

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2010.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman of the Board Max Springer, with the following roll call recorded: J.N. Greene, Lowell Phillips, John Hull, April Canchola, Carol Millsap, Gary Albers. Absent: Mayor David W. Eden, Mike Tebow. 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.

Acting Chairman Springer presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve the agenda with an amendment to remove Section 610.021(1) Litigation and Section 610.021(3), Personnel Matters from Item No. XV. With all present members voting in favor, Chairman Springer declared the motion passed.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to approve minutes corrected to read "Police Report, Status of Evidence, MOCIC Crime Lab".. With all present members voting in favor, Acting Chairman Springer declared the motion approved.

Comments of Visitors.

Acting Chairman Springer requested any comments from visitors. The following discussion was held.

At this point Mayor Eden arrived at the meeting, 7:07 p.m.

Matt Roberson requested use of a portion of Wynne Park during Apple Butter Making Days for a Vietnam/World War II display. Roberson noted the display would include tents, three jeeps and one ambulance, located on the Sloan Avenue side. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to grant Roberson's request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2010-0016 re: An ordinance of Mount Vernon, Missouri to establish a procedure to disclose potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain officials was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1st Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tebow

2nd Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tebow

Bill No. 2010-0016 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2010-0016 thus became Ordinance Number 1.252.

Department Reports.

City Administrator

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Budget. Presented the approved copy of the 2010 budget to the council.
- Rental Property. Reported the rental property located at 10285 Highway 39 was sold to Kelsey Rutledge.
- FERC Process. Reported the estimated rate increase from Empire District Electric Company had come in at 11% instead of 7%. Rice reported the city could hire MPUA to begin an intervention process with FERC to lower this rate. Rice recommended joining with the cities of Monett and Lockwood, sharing the cost for the intervention at \$25,000.00; with Mount Vernon's share \$5,000.00. After much discussion, Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to approve recommendation and approve payment of \$5,000.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented paid bills to the Board for review.
- Budget Amendments. Presented a list, to be included with the official minutes, of requested budget amendments for the end of year closing. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve amendments as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Write-offs. Presented a listing of uncollected utility bills to write-off, from 1991 to 2008, for a total of \$125,149.41. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to grant request for write-off of past due utility bills. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Reported an audit of inventory had been conducted in the Electric Department and had discovered the department did not have a back-up transformer for Dr. Alms and Cutting Edge. Stanton requested to purchase the two replacement transformers at a cost of \$5,404.00. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Canchola to approve request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Storm Testing. Reported at the last storm warning test, the Dallas Street siren did not function properly and requested the approval of repairing the siren at a cost of \$1,825.00. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- American Inn. Reported demolition of the American Inn was complete.
- Lead Paint. Reported the EPA had suspended enforcement of the lead paint ruling.
- Permitting. Reported he had several local roofers complain about roofing companies from other areas employing illegal aliens, which allowed them to bid a job a lower amount than the local contractors. Conway requested direction from the Board how to address this issue. Discussion was held.

Alderman Springer thanked Conway for painting of the poles at the 76 Park.

Police

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Click It or Ticket. Reported the campaign was held from the end of May to the first week in June, with approximately 46 tickets issued.
- Dog Bite. Reported Officer Jeff Romine was involved in a dog bite during a routine call, with the first test of the new dog ordinance being in affect.
- Vacancy. Reported research was conducted, as requested last meeting, and had determined the council had approved of replacing Officers Page and Cruse with McKenzie and Mobley. Earnest requested the Board allow him to fill the vacancy created by Officer Mobley. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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. Alderwoman Canchola reported the committee has not met.

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

New Business.

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

Old Business.

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

Closed Session

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tebow


With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 8:02 p.m.

Reconvene.

Mayor Eden called the meeting back to order at 8:17 p.m. and requested any other business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forward.

Adjournment.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Acting Chairman, Max Springer

13 July 2010

Date

ATTEST:



Shannon Neely, City Clerk

7/13/2010

Date