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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2011.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, January 25, 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, Carol Millsap, Gary Albers. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator John Rice, Attorney William Petrus, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Assistant Fire Chief Brad DeLay, 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 Phillips to approve the agenda with the following amendments: Item No. XVI., remove Section 610.021(1) Litigation and Section 610.021(3) Personnel Issues. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve minutes with the following correction: Liquor License, second page, correct spelling on Mieswinkel. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Millsap

ABSENT: None

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

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested any comments of visitors. None brought forth.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2011-0001 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to enter in addendum to the existing contract by and between the City and Clean Stream Enterprises, LLC regarding sludge hauling 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)2011-0001 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2011-0001 thus became Resolution No. (R)2011-0001.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Fair Tax. Attending a meeting on Friday, January 28, 2011 in Joplin, Missouri with other city leaders to discuss options if the tax is passed by the voters on the November 2011 ballot.
- Salute to the Legislature. Attending with the Mayor on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 in Jefferson City, Missouri.
- Rehab Center. Received an email from State Representative Don Ruzicka confirming the budget for the Missouri Rehabilitation Center was approved at the same amount as the 2010 year which would allow for continued operation.
- Budget Process. Reported would begin working on a policy for the budget process, to include a justification process for surplus funds. Rice noted he had received positive feedback from several cities that used the performance based budget process.
- Face Book. Reported he and Weldy had finished a Facebook page for the City of Mount Vernon. Rice noted he will review policies and present to the council. Policy will include monitoring the page.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Requested any questions on bills that have been paid. None brought forth.
- Audit. Reported Davis, Lynn & Moots had began the preliminary work for the 2010 six-month budget year, on Thursday, January 20, 2011, with a return date of the week of February 21, 2011 to complete the entire audit.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Breaker Operations. Presented a report from Electric Superintendent Paul Piepenbrink of breaker operations. Stanton reported the report reflected the value of the electrical upgrade.
- Back-up Generator. Reported the City of Crane had received approval to offer \$8,500.00 for purchase of the back-up generator. Stanton reminded the Board the only sealed bid the city received was for \$2,500.00. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel to approve sale of back-up generator to the City of Crane. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following item:

- Comprehensive Plan. Reported the Board would be reviewing the comprehensive plan on Tuesday, February 1, 2011. Conway noted students from Missouri State University and Diana Mays would be assisting with the review.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Fine Schedule. Verified with the Board that they received the schedule of fines that was emailed to them as they requested at the last council meeting.
- Employee Probation. Reported Officer Chad Whiteaker would reach the end of his six-month probationary period on February 2, 2011 and recommended the Board approve him to full time status. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to grant

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

- In-House Training. Reported the entire department received in-house training on January 22, 2011, consisting of hand-to-hand combat, expandable baton, handcuffing and responding to active school shootings. Earnest noted training was conducted by Officer Lacey, Thompson, Cornell and himself.
- Patrol Car Bid. Provided bid tab for 2011 Crown Victoria Police Interceptor and requested permission to purchase under the Municipal Lease program, with an approximate payment of \$8,050.00 per year for three years. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with purchase of vehicle thru the Municipal Lease program. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Invitation to Training. Reported he has been selected to attend a three day training course hosted by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (I.A.C.P.), to be held in Charolette, NC. Earnest noted he was honored to be selected as only thirty Chiefs of Police from the United States and other countries were selected to participate with all expenses paid by the associations.
- Public Relations. Reported the department would be participating in a charity basketball game to raise money for the Ministerial Alliance.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Received one call in January for a flu fire at 413 South Hickory Street.
- Inspection. Performed a yearly inspection at the Missouri State Juvenile Treatment Facility.
- Maintenance. Performed routine maintenance on vehicles, finding a catastrophic transmission failure on Pumper Truck Number Two, which was immediately sent in for repair and should be back in service in a couple of weeks.
- Training.
 - a. Purchased a lap top computer, projector and screen for training purposes. DeLay noted this equipment would be available for the city.
 - b. Reported the department would hold a training session for the staff at the Lawrence County Nursing Home in February to review how to use a fire extinguisher.
 - c. Requested the Board sign a Hold Harmless Agreement for the University of Missouri for use of the Transitional Living building to hold training sessions for the department. DeLay noted the building was no longer in use and would offer an excellent opportunity for firemen to train for searches. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden directed Petrus to research.

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 met earlier in the evening with the following items discussed and requested:

- a. The Senior Golf League requested permission to install a patio and picnic tables, located next to the putting green, which would be completely funded by the group. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to grant request. With all members present voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- b. Brad Longley and Tom Cox requested permission to rent baseball fields this summer for four to five baseball tournaments. Discussion was held, with determination for Longley

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and Cox to complete a Field Reservation Form, which is normal procedure for field rental.

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 to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Old Business.

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

Alderman Albers requested discussion and status on single service waste hauling. Mayor Eden noted a committee should be formed to begin discussion, as the two year waiting period would be over by October, 2011. Mayor Eden appointed the following persons to serve on the committee and to report to the council their findings: Alderman Albers (Chairman), Alderwoman Mieswinkel, Alderman Phillips, Rice, Stanton.

Closed Session.

Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to close a portion of the meeting pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(2) Real Estate Issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:36 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from closed session at 7:50 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other discussion. None brought forward.

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 7:50 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date