

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, April 13, 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, Chet Hunter, Mike Tebow, April Canchola, Max Springer, Carol Millsap, Gary Albers. Absent: John Hull. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator John Rice, City Attorney William Petrus, Jr., 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 Springer to approve agenda with an amendment to remove Item No. XXIII, 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, March 23, 2010 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested any comments from visitors. None brought forward.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2010-005 Re: A Resolution for the appointment of a representative to the Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District Council was read once by title only, with the following roll vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Bill No. (R)2010-0005 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2010-0005 thus became Resolution No. (R)2010-0005.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2010-0006 Re: An Ordinance declaring the results of the General Election held in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri on April 6, 2010 was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1st Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

2nd Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Bill No. 2010-0006 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2010-0006 thus became Ordinance No. 5.157.

Certificate of Appreciation.

Mayor Eden presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Alderman Chet Hunter for his service to the community as an Alderman.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any Old Business be brought to the floor for discussion.

- I. Alderman Springer questioned if Robert Feisthamel had completed use of the City Hangar. Mr. Feisthamel commented that his work was completed on his airplane and the keys were returned to Rice.

Adjournment Sine Die.

Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hunter to adjourn meeting Sine Die. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned Sine Die at 7:15 p.m.

Oath of Office.

City Clerk Shannon Neely conducted the Oath of Office to the following Aldermen and Mayor: Ward One, Lowell Phillips; Ward Two, Carol Millsap; Ward Three, April Canchola; Ward Four, Mike Tebow; Mayor, David W. Eden.

Reconvene Meeting.

Mayor Eden called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m., with the following roll call recorded: J.N. Greene, Lowell Phillips, Mike Tebow, April Canchola, Max Springer, Carol Millsap, Gary Albers. Absent: John Hull.

Mayoral Committee Appointments.

Mayor Eden announced the following Board of Aldermen Committee appointments for 2010-2011 with the first name announced to serve as Chairman of that committee:

Finance Committee: Springer, Millsap, Greene

Personnel Committee: Canchola, Albers, Greene

Public Works/Street Committee: Hull, Tebow, Phillips

Parks Committee: Tebow, Hull, Albers
Airport Committee: Greene, Phillips, Canchola

Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to accept the Mayor's Committee appointments. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Personnel Appointments.

Mayor Eden presented the following for Personnel appointments:

City Attorney – William Petrus, Jr.
Prosecuting Attorney – William Petrus, Jr.
City Clerk – Shannon Neely
Director of Public Works – Gene Stanton
Treasurer – Shari Weldy
Revenue Collector – Jason Patten
Chief of Police – Garry Earnest
Fire Chief – Melvin Owens
Municipal Judge – Randee Stemmons
Municipal Clerk – Mary Walker

Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to approve Personnel Appointments. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Nomination and Election of Acting President of the Board of Aldermen.

Mayor Eden requested nominations for Acting President of the Board of Aldermen.

Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to elect Alderman Springer. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Springer

ABSENT: Hull

Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- CIP. Rice reminded the Board of the Public Works/Streets and Parks meeting, which would be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Capital Improvement Projects. Rice encouraged public input for this meeting.
- Golf Course. Requested the Board allow hiring Jerry Batson to work at the Club House. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to grant request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Purchasing Manual. Recommended the Board accept the following addition to the Purchasing Manual:

- 3.1 The successful bidder in contracts in excess of \$5,000.00 will by sworn affidavit and provision of documentation, affirm its enrollment and participation in a federal work authorization program with respect to the employees working in connection to the contracted services. In addition the successful bidder in public works projects in excess of \$5,000.00 will require its on-site employees to enroll in a ten hour safety training class.

Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve Rice's recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Electric Rate Increase. Presented a breakdown of how the proposed rate increase by Empire District Electric Company will affect consumers, based on the average usage of households in the city.
- Sales Tax. Reported the sales tax revenue was down by 6% for the month of March.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Treasurer Report. Presented the Treasurer Report for approval. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to accept report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Wastewater Treatment Facility Payment. Presented a request for payment from McClanahan Construction for \$420,272.20. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to pay the request and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Certificate of Deposit Bid. Presented a bid tab for a Certificate of Deposit at Liberty Bank, value of \$165,488.08, which will mature on April 15, 2010. Weldy recommended the Board approve investing \$162,000.00 into a Certificate of Deposit at 1.75% interest at Liberty Bank, with remaining balance of the Certificate of Deposit, \$3,488.08, deposited into the Light Checking Account. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to accept Weldy's recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Electronic Meter Reading System Bid Tab. Presented a bid tab for handheld devices for electronic meter reading. Rice reported this would be a step forward to automatic meter reading. After much discussion, Mayor Eden requested a representative from Utility Solutions attend the next council meeting to answer any questions the Board may have. Mayor Eden also requested the bid be broken down to specifics, such as software and hardware costs.
- McCanse Street Paving. Reported the paving of McCanse Street should be completed by the end of the week.
- Wastewater Treatment Facility. Reported an approximate finish date of June 1, 2010 by McClanahan Construction Company on the upgrade to the facility.

- Ace Pipe Cleaning. Reported Ace Pipe Cleaning, Inc. had completed 116,187 feet, with approximately 17,000 feet remaining in the cleaning process.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Public Hearing. Reported the Planning and Zoning Commission had held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 and approved re-zoning of 10285 Hwy. 39 from ~~M-1~~ M-3 ^{SN} to Agriculture/Residential. Conway noted a required fourteen day waiting period for public protest is required, but would present an ordinance for council approval at the April 27, 2010 meeting. Conway reported the Board had also held a hearing for text change and would present these at the next City Council meeting.
- Lead-Based Paint Certification. Requested permission to attend class for Lead Abatement certification. Conway noted the certification class cost \$250.00, but did not have this in his budget. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to allow Conway to attend the certification class. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- March Activity Report. Presented the Activity Report for the Board's review.
- Abandoned Houses. Reported the department was gathering a list for abandoned houses. Earnest noted he would be working with Rice and Conway to get these properties cleaned-up.
- Enforcement. Reported officers had increased patrol and enforcement of speeding in school-zones and addressing the issue of vehicles with tinted windows.
- Officer Training. Reported Assistant Chief David Hubert and Detective Lacey had attended a class on Explosive Devices and Recognition of Explosives. Also, Officers Cobb and Cornell would be attending an Internet Investigation class, conducted by the FBI. Earnest noted both trainings were free to the department.
- Department Assistance. Reported the department was working with the Mount Vernon Project D.A.R.E. to collect toiletry items for the Mount Vernon Veteran's Home residents.
- McCanse Street Parking. Requested a time-line for when the no parking signs would be installed on McCanse Street to begin enforcement. Stanton reported as soon as paving was completed, the Street Department would begin the installation.

The following questions were asked by the Board:

- I. Movies in the Park. Earnest requested information from Alderwoman Millsap if the Not So Square Arts committee is still planning on holding movies in the park. Earnest noted he would like to prepare to schedule additional officers to patrol during this time. Alderwoman Millsap reported she would contact Karen Millsap for information.
- II. McCanse Street Parking. Alderman Greene requested if the parking issue on McCanse Street, which Mary Seneker had discussed with the Board, had been resolved. Earnest reported it has not.

- III. Mayor Eden requested when Officer Josh Thompson would return from Military Leave from serving in Afghanistan. Earnest reported he has not received a time-frame for Thompson's release.
- IV. Alderman Springer requested if the city has a curfew for teenagers. Earnest noted the codification does address a curfew.

Committee Reports.

Airport. Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

Finance. Alderman Springer reported the committee would meet for budget on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Parks. Alderman Tebow reported the committee would meet on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the CIP.

Personnel. Alderwoman Canchola reported the committee has not met.

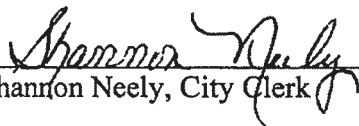
Public Works/Streets. Rice reported the committee would meet on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the CIP.

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 7:59 p.m.


Shannon Neely, City Clerk