

Minutes Approved November 9, 2010

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall on Tuesday, October 26, 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 Mieswinkel, Max Springer, Carol Millsap, Gary Albers. The following City personnel were also in attendance: Attorney William Petrus, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Treasurer Shari Weldy and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: City Administrator John Rice.

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 Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

1. Add to Department Reports - Fire Department.
2. Item No. XV. Remove Section 610.021(1) Litigation and Section 610.021(2) Real Estate.

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

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Springer 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 any comments. None brought forward.

Keeping of Chickens.

Robert Johnston requested the Board consider allowing residents to keep chickens and follow the same restrictions that were passed by the City of Springfield, Missouri. Mayor Eden noted the Board would take into consideration Mr. Johnston's request and would hold discussion at a later date.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2010-0009 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri adopting a five year plan for capital improvement projects for the City of Mount Vernon was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2010-0009 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2010-0009 thus became Resolution No. (R)2010-0009.

Department Reports.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented a report of bills that have been paid and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Investment. Weldy presented a bid tab for investment from a \$100,000.00 Certificate of Deposit at Edward Jones, \$4,000.00 Money Market at Edward Jones, for a total amount of \$104,000.00. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to invest the \$104,000.00 at Mid-Missouri Bank for twelve months at 0.81% interest. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Federal Loans. Reported the City has five Federal Home Loan Bonds, valued at \$422,504.00 at Edward Jones. Nathan Roetto with Edward Jones recommended the city cash in all the bonds now, which would have earnings of \$14,496.00, for a total of \$437,000.00. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to cash in Bonds and invest total amount of \$437,000.00 into the checking account at Great Southern Bank for .40% interest. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Electrical System Map. Presented a map of all completed work on the electrical system since 2002.
- Utilities. Discussed with the Board a request of utilities to be provided at a location that was annexed into the city on June 8, 2004. Stanton reported that previous owners Jack and Kathy Mitchell had annexed the property into the City limits in 2004, but the property was never developed. Stanton noted a parcel was now owned by Regions Bank, which had several interested parties to purchase the property, but requested direction as to who is responsible for providing the utilities to the property. Stanton noted Ozark Electric currently has electricity to the location, but due to legal issues would have to be removed at a cost of approximately \$11,000.00. Stanton reported it would cost the city approximately \$8.00 per lineal foot for 700 feet, to provide electricity, and \$15.00 per foot for a lift station. Discussion was held.
- Lease Purchase – Digger Truck. Reported the city currently is renting a digger truck for work in the Electric Department. Requested the Board consider participating in a five year lease purchase, with ownership retained at the end of the period to the city, at a cost of \$156,429.00. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene granting the request to participate in the lease purchase with TEREX Utilities. With all members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Backhoe. Reported the city currently has three backhoes in the Water Department. Requested the Board allow the three backhoes be traded in for two 2010 backhoes from Potter Equipment. Stanton noted there would be \$2,000.00 credit to the city from Potter for the trade-in difference. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman

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Greene to proceed with the request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Kum & Go. Alderman Greene requested when Kum & Go would open. Conway noted November 15, 2010 was the planned opening date.
- Held discussion on a remodel of a house on Kirby Street.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Firearms Qualifications. Reported all eleven officers participated in and received certification for firearms qualification on Saturday, October 23, 2010.
- Tasers. Assistant David Hubert presented information on tasers. Hubert reported a taser gun would cost the city approximately \$895.00, which would include certification and eight cartridges, per taser gun. Hubert noted the department was requesting the purchase of four tasers, which would allow for each officer on each shift to carry one. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to grant request and allow purchasing in the new budget year of 2011. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Web-site. Officer Shawn Cobb presented the new Police Department web site to the Board. Earnest commended Cobb for his work putting the site together.

Fire.

Delay held discussion on the following items:

- Reported the department had two city calls in the past month, one for carbon monoxide and the other for a natural gas leak.
- Performed a public relations presentation at the Intermediate School.
- Reported an Emergency Management Training for natural disasters would be held at the Assembly of God Church, on Saturday, October 30, 2010.
- Performed a fire safety demonstration to the Mount Vernon Kindergarten class.
- Reported the department performs a vehicle maintenance schedule on a weekly basis to all fire vehicles.

Committee Reports.

Airport. Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

Finance. Alderman Springer reported the committee would meet on Monday, November 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Parks. Alderman Tebow reported the committee has not met.

Personnel. Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported the committee has not met.

Public Works/Streets. Alderman Hull reported the committee would meet on Tuesday, November 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss striping of the city square.

New Business.

- Mayor Eden requested discussion on holding one meeting in the months of November and December, due to holidays. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by

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Alderman Phillips to hold one meeting in November and December. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Alderwoman Millsap requested discussion on holding Council meetings on an evening other than Tuesday.

Old Business.

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

Closed Session.

Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(3) personnel Issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from closed session at 8:34 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other 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, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date