal feet. Stanton noted one problem found was that taps to the lines were not flush with the pipe, but Ace Pipe Cleaning will cut the taps flush with the pipes, which should alleviate future problems.
- Business Loop Lighting. Reported Alderwoman Millsap, Stanton and Rice had met with representatives from Missouri Transportation Department regarding lighting of the Business Loop from Interstate Interchange 46 to the West City limits, which is approximately 1.7 miles. Stanton reported the estimated cost to the city would be \$400,000.00, with the MoDot providing the engineering, letting of the bids and construction administration. Alderwoman Millsap noted a safety concern with the current lighting is the difficulty to see during rain. Alderman Springer suggested the city consider installing solar powered lighting, to alleviate operational costs. Rice noted research would continue on financing such a project and would seek public input.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following item:

- Requested permission to attend the International Residential Code training session in Dallas, Texas. Conway noted cost of the training is \$780.00, not including travel, accommodations and meals. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hunter to allow Conway \$2,000.00 for training and expenses to attend the International Residential Code training, March 15, 2010 thru March 19, 2010. Motion approved.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Business Loop Lighting. Reported that although the lighting is a safety issue on the Business Loop, the city has not had a vehicle accident in the past 56 days.
- Training. Discussed the importance of providing training to the Animal Control Officer.
- MoDot Enforcement Campaigns. Reported as a result of the city's participation in enforcement campaigns, the city has been entered into a Missouri Department of Transportation drawing for such items as new patrol car, emergency lights, radar equipment and DWI enforcement instruments.
- Grant. Reported the department has been awarded a grant for underage drinking enforcement from the Missouri Department of Public Safety for \$11,640.00.

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- Enhanced Enforcement Projects. Reported the department would be participating in a seat belt enforcement project and a DWI enforcement project during the month of March.

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 met earlier in the day and discussed the installation of a slide at the Spirit of 76 Park Swimming Pool. Alderman Tebow noted a three-flume slide could be installed for \$10,800.00, with city crews doing the installation. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Canchola to proceed with purchase of three-flume slide from Miracle Playground Equipment for \$10,800.00.

Personnel. Alderwoman Canchola reported the committee had met, but had nothing to report.

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

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business. Petrus held discussion on State Statutes regarding inspection and permitting of amusement rides.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business. None brought forward.

Closed Session.

Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to close a portion of the meeting pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(2) Real Estate. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:00 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from closed session at 8:25 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other discussion. None brought forward.

Adjournment.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to adjourn meeting. Motion approved, meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Shannon Neely, City Clerk