

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2011.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, May 24, 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, Max Springer, Gary Albers. Absent: April Mieswinkel, Carol Millsap. The following City Personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator John Rice, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Assistant Chief of Police David Hubert, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Treasurer Shari Weldy and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Assistant Fire Chief Brad DeLay.

Agenda.

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

- Remove Item Number XV. 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, May 10, 2011 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Springer, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Tebow

ABSENT: Mieswinkel, Millsap.

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

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested any comments from visitors. Bruce Wolford requested direction from the Board to begin process to re-new his hangar lease at the Mount Vernon Municipal Airport, which will terminate August, 2011. Alderman Greene reported he would schedule an Airport Committee meeting in June to discuss hangar lease renewals.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Solid Waste. Presented a copy of City Code, Chapter 235, Solid Waste with modifications. Rice requested the Board review the modified code and he will hold discussion at the next council meeting.
- Community Wastewater Assessment. Presented a Community Wastewater Assessment report, which was compiled by the Southwest Missouri Council of Governments, Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Missouri Association of Councils of Government.

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- City Hall Heat Pump Unit. Presented a bid tab for a replacement of heat pump unit, located at City Hall. The following bids were submitted:
 1. All Year Heating – Ruud Weatherking unit at \$4,688.00
 2. Greenway Heating – Armstrong unit at \$3,800.00
 3. 4K – did not submit a bid.

Rice requested direction from the Board. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to directing Rice to proceed with purchase of a unit. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Alderman Greene requested discussion on permitting of trash hauling companies which operate inside the city limits. Discussion was held.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following item:

- Bills. Requested any questions regarding the Bills Paid report. None brought forth.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Joplin Tornado. Four Public Works employees were sent to Joplin, Missouri to assist in clean-up of the tornado.
- Bulk Water. Reported he was working on an agreement with Sani-Clean to haul bulk water to Joplin, Missouri for the clean-up efforts of the tornado.
- City Square. Presented a proposed plan of the city square, which would change the lay-out by removing the inside parking lane and adding an additional lane of traffic. Stanton noted he would appreciate input from the Board before bidding for sealing and re-striping of the square. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to proceed with the proposed lay-out change. After much discussion, Alderman Springer withdrew his motion until further review.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- First Baptist Church. Reported the Church had held its 145th anniversary and ground-breaking for the church addition. Conway noted the plans for the addition were under review.
- Apple Butter Making Days. Requested input from the Board as to proceed with enforcement of temporary vendor permit fee to squatters during Apple Butter Making Days. Board agreed to enforce the fee.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- D.A.R.E. Graduation. Reported the department held the 20th D.A.R.E. graduation on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 with attendance by Chief Earnest, Assistant Chief Hubert and D.A.R.E. instructor Officer Jason Lacey.
- Armed Robbery. Reported of an attempted armed robbery at Fastrip Convenience Store on May 18, 2011, which is still under investigation.

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- Joplin Tornado. Provided manpower assistance to the Joplin Police Department for the area containing the destruction from the tornado.
- Collection Point. The department has been named as a collection point for donated disaster relief items. The Mount Vernon Ministerial Alliance is assisting with this effort.

Fire.

In the absence of Assistant Chief DeLay, the department report was submitted and included in the packet.

Committees.

Airport. Alderman Greene scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

Finance. Alderman Springer reported the committee has not met.

Parks. Alderman Tebow reported the following items:

- The Mount Vernon Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aries 4362 has scheduled their annual Pig and Par Golf Tournament at the Mount Vernon Golf Course for August 27, 2011, and requested the city donate a single membership as a prize. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to grant the request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Alderman Tebow reported the Kiwanis Club had presented plans for their pavilion at the Spirit of 76 Park for the Board to review and expected construction to begin in August.

Personnel. No report was submitted due to the absence of Alderwoman Mieswinkel.

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

Waste Franchise. Alderman Albers reported the committee would meet on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business.

Petrus reported an opinion from the Missouri Municipal League suggested cities designate liquor licensing as an administrative function, which would require an amendment to the current city code. Alderman Springer and Alderman Greene both agreed the Board should not vote to grant licenses and for Petrus to proceed with amendment to city code.

Old Business.

Petrus reported he was still reviewing the city's current code and laws to address truck parking at King Park.

Adjournment.

Alderman Hull 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 7:40 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date