

Minutes approved April 13, 2010

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

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Max Springer, with the following roll call recorded: J.N. Greene, Chet Hunter, Mike Tebow, April Canchola, Carol Millsap, Gary Albers. Absent: Mayor David W. Eden and John Hull. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator John Rice, 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.

Chairman of the Board Springer presented the agenda for approval. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve the agenda with an amendment to remove Item No. XIV. Closed Session. With all present members voting in favor, Chairman of the Board Springer declared the motion approved.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Chairman of the Board Springer declared the motion approved.

At 7:06 p.m. Alderman Hull arrived at the meeting.

Comments of Visitors.

Chairman of the Board Springer requested any comments from visitors. Robert Feisthamel reported he had crashed his airplane on March 18, 2010 and would be required to make repairs and undergo an investigative procedure with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). Robert Feisthamel requested the Aldermen grant him permission to use the city open-hangar for approximately two weeks with a rental fee of \$130.00. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to grant request from Robert Feisthamel for use of the city hangar. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Millsap, Albers

NOES: Greene, Hunter, Hull

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

With all members present voting, Chairman of the Board Springer declared the motion approved.

Proclamation.

Chairman of the Board Springer read into the record in its entirety, a proclamation commending the Mount Vernon High School Girls Varsity Basketball team on their first place win for 3A Missouri State title, on March 20, 2010.

## **Department Reports.**

### City Administrator

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Budget Schedule. Requested input from Finance committee regarding the schedule for the budget meetings.
- City Web Site. Requested Board to review the City of Lebanon, Missouri's web site. Rice noted the web designer was Civic Plus and would like to consider using them to improve the accessibility of the City of Mount Vernon's web site.
- MACA Conference. Requested permission to allow Toni Buttram to attend the MACA conference, May 24 thru 27, 2010, at Tan-Tar-A Lodge in Osage Beach, Missouri. Rice noted the cost of the conference would be \$250.00, plus additional price for lodging, food and travel. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to allow Toni Buttram to attend MACA Conference. With all present members voting in favor, Chairman of the Board Springer declared the motion approved.
- City Administrator Meeting. Attended a City Administrator meeting which discussion was held on the Missouri Fair Tax proposal. Rice noted Ed Emory, sponsor of the Fair Tax was present for discussion.
- Golf Cart Bid. Presented golf cart bids to the Board, with a recommendation to contract for one year with Burton & Sons at \$6,000.00 annual. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hunter to award contract for golf cart rental for one year to Burton & Sons. With all present members voting in favor, Chairman Springer declared the motion approved.

### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items.

- Bills. Chairman of the Board Springer reported the Finance committee had met and recommended the Treasurer no longer present bills to the Board for approval, but to follow the Purchasing Manual, which was originally approved by council in 2002, and allow approval of bills to be handled by the City Administrator. Rice noted a summary of bills paid would be presented to the Board for review on a monthly basis.
- February Treasurer Report. Presented the February Treasurer Report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Millsap requested clarification on what was being voted on. After much discussion, Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to accept the February Treasurer Report as presented. With all present members voting in favor of motion, Chairman Springer declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Presented a bid tab for a Certificate of Deposit which matured on March 18, 2010 and a Money Market Account, for a total available amount to invest of \$51,792.55. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Canchola to invest \$51,792.55 with Mid-Missouri Bank at 1.50% interest for twelve months. With all present members voting in favor, Chairman of the Board Springer declared the motion approved.
- FYI. Reported had invested \$257,334.91 at Mid-Missouri Bank, at 1.5% interest, which council had given previous approval to invest.

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### Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Weekend Snow Storm. Reported no outages or problems during the weekend snow storm. Discussed the upgrades on the electrical system have paid off, with only nine hours of employee overtime reported since January, 2010.
- McCanse Street Paving. Blevins Asphalt Company will begin paving McCanse Street in approximately two weeks. Requested the Board allow spending of \$4,500.00 to pave Valley View, from McCanse Street to Walnut Street. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve paving of Valley View. With all present members voting in favor, Chairman of the Board Springer declared the motion approved.
- Ice House Demolition. Reported Sunbelt Environmental Services had conducted asbestos testing on the Ice House and when results are received, he would include in the bid packet for demolition. Stanton noted the bid packet would also address the specifications for lead paint removal. Rice noted the city crews had been clearing the property.

### Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Seminar. Discussed his attendance to the International Residential Building Course seminar in Dallas, Texas.
- Public Hearing. Reported the Planning and Zoning Commission would hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for zoning change on the city rental house, located at 10285 Highway 39, and other additional text changes.
- American Inn. Reported the sale and closing of the American Inn property has been finalized.
- Discussion was held regarding new requirements for removal of lead paint.

### Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- MoDot Grant. Reported the MoDot grant was awarded to the city for \$7,274.00 for equipment purchase, with the city share to be \$586.00. Earnest noted he would be purchasing two radar units, six portable breathalyzers and emergency lighting for a patrol unit.
- DWI Enforcement. Reported his department had participated in a DWI Enforcement Action on March 12, 2010 thru March 14, 2010. Earnest noted officers stopped a total of 43 vehicles during the sixteen hours worked.
- Seminar. Reported Assistant Chief of Police David Hubert and he had attended a Traumas in Law Enforcement training session in St. Louis, Missouri, March 15<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Statistical Report. Presented a statistical report the department had used for the equipment grant from MoDot.

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Committee Reports.

*Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

*Finance.* Chairman of the Board Springer reported the committee had met and presented the minutes from the meeting for review.

*Parks.* Alderman Tebow reported the committee had met earlier in the evening and had received a request from Diane Simmons to hold a swap meet on April 17, 2010 at the Spirit of 76 Park parking lot. Ms. Simmons noted the money would be used to purchase playground equipment for the Shafer Street Park. Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to grant request from Diane Simmons. With all present members voting in favor, Chairman of the Board Springer declared the motion approved.

*Personnel.* Alderwoman Canchola reported the committee had met earlier in the evening to review applications for the seasonal mowing at the parks. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to hire Dan Egelston to fill the seasonal mowing position in the Parks Department. With all present members voting in favor, Chairman of the Board Springer declared the motion approved.

*Public Works/Streets.* Alderman Hull reported the committee had met earlier in the evening to discuss the CIP project. Rice requested another meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. for more public input on major projects for the CIP.

Old Business.

- Chairman of the Board Springer requested when installation of the “No Parking” signs would be installed on McCanse Street. Stanton reported Public Works would install the signs upon completion of the paving of McCanse Street.
- Alderman Albers requested status of a Mission Statement. Rice reported he was currently working on it.

New Business.

Chairman of the Board Springer requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Chairman of the Board Springer declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk