

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2010.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, August 24, 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, Gary Albers. Absent: Carol Millsap. The following city personnel were also in attendance: Administrator John Rice, Attorney William Petrus, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Bruce Conway, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Treasurer Shari Weldy and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Guests registering their attendance are listed on the sign-in sheet attached to and made part of the minutes.

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Canchola to approve ~~minutes~~ ^{agenda} with an amendment to remove item No. XV., 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 Tuesday, August 10, 2010, were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested comments from visitors. None brought forward.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2010-018 re: An ordinance repealing Ordinance Number 13.77 of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, and enacting new regulations pertaining to electrical energy rates for residential, non-residential with demand meters, non-residential without demand meters and industrial service within the city of Mount Vernon, Missouri was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1st Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Millsap

2nd Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Millsap

Bill No. 2010-018 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2010-018 thus became Ordinance Number 13.83.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Empire Rate Intervention. Reported the earliest the city will receive results from the FERC intervention should be by mid-September.
- CIP Meeting. Requested a meeting scheduled to discuss future capital improvement projects (CIP), including a safe-room, which would be funded 75% from a FEMA grant, with city to share with 25% of the costs. Mayor Eden requested all Board members participate in the discussions. Rice scheduled a study session for Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
- Budget Meetings. Rice requested permission to begin scheduling budget meetings to begin by October 1, 2010. Alderman Springer, chairman of the Finance Committee agreed with start date.
- Town Hall Meeting. Rice requested Board members to attend the Town Hall meeting, on Thursday, August 26, 2010, at the University of Missouri's Southwest Research Center, beginning at 11:00 a.m. United States Senator Claire McCaskill will present a discussion on efforts to address the deficit and to get the country's fiscal house back in order.
- Wastewater Treatment Facility. Reported the police department had arrested two individuals in connection with a burglary at the Mount Vernon Wastewater Treatment facility on Tuesday, August 24, 2010. Rice noted several items had been recovered.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented a list of bills that has been paid and asked for any questions or comments regarding payment of bills. None brought forth.
- Utility Write-offs. Presented a list of utility write-offs for a total of \$31,133.40, which are to be included with and made part of the minutes. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve utility write-offs as recommended by Treasurer. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Spill Prevention Plan. Reported the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) required owners of electrical substation facilities to have in place a SPCC (spill prevention, control and countermeasure). This document must be upgraded and revised by

November 10, 2010. Stanton noted one of the requirements of the plan is to have an environmental service company contracted in case of a spill. Stanton reported he received a proposal from Sunbelt Environmental Services and recommended the Board approve use of them for emergency environmental services when and if needed. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Canchola to approve recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- SCADA System. Reported the SCADA system (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System) was in place, but required fiber optic line installed to the plant in order to communicate by computer to off-duty personnel. Stanton reported it would be approximately \$16,000.00 to install the fiber optic required for a SCADA system. K-Power Net currently has an agreement with the City to allow monthly use of fiber at no charge and has fiber in close proximity to the facility. Stanton recommended the city allow K-Power Net to install the fiber for construction costs and the cost to initiate the system, with money to be funded by the State Revolving Fund. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Ice House Demolition. Stanton reported Potter Equipment, which is purchasing the excavator, has given permission to the city to use it to do the demolition of the Ice House on Main Street. Stanton reported the demolition would start within the next couple of days.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Kum & Go. Reported the concrete slab was ready to pour, with underground utilities in place, and should see building construction within the next few days.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Software. Reported Enterpol had most of the bugs worked out of the software, with a "live" date by September 1, 2010.
- MOCIC Evidence Request. Reported the computer in evidence was taken to the MOCIC on Monday, August 16, 2010 and would take approximately two to four months to process for evidence.
- Employee Probation. Reported Officer Whiteaker has almost completed his Field Training and will be released to work alone on September 1, 2010.
- Grant Class. Attended a MoDot Grant meeting on August 24, 2010 by Earnest and Hubert. Grant money awarded to the city is \$3,125.00, with the department using \$1,200.00 to pay for equipment and the remainder used toward over-time pay for officers.

Questions. Chief Earnest requested any questions. The following items were discussed:

- Mayor Eden requested if any calls were taken pertaining to the vandalized soda machine at the flea market on S. Main Street. Earnest reported his department had not received any calls.
- Alderman Springer questioned if the city had experienced the large number of break-ins as out of town did over the weekend. Earnest reported negative, except for the robbery at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Committee Reports.

Airport. Alderman Greene reported the committee had met on August 17, 2010 to discuss correspondence from Christopher Stark, counsel for Robert Feisthamel, concerning several complaints. Alderman Greene noted Mr. Petrus had responded to the complaints and the police department would be stepping up patrol of the Airport during weekends and on holidays. Alderman Greene reported Richard Crawford was in attendance at the meeting to discuss lease violations of the City with the University of Missouri, such as not mowing 13.7 acres and allowing campers to stay overnight on the grounds. Discussion was held.

Finance. Alderman Springer noted the committee has not met.

Parks. Alderman Tebow reported the committee had met on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., with the following items discussed:

- Pavillion. Reported the Kiwanis and the Arts Council requested permission from the city to place pavilion on city property, located at the Spirit of 76 Park, making use of the natural amphitheater by the cemetery. Alderman Tebow reported the Parks Committee recommended the request. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to grant request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Club Championship Tournament. Reported Jeremy Weiss, Golf Course Manager, had requested permission and the Parks Committee recommended, to discount memberships as prizes for the annual club championship tournament. Alderman Tebow reported the discount would range between \$400 to \$700 depending on tournament turn-out. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to grant request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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 brought to the floor for discussion.

Alderman Phillips presented a complaint list to the Board concerning the Mount Vernon Rescue's use of the Fire Station. After much discussion, Mayor Eden requested the President of the Mount Vernon Rescue, Chief and Assistant Chief of the Fire Department attend the next council meeting for discussion of complaints.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested discussion on request of the Mount Vernon School System for city to pay a portion of the repair of the fiber optic cable cut, which is approximately \$3,800.00. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to assume co-responsibility of cut cable and to pay \$1,000.00 of costs, with a letter releasing the city from further responsibility. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Canchola

NOES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Tebow, Springer, Albers

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Millsap

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

Adjournment.

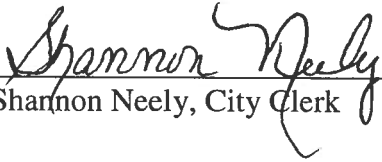
Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved, meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



David W. Eden, Mayor

9-14-10

Date



Shannon Neely, City Clerk

9-14-10

Date