

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, April 26, 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.

Oath of Office.

Neely reported she administered the Oath of Office to Alderman Hull on April 15, 2011 in the office of City Clerk.

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for Approval. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve the agenda with the following amendments: Remove Section 610.021(1) Litigation and Section 610.021(3) Personnel Issues from Item No. XVII. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Hull

ABSENT: None

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

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested any comments. Josefa McConnell requested the City enforce upkeep of yards and make efforts to control the cat population.

2010 Six-Month Audit.

Jon Cummings, Audit Manager with Davis, Lynn and Moots presented the audit for July 1, 2010 thru December 31, 2010. The following was reviewed with the Board:

- Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds
- Revenue, Expenses and Changes – Fund Balance
- Proprietary Funds – Electric, Water, Sewer
- Revenues, Expenses, Changes – Proprietary Funds
- Auditor's Opinion

Cummings reported in his opinion the City is in good financial shape and commended the Board and employees for their efforts in budgeting.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Crowder College. Attended several meetings with Crowder officials to review different options for proposed location of satellite campus. Rice noted he should be receiving notification soon on decision.
- Ozark Mountain Parkway. Attended meeting with Shannon Walker, Aurora Chamber of Commerce and Tony Stonecypher, City Administrator for the City of Aurora, to resurrect and extend the scenic by-way which would begin at 96 Highway and continue to Aurora. Rice noted the process was lengthy with a large number of rules and regulations that will be required.
- Narrow-Band Mandate. Beginning January 1, 2013, entities using wide-band, which is 25 kHz, would be mandated to convert to narrow-band frequency at 12.5 kHz. Rice noted a committee has been formed to research equipment replacement which must meet requirements by the FCC.
- Missouri Strategic Initiative for Economic Growth. Reported the city was uniquely located along the I-44 corridor and qualified for several of the target clusters as defined in the final report from Governor Nixon. Rice noted he has been involved as a member in the report which included businesses, labor groups, economic development leaders and associates of higher education.
- Earthquake Drill. Reported City Hall would be participating in the state-wide earthquake drill scheduled for 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2011.
- Division Youth Services. Received update that the State of Missouri has determined the local facility to be a "moderate care" unit, which will allow them to receive Medicaid reimbursements, with no bed loss as first anticipated.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Requested discussion on the report of bills paid. None brought forth.
- Investments. Presented a bid tab for a certificate of deposit, which matured on April 19, 2011 at Liberty Bank, valued at \$164,837.24. Weldy recommended investing \$163,000.00 at Liberty Bank for twelve months at .91% APY, and depositing the remaining balance of \$1,837.4 into the city checking account until next certificate of deposit matures in August, 2011. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to approve recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Street Paving. Street paving on Walnut Street is completed with paving on East Street to begin when weather permits.

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- Weather. The city received approximately seven to eight inches of rain through the weekend with no problems. Stanton noted a lightning strike had made the school crossing light at Hickory Street non-operational, but would be repaired when weather permitted.
- Spring Clean-Up. Reminded the Board the city would begin receiving items on Friday, April 29, 2011 and Saturday, April 30, 2011, regardless of weather conditions for Spring Clean Up.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following item:

- Dilapidated Buildings. Reported he had a list of approximately fifteen buildings which were classified dilapidated and requested permission to begin process per city codes. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel directing Conway to proceed with process of dilapidated buildings, per city code. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- National Law Enforcement Week. Ceremony is scheduled for May 15, 2011 in Springfield, Missouri to honor officers killed in the line-of-duty. Earnest noted his department has been invited to participate in the ceremony.
- C.O.M.E.T. Drug Task Force. The task force has invited a representative of the police department to investigations. Earnest reported this would allow hands-on training for investigations.
- Grant. Requested permission to apply for a CHP, (Cops Hiring Program) , which would allow the city to add an officer, with salary and fringe benefits covered by the program for three years. Earnest noted a requirement is the city would be mandated to hire this officer for an additional year, at the city's expense. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with application to the program, and if approved will commit to hire the officer for one year of service. With all members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Evidence. Reported the Lawrence County Prosecuting Attorney has advised Earnest they will not proceed with case involving computer submitted as evidence.
- Enforcement Actions. Due to the department's involvement with stepped-up enforcement actions this past year, the Missouri Department of Transportation awarded the department pop-up barricades.
- Weather. Large amount of rain, resulted in Landrum Street flooding, with one vehicle ignoring the barricade causing it to be swept off the city street. Earnest reported there was no injury from the incident.
- Liability Insurance Inspection. An inspection was conducted by the city's liability insurance carrier of the department, with no defects or problems reported. Earnest noted the inspector did request a copy of the department's taser policy for his records.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls.
 1. Regions Bank on April 22, 2011 due to a dye-bag exploding on an employee.
 2. Assist with storm spotting on April 22, 2011 due to inclement weather.

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- Maintenance.
 1. Vehicle maintenance performed on all vehicles.
- Training.
 1. Meeting on April 21, 2011 for Maintenance and Small Engine Operation.
 2. C.E.R.T. Training on April 22, 2011
- Community Events.
 1. Attending Head Start Appreciation Day on April 28, 2011

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.

Waste Franchise. Alderman Albers reported the committee met earlier in the evening with a lot of public input. Alderman Albers noted the committee was scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

New Business.

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

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business. The following items were discussed:

Alderwoman Mieswinkel requested status of the semi-truck parking at Kings Park. Petrus reported he would research the ordinance and would report his findings at the next meeting.

Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported a constituent had contacted her regarding upkeep of Wynne Park. Alderwoman Mieswinkel requested the Board reconsider maintaining the trails and rehabilitation of the gazebo. Alderman Tebow reported the Park Committee would schedule a meeting to discuss options for the park.

Closed Session.

Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull 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

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 8:02 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:35 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

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Adjourn.

Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date