

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

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, July 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, Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Assistant Fire Chief Brad DeLay 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 amendment:

- Item No. XII. Remove Section 610.021(1) Litigation and Section 610.021(2) Real Estate.

With all members of the Board voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Minutes.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Millsap, Hull

ABSENT: None

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

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Proclamation.

Mayor Eden presented to the Board the following Mayoral Proclamations:

- In honor of police officers volunteering their services at Joplin, Missouri after the tornado on May 22, 2011.
- In honor of volunteer firemen/women for volunteering their services at Joplin, Missouri after the tornado on May 22, 2011.
- In honor of Edward Kimbler for his service as Crossing Guard.

Airport Lease Options.

Rice presented a memorandum to the Board offering five options for airport hangar leases. Alderman Springer requested discussion to allow an extension of leases until January 1, 2012 so the Board may review proposed options. Discussion was held. Alderman Springer made a

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motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to allow extension of current leases, except Robert Feisthammel lease, until January 1, 2012. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: Greene

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

Discussion was held on the hanger currently occupied by Skydive Missouri, Robert Feisthamel, with the lease expiring on August 14, 2011. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to allow Feisthamel to lease the hanger he currently occupies, from September 1, 2011 to January 1, 2012 for \$600.00 per month. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: Greene

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Re-districting of Wards. Presented maps of the current wards and proposed re-districting, with population counts for each ward. Rice noted during his research he was assisted by Dan Watts, with the Southwest Missouri Council of Government. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer directing Petrus to proceed with developing an ordinance to accept redistricting of proposed wards. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Safe Room. Requested direction from the Board whether to continue with plans for Safe Room grant, which was proposed to be located by the Mount Vernon High School and the Missouri Rehabilitation Center. Rice requested to move location to the new Community Center, which would require it to be down-sized due to population count in this area. Discussion was held. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel to continue the pursuit of the Safe Room grant with location at the new Community Center. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Street Paving. Requested permission to have Blevins Asphalt pave Hickory Street, from the Business Loop to Alice Street, for a cost of approximately \$26,000.00. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to grant the request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Missouri Rehabilitation Center. Rice reported he had met with the Director of the Missouri Rehabilitation Center and a representative from Columbia to discuss the future of

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the center. Rice was informed that the university is taking a proactive approach by looking into future developments and had requested the city provide a letter of interest supporting a retirement community on the hospital campus. Rice noted the hospital grounds consisted of approximately 100 acres, which should provide ample room for a retirement community. Rice also noted the city's transportation system is an enticing feature in attracting a retirement community. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow directing Rice to proceed with a letter of support for the need of a retirement community within the city. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following item:

- Bills Paid. Presented a report of all bills paid and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Street Paving. Reported the South East Street project was on hold to allow the area to stabilize, with paving planned to resume by Thursday, July 28, 2011.
- Square Re-sealing/Striping. Reported Springfield Striping would begin project on Sunday, July 31, 2011 with completion expected the same day.
- Vermeer Chipper. Presented a bid tab from two companies interested in purchasing the Vermeer Chipper. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to award bid to J & J Tree Service for a bid of \$7,525.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- First Baptist Church Expansion. Reported the Church had broken ground on the project.
- Wynne Park Gazebo. Reported the rehabilitation of the gazebo should be completed on Wednesday, July 27, 2011.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Patrol Car. Reported the 2007 Ford Crown Victoria had thrown a rod and requested direction from the Board for repair. Presented a breakdown of options which are as follows:
 1. Ford Motor Company new engine/installed with three year warranty - \$5,356.00
 2. Used motor purchased from the City of Aurora and installed - \$3,010.00Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to purchase the new engine from the Ford Motor Company. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Crossing Guard Vacancy. Requested permission to hire Gertrude Haynes for the Crossing Guard vacancy. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion seconded by Alderman Greene to approve request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Training.
 1. Sent an officer to training for Basic Spanish for Law Enforcement. Earnest noted this was the third officer to receive the training, with a department goal to have all officers attend.
 2. An Officer received training at the Glock Armory School, achieving certification to work on all Glock manufactured handguns. Earnest noted this should save the city money in future for repairs.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Reported the department had four calls since July 18, 2011, one call smell of gas, two CO2 checks and one fuel spill.
- Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. Vehicle maintenance was performed on all vehicles.
- Training. Conducted CERT training on July 15, 2011 and a regular training meeting on July 21, 2011.
- Community Events. Reported the Department had attended the Methodist Church carnival.
- Generator. Reported the generator was completely installed and training was completed.
- ISO. Reported to continue pursuing the ISO rating review, a letter from the Mayor was required listing activities, equipment upgrades and improvements that have been completed since the last ISO inspection. DeLay reported he would assist the Mayor with the letter.
- Policy Manual. Requested any discussion on the rough draft of the policy manual presented at the last meeting. Discussion was held. DeLay reported he would make changes and present at the next meeting for approval.

Questions. Alderwoman Mieswinkel requested outcome of first Boot Drive. DeLay reported the department had collected \$541.00 in three hours on Saturday, July 23, 2011. DeLay said they would continue to have a couple more drives.

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 has not met.

New Business.

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

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business

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Closed Session.

Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips 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, Mieswinkel, Springer, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT:

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 8:03 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:25 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other item 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 8:25 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date