

Minutes approved June 8, 2010

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden, with the following roll call recorded: J. N. Greene, Lowell Phillips, 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, Assistant Chief of Police David Hubert, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Treasurer Shari Weldy and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Public Hearing – Missouri Department of Transportation Grant Section 5311 Assistance
At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Eden opened the public hearing. Weldy reported the amount budgeted for grant is as follows: Federal Funds - \$31,127.73; Local Match - \$27964.01; Fares - \$3,252.50; with total amount budgeted \$62,344.24. Mayor Eden requested any public comment be presented at this time. No comments were offered. Mayor Eden announced public hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve agenda with an amendment to remove Item XVIII., 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 May 11, 2010 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Hull

ABSENT: None

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

Comments of Visitors.

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

Request to Speak to Council Policy.

Mayor Eden presented a proposed Request to be Placed on the Agenda policy. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to approve the policy as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Ordinances.

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Bill No. 2010-0012 re: An ordinance amending the Municipal Code by repealing current Sections 215.680, 215.690, 215.700 and adding Sections 215.680, 215.690 and 215.700 regarding fireworks sales within the city limits was read twice by title only, with the following roll call votes recorded:

1st Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2nd Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2010-0012 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2010-0012 thus became Ordinance Number 3.41.

Bill No. 2010-0013 re: An ordinance to authorize the Mayor to apply for federal financial assistance on behalf of the City of Mt. Vernon and to execute any contract(s) resulting from such application for any grants between the City of Mt. Vernon and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating and/or marketing assistance comprised of federal funds to be expended for commission approved transit projects was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1st Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2nd Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2010-0013 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2010-0013 thus became Ordinance No. 14.220.

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Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- **Budget/Empire Rate Increase.** Presented two budget proposals reflecting projected revenues for July 1, 2010 thru December 31, 2010. Rice noted one proposal reflected the rate increase passed onto customers and the other proposal showing the city absorbing the rate increase. Rice noted proposal with the city absorbing the increase, it would cut more than \$110,000.00 from department spending, including upgrades to the electrical system, street paving projects and demolition of the ice house. Rice requested direction from the Board on allowing a utility rate increases passed onto customers to compensate the increase by Empire District Electric Company. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to implement a utility rate increase to reflect the rate increase by Empire. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Hull

ABSENT: None

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

- **Employee Health Insurance.** Reported the Personnel Committee had previously held discussion on different options for employee raises. Rice noted the Committee recommended the city pay for the employee portion of health insurance only if the employee does a yearly well-being check-up. Rice noted employee health share is \$25.00 per month, \$300.00 per year. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve the recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- **Council Meeting – June 8, 2010.** Rice reminded members of the Board, staff and the audience that the June 8, 2010 meeting would include a two hour study session with Gary Markenson, to begin at 6:00 p.m., moving the council meeting start time to 8:00 p.m.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- **Bills.** Presented bills that have been paid.
- **Budget Amendments.** Reported that she is in the process of cleaning up accounts for the end of year and presented a list, to be included with the minutes, of budget amendments for approval. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to accept and approve recommended budget amendments. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- **Airport Closure.** Reported the Airport was closed at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 22, 2010 and would remain closed until June 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. due to striping and sealing of the airport runway.

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- 76 Park. Reported had a request for rights to hay on the 76 Park addition and requested direction how to handle the request. After much discussion, Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to allow hay to be taken from the 76 Park addition with the stipulation that if one or two hay cuttings are taken, must brush hog the 28 acres no later than September 1, 2010. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following item:

- American Inn. Reported the American Inn building was scheduled to be destroyed by the first of June. Alderman Springer questioned the timeline that Kum-n-Go had for construction. Conway reported this would be a slow process.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following item:

- Click-It or Ticket. Reported the department was participating in Click-It or Ticket May 24, 2010 thru June 6, 2010.

Alderman Millsap requested report of parking issues on Patten Street. Hubert reported officers have written approximately three warnings to individuals, which seems to have corrected the problem.

Committee Reports.

Airport. Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

Finance. Alderman Springer asked Rice if there was a need for any more meetings on the budget. Rice reported there was not.

Adjourn for Recess.

Mayor Eden called for a recess at 7:45 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

Parks. Alderman Tebow reported the committee has not met. Mayor Eden announced that Parks Committee meetings would no longer be set meetings, but called meetings.

Personnel. Alderman Canchola reported the committee has not met.

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

Old Business.

Pool Fees. Alderman Canchola reported she has had several constituents approach her regarding the increase of pool fees and requested discussion be held. Alderman Albers noted he also has had a constituent approach him on pool fee increases. Alderman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to revert pool fees to previous charges. The following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Hull, Canchola, Millsap, Albers

NOES: Greene, Phillips, Tebow, Springer

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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MAYOR TIE-BREAKER VOTE: NO

Mayor Eden declared the motion failed.

After much discussion, Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to charge the following fees the Mount Vernon Swimming Pool:

Any age: \$2.00

Any Season Pass: \$125.00

Non-swimmers: \$2.00

The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES; Greene, Phillips, Hull, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Albers

NOES: Millsap

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

Dog Ordinance. Petrus requested any discussion on the draft ordinance for vicious dogs that he presented for review at the May 11, 2010 meeting. Petrus noted he would present the proposed ordinance at the next council meeting.

New Business.

Mayor Eden 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 members present voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Shannon Neely, City Clerk