

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2011.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, March 22, 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, Mike Tebow, April Mieswinkel, Max Springer, Gary Albers. Absent: John Hull, Carol Millsap. 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, 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. XIX., Remove Section 610.021(1) Litigation and Section 610.021(2), Real Estate 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, March 8, 2011 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

At this point, Alderwoman Millsap arrived at the meeting.

Comments of Visitor.

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

At this point, Alderman Hull arrived at the meeting.

Park Grant – Tana Bradshaw

Ms. Bradshaw, Health Educator for the Lawrence County Health Department, reported she is working on a Healthy and Active Community Grant, funded by the Missouri Foundation for Health, which would provide for an asphalt-surfaced, twelve foot wide trail on the new portion of the 76 Park. Ms. Bradshaw reported the terms of the grant would require the city to provide perpetual maintenance of the trail Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Albers to allow the Mayor to sign the grant application. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2011-0001 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 405.450(B)(2)(c) regarding non-residential accessory uses were read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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First Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2011-0001 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2011-0001 thus became Ordinance Number 2.148.

Bill No. 2011-0002 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 710.020 regarding replacement of lateral lines connecting to sanitary sewer main was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2011-0002 was declared passed for second reading at the April 12, 2011 meeting.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2011-0007 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to enter a lease agreement for lease of new Industrial Park land for the year 2011 was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mieswinkel

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2011-0007 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2011-0007 thus became Resolution No. (R)2011-0007.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Ward Redistricting. Reported Diane May and Dan Watts will be assisting with the redistricting of Wards. Rice requested the Mayor appoint a citizen committee to work with the group.

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- Waste Franchise. Requested a meeting with the committee members to review city codes. Alderman Albers scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- Crowder College. Reported Crowder College would like to locate a campus in Mount Vernon. Rice noted the college would require a minimum of two classrooms, a community room and offices, all rent-free to the college. Aldermen unanimously agreed to actively seek a facility for the college to use.
- Empire/FERC. Rice reported that a rate agreement with Empire District Electric Company is progressing, but a final resolution is still several months away. Rice noted he expects the new rate to be about nine percent.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented a report of bills that have been paid and requested discussion. None brought forth.
- State Revolving Fund. Requested permission from the Board for the Mayor to sign-off on payments for the State Revolving Fund to HDR for \$5,792.35. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to grant request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Presented a bid tab for two maturing certificates of deposit at Mid Missouri Bank, one at \$107,345.17 and the other for \$52,573.82. Weldy recommend including \$81.01 from the Light Fund Account in addition to the above amounts for a total of \$160,000.00 to be invested as follows: \$85,000.00 at Liberty Bank for thirteen months at 1.25% APY and \$75,000.00 for twelve months at Mid Missouri Bank for .65% APY. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to accept recommendation from Treasurer for investments. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Record Destruction. Presented a list of old checks to be destroyed. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to permit old checks to be destroyed. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Alderman Springer requested a policy for destruction of records be presented for council review.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following item:

- Bill No. (R)2011-0007. Thanked the Aldermen for being pro-active and voting in favor of the bill.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following item:

- Commission Vacancy. Reported Matt Lee is resigning from the Commission and would leave a vacancy. Mayor Eden reported he would accept suggestions for replacement.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Parking. Reported he had received a complaint of a Postal truck parking on the non-parking side of McCause Street while the mailman made deliveries. Earnest reported the Postal department was researching alternate parking areas for the truck.

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- **DWI Enforcement.** Reported the department had participated in a state-wide DWI task force, resulting in 39 vehicles stopped, wrote thirteen tickets and arrested one individual.
- **Medication Drop.** Reported the department had conducted the medication drop on March 11th and 12th, resulting in 39.5 pounds of outdated and unused medications collected.
- **Mayor Eden** requested discussion on the parking of a semi-truck at the King's Park. Earnest reported he would research and report his findings at the next meeting.

Fire.

In the absence of Assistant Fire Chief Brad DeLay, Mayor Eden asked Board members if an emailed copy of the monthly report had been received. Each acknowledged receipt. No comments were offered. A copy of the emailed report will be stored with these minutes.

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 had met at 6:00 p.m. on March 22, 2011 to discuss pool fee increase as follows:

- Family rate, first member \$80.00, with any additional member at \$10.00 per person.
- Age 2 & under free admission, but must be accompanied by an adult who has paid for admission.

Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to accept recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Personnel. Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported the committee has not met.

Public Works/Streets. Alderman Hull reported the committee has not met.

Waste Franchise. Alderman Albers reported the committee was scheduled to meet on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business. None brought forward.

Old Business.

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Closed Session.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel 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, Miewsinkel, 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 7:54 p.m.

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Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:05 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other business to be brought to the floor. 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 8:05 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date