

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, April 27, 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, Lowell Phillips, Mike Tebow, April Canchola, Max Springer. Absent: John Hull, 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, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Treasurer Shari Weldy and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Agenda.

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

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on April 13, 2010 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve minutes with a correction to the Department Reports, Planning and Zoning, Bullet One, change M-1 to M-3. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested any comments from visitors.

John Daugherty, a representative from ITRON, held a presentation on hand-held meter-reading units. Discussion was held.

Public Issue.

Sherry Bollinger addressed the Council on the subject of public predators. Ms. Bollinger noted she is dealing with this on a very personal level and pleaded with the council to press forward all sexual predator cases in the court system.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2010-0007 Re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code, at Section 405.120 regarding minimum lot sizes for zoning designations "A-R" Agricultural-Residential District was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1st Reading:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Tebow, Canchola, Springer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull, Millsap, Albers

2nd Reading:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Tebow, Canchola, Springer,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull, Millsap, Albers

Bill No. 2010-0007 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2010-0007 thus became Ordinance No. 2.142.

Bill No. 2010-0008 Re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 405.450 (V)(1) regarding minimum size of single-family detached residences was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1st Reading:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Tebow, Canchola, Springer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull, Millsap, Albers

2nd Reading:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Tebow, Canchola, Springer,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull, Millsap, Albers

Bill No. 2010-0008 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2010-008 thus became Ordinance No. 2.143.

Bill No. 2010-0009 Re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 405.450 (B)(3)(b) regarding interior setbacks for accessory structure was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1st Reading:

AYES: Phillips, Tebow, Canchola, Springer,

NOES: Greene

ABSTAIN: None

ABDENT: Hull, Millsap, Albers

Bill No. 2010-0009 was declared failed by Mayor Eden.

Bill No. 2010-0010 Re: An ordinance changing zoning designation of one (1) tract of real estate from R-1 Single-Family Residential to R-2 Two-Family Residential district and directing change to be indicated on the district map, as adopted by the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1st Reading:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Tebow, Canchola, Springer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull, Millsap, Albers

2nd Reading:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Tebow, Canchola, Springer,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull, Millsap, Albers

Bill No. 2010-0010 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2010-0010 thus became Ordinance No 2.144.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Citizen Survey. Requested the Board consider conducting citizen surveys every three years, which would allow more informative and scientific-based feedback.
- Utility Rates. Presented a comparison of area utility rate increases.
- Liberty Bank TAG Account. Reported that due to economic difficulties, FDIC will guarantee accounts if Liberty will pay 0.25 or less, effective July 1, 2010. Rice requested direction from the Board as to re-bid the TAG account. Alderman Springer noted the same rate would apply at different institutions and to remain with Liberty Bank. Board unanimously agreed.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented a report for paid bills.
- Budget Amendment. Requested an amendment to the budget for a request of payment for Blevins Asphalt Paving Co., Inc., paving of McCanse Street, B & B Transformer, Inc., for repairs to Schreiber Foods, Inc., back-up transformers and election expenses for the general election. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to amend budget with increase to Account 10-5-130-010, Street Capital Asset Additions, increase \$34,068.39 and Account 41-5-410-237 Transformer Replacements, increase \$6,035.00 and Account 10-5-110-330, Election Expenses, \$1,237.88. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Tebow, Springer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Canchola

ABSENT: Hull, Millsap, Albers

With all present members voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Professional Services. Reported the cleaning and televising of the sewer-collection system is near completion. Stanton noted the data will be used by Archer Engineering to prepare an addendum to the Wastewater Facility Plan addressing the infiltration and inflow reduction within system. Stanton added the I & I reduction is required by the Department of Natural Resources. Stanton reported costs would be reimbursed by the SRF money. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to proceed with professional services provided by Archer Engineering for the wastewater conveyance system rehabilitation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Ace Pipe Cleaning. Reported Ace Pipe Cleaning was near completion, having televised and cleaned approximately 133,375 feet of pipe. Stanton noted city crews were unaware of some of these lines, which added more line to clean and televise than what was originally estimated. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to allow payment over original amount agreed upon to finish project. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Hand-Held Meter Reading. Presented a bid tab for hand-held meter reading units. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to award bid to Utility Solutions. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- City Cemetery. Presented a survey for additional lots at the City Cemetery and requested comments for discussion. Petrus reported an ordinance accepting the survey would be presented at the next Board meeting.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- American Inn. Process of removing asbestos, siding and flooring were in process at the old American Inn building.
- Lead Paint Abatement Class. Would be attending a lead paint abatement class on May 5, 2010.

Mayor Eden commended Conway for letter to the editor in the Lawrence County Record alerting citizens of changes in treatment of lead-base paint removal.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Return to Duty. Reported Corporal Josh Thompson would be returning to duty on May 3, 2010, which would bring the department back to full staff.
- Overtime Hours. Noted the department had accumulated 1,098 hours of overtime during the 2009 year.
- Equipment. Department acquired three Dell military grade laptop computers thru a grant which Assistant Chief of Police David Hubert applied for. Earnest noted there is no charge to the city.

- Grant Status. Noted he still has not received any notification on two grants he applied for from the Missouri Department of Safety, which would allow approximately \$50,000.00 of needed equipment for the department.

Committee Reports.

- **Airport.** Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- **Finance.** Alderman Springer reported the committee has met twice for budget hearings, with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., in the City Administrator's office.
- **Parks.** Alderman Tebow reported the committee had met earlier in the evening with Marla Stewart, Pool Manager, requesting pool fees to be raised as follows:

Sunbathers (non-swimmers)	\$3.00
5 & up	\$3.00
Individual Season Pass	\$75.00
Family Season Pass	\$175.00

Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to grant request for pool fees. With all present members voting ~~in favor~~ ^{in favor}, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- **Personnel.** Alderwoman Canchola reported the committee has not met.
- **Public Works/Streets.** No report submitted.

Old Business.

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

New Business.

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

Adjournment.

Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Canchola to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


 Shannon Neely, City Clerk