

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 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, Gary Albers. Absent: Carol Millsap. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator John Rice, Attorney Bill Petrus, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Fire Chief Melvin Owens, Treasurer Shari Weldy and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

- Remove Item Number XVI. 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, December 14, 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.

Travis Barrett requested discussion on property he has purchased, located on Farm Road 1112, which is part of the previous annexed Monticello Estates. Mr. Barrett reported the location does not have city provided electric, water or sewer hook-ups and requested input from the Board to determine whether he or the city will be responsible for extending city power to his property. Mr. Rice noted it would be a benefit to the city to install a three-phase line for future development in this area. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to provide a three-phase electric line on the south side of Farm Rd. 1112, with Barrett taking responsibility for a single family residential service to his property at a cost of \$700.00, which is per the current established fee schedule. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Liquor License.

Mayor Eden requested discussion on a request for a tasting permit, from Summer Fresh Supermarket, which was postponed from the December 14, 2010 meeting, for verification of state regulations. Petrus reported he had talked with a representative of the Missouri Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control regarding, which informed him that there were no state rules or regulations in which the grocery store would have to abide by during tastings. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull made a motion to approve request for license, for a term to end June 30, 2011. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Minutes Approved January 25, 2011

AYES: Hull, Tebow, Albers

NOES: Phillips, Miewinkle, Springer

ABSTAIN: Greene

ABSENT: Millsap

With all present members voting, Mayor Eden voted AYE to break the tie-vote. Motion approved.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Depository Account. Reported the interest rate on the account was now at zero percent.
- Comprehensive Plan. Students enrolled in a planning class with the Missouri State University will assist the Planning and Zoning Commission review the City's Comprehensive Plan. Rice welcomed the Board and public input during the review of the plan.
- Seasonal Positions. Requested direction from the Personnel Committee as to how much involvement they wanted during the process of hiring seasonal employees. Alderwoman Mieswinkel requested the committee be included in the review of applications.
- Sales Tax Revenue. Reported the sales tax revenue for December, 2010 was down by three percent, as compared to December, 2009.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Presented bills that have been paid and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- December Report. Presented the report for December. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- 2010 Budget Amendments. Presented end of year budget amendments for final close-out of the 2010 six month budget year. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve budget amendments as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- State Revolving Fund Reimbursement. Requested permission for the Mayor to sign-off and permission for payment of the State Revolving Fund reimbursement for \$23,974.36. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve request for payment. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Six-Month Financial Statement. Presented a report of the six month financial statement. Weldy reported the statement had been sent to the Lawrence County Record for publication in either the January 19th or 26th, 2011 edition. Weldy requested discussion on report. None brought forth.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Generator Bid. Reported the city had received one sealed bid on January 4, 2011 for the used generator at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Stanton reminded the Board they had put a \$10,000.00 reserve on the bid, with the lone bid coming in at \$2,500.00. Stanton requested direction from the Board. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to not take action on the received bid. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Emergency Generator Bid. Presented the bid tab from Bid No. 2011-01, Emergency Generator. Discussion was held. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel to accept proposed bid from Ozarks Electric, pending delivery of required documentation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Winter Storm. Reported the Public Works Department had done an outstanding job clearing streets from the winter storm.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- December Report. Presented the statistical report for December.
- Comprehensive Plan. Reminded the Board of the review of the Comprehensive Plan at the February 1, 2011 meeting...

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- December Report. Presented the statistical report for December.
- End of Year Report. Presented the end of year statistic report, which included a comparison report for the previous year's statistics.
- Taser Training. Reported Assistant Chief David Hubert and Officer Shawn Cobb had completed taser training and were certified to begin teaching other officers in the department.
- Fine Increase. Reported Municipal Court Judge Randee Stemmons signed a new fee schedule to be in effect immediately. Alderwoman Millsap and Alderman Springer requested copies of the old and the new schedule.
- Legislation. Reported Representative Don Ruziska and Senator Jack Goodman were working on legislation that Earnest proposed which is for recoupment of investigative costs in criminal crimes and to add wording to existing state statute for filing a false report.
- 2011 Vehicle Bid. Began process for bidding of a 2011 Crown Victoria patrol car, as budgeted for.
- Employee Appreciation. Reported the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce had named Detective Jason Lacey as their Golden Apple recipient for his work on providing hygienic supplies to residents of the Veteran's Home.

Fire.

Fireman Leon Sullivan held discussion on the following items:

- December Report. Reported the department had five calls during December.
- Activities. Reported the department had performed the following activities:
 - a. Monthly routine maintenance.
 - b. Participated in the Marionville Christmas parade.
 - c. Facility used for a birthday party for a child.

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 Mieswinkel 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 for discussion.

Alderman Springer requested further discussion on tasting permit liquor licenses and how the city can regulate them. Petrus suggested regulating either by population or to do away with issuance of any tasting permit, but any change would have to be by ordinance. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old 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 7:59 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date