

Minutes approved March 23, 2010

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, March 9, 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, John Hull, Mike Tebow, April Canchola, Carol Millsap, Gary Albers. Absent: Max Springer. Mayor Eden declared a quorum was present and city business could be conducted. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator John Rice, City Attorney William Petrus, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Chief of Police Gary Earnest, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Treasurer Shari Weldy and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda for approval. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve agenda with an amendment to remove Item XIV. 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, February 23, 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 any comments from visitors. None came forth.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax Revenue. Sales tax revenue down by 5.5% for the month.
- Seasonal Mowing. Requested a Personnel meeting to review applications received for seasonal mowing. Rice noted the position is budgeted for and will be advertised in the Lawrence County Record, with a deadline to receive applications March 22, 2010. Alderwoman Canchola scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
- Restricted Parking. Reported he had received two negative responses from citizens for restricting parking on McCanse Street, but had received a positive response and request to restrict parking on Landrum Street. Mayor Eden requested comment from Mary Seneker. Ms. Seneker noted she had no other area to park due to the unique location of her residence on McCanse Street.
- Capital Improvement Plan. Requested a combined committee meeting with Parks and Public Works/Streets to be scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan as required by the Comprehensive Plan. Rice noted he also will be working on a Mission Statement for the city.
- Fair Tax. Reported would attend a meeting with other surrounding City Administrators, to discuss the Fair Tax.

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- Fire Protection District. Requested permission to begin conversation with the Rural and City Fire Departments to consider the advantages and disadvantages of forming a Fire Protection District. Alderman Hunter reported the St. John's Ambulance Service were discussing trimming down services provided by the ambulances, but if a Fire District was formed, services could be provided by the Fire District.
- Budget Meetings Schedule. Presented a schedule for Finance Committee meetings for preparation of 2010 Budget.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented bills to be paid. Alderwoman Millsap requested discussion on the purchase of Police uniforms and gun racks. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to pay bills as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Hunter, Hull, Canchola, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Tebow

ABSENT: Springer

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

- Investments. Requested the Board re-invest current Certificate of Deposits which have matured. Weldy noted a Certificate of Deposit at Regions would be maturing on March 13, 2010 and requested the council give her permission to reinvest at an institution which will offer the highest interest rate. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow authorizing City Treasurer to invest \$97,234.91 into a Certificate of Deposit, at 1.4% interest APY or higher, for twelve months. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Weldy reported \$99,800.00 was available thru a Certificate of Deposit and the Money Market Account at Edward Jones. Weldy noted another Certificate of Deposit would be maturing at Mid-Missouri Bank March 12, 2010 for \$144,291.02 and requested direction for investment. Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to invest \$84,000.00 at Liberty Bank for one year at 1.75% interest and \$160,000.00 at Mid-Missouri Bank for one year at 1.50% interest. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Business Loop Lighting. Meeting with two representatives from Missouri Transportation Department at the March 23, 2010 Study Session at 6:30 p.m.
- Annual Spring Clean-Up. Spring Clean-up date scheduled for May 7 and 8.
- Demolition of Ice House. Meeting with Sunbelt Environmental on May 16, 2010 to discuss any environmental concerns with the demolition of the building on North Main Street.

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Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- February Activity Report. Presented the February Building Activity Report.
- Seminar. Reported he would be attending the International Residential Building Course in Dallas, Texas beginning on Monday, March 15, 2010.
- Lot-Split Request. Reported the Planning and Zoning Commission had received and discussed a request for a lot-split with the matter was still pending.
- Public Hearing for Text Change. Reported Planning and Zoning Commission would hold a Public Hearing for text change, on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
- Building Green. Discussed new codes for building green.
- Lead-base Paint. Reported with change in laws regarding lead-base paints, would be re-working current Building Permits to reflect the requirements.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- February Activity Report. Presented the February Activity report.
- FBI Assistance. Reported department is assisting the FBI on a multi-sex crime.
- Grant. Attended a meeting with the Missouri Department of Transportation for a \$3,000.00 grant, with city share to be ten percent, to purchase two radar units, five portable breathalyzers and to compensate for officer overtime. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull directing Earnest to proceed with \$3,000.00 grant application, city share to be ten percent, with Missouri Department of Transportation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Seminar. Attending a Line-of-duty Death seminar in St. Louis Monday, March 15, 2010 thru Wednesday, March 17, 2010.
- City Hall Security. Reported City Administrator Rice and himself have been reviewing safety and security at City Hall.
- Alderman Hunter reported an individual had approached him noting their appreciation of the Police Department assisting with medical calls.

Committee Reports.

Airport. Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

Finance. Alderwoman Millsap reported a meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 22, 2010 at 12:00 p.m., noon.

Parks. Alderman Tebow reported a meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Personnel. Alderwoman Canchola reported a meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Works/Streets. Alderman Hull reported a meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business be brought to the floor for discussion.

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- Alderman Hunter reported he had witnessed drag-racing on the Airport's runway and was concerned with the incompleteness of the fencing. Stanton reported fence would be completed upon installation of a gate.
- Petrus presented a draft of a fireworks ordinance and requested the Aldermen review and provide input at the next meeting.

New Business.

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

Adjournment.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to adjourn meeting. Mayor Eden declared the motion approved, meeting adjourned at 8:16 a.m.

Shannon Neely, City Clerk