

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, August 9, 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. Absent: Gary Albers. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City 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. Absent: City Administrator John Rice.

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:

- Remove Item Number XI. 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 July 26, 2011 was presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Springer 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.

Citizen Participation.

Bob Feisthamel asked the Board to reconsider the amount of hanger rent he will begin paying on September 1, 2011. He suggested lowering the amount to \$500.00. Discussion was held.

Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel to lower rent to \$500.00. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Millsap

NOES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Tebow, Mieswinkel, Springer

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Albers

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

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Ordinance.

Bill No. 2011-0004 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a contract for sale of real estate by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation and Church on the Loop was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1st Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Albers

2nd Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Albers

Bill No. 2011-0004 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2011-0004 thus became Ordinance No. 14.223.

Department Reports.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented a report of all bills paid and requested discussion. Alderwoman Millsap requested discussion on costs of Wynne Park gazebo repair. Discussion was held.
- Treasurer Report. Presented the July, 2011 Treasurer Report for approval. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- SRF (State Revolving Fund) Reimbursement Request. Requested permission from the Board directing the Mayor to sign-off for a SRF reimbursement request for \$18,219.27. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips granting request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Weldy made the following recommendations: for use of funds for purchase of the Church on the Loop building: rolling a certificate of deposit at Mid-Missouri Bank, which matured on August 9, 2011 for \$116,000.24 into the city checking account along with \$250,871.79, which was deposited last month and to use the CDARS account for \$204,494.59. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

At this point, 7:35 p.m., Alderman Albers arrived to the meeting.

Public Works

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- **Underground Reservoir.** Stanton reported the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) had performed an assessment of the city's water storage system and had provided recommendations. One recommendation was to close the underground basin because it was suggested the basin may be a source for groundwater contamination. Utility Service Company provided an estimate of up to \$4,100.00 to drain, wash out, disinfect and assess the integrity of the basin. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve the assessment. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- **Automatic Meter Reading.** Stanton reported line item 41-5-410-013 Electric Upgrade line item had a balance of \$182,882.68, with anticipated future expenditures of \$63,000.00 that was known, and requested to use the remaining balance of \$119,882.68 to purchase AMR (radio read electric meters), for all residential electric customers. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel to grant request. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Tebow, Millsap

NOES: Phillips, Hull, Mieswinkel, Springer, Albers

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

- **East Substation.** Reported problems with outages have arisen from Breaker #2 at the East substation during the hot period. Stanton noted this was a breaker that was not replaced after the ice storm, and suspected it may have internal damage. Stanton requested permission to purchase a new breaker at a cost of \$17,500.00. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to contact the city's general liability insurance carrier for possible reimbursement cost for coverage, and if it is not covered to approve purchase from city funds. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- **Electronic Recycling Day.** Presented information from Computer Trade, located in Joplin, Missouri, requesting the city allow them to conduct an all electronics and metal recycling day, at no cost to the city. Stanton noted the company had requested the city assist in providing a location to hold the event. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to grant permission for the recycling day and for Stanton to assist in locating an area to conduct the event. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Mayor Eden requested any questions from Stanton. Alderman Tebow requested Stanton research the city's options on a septic system at the Airport.

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Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following item:

- Statistic Report. Presented the July, 2011 building permit report.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Statistic Report. Presented the July, 2011 statistic report. Discussion held.
- Crime Rate. Discussed the crime rate was down considerably which may be due to the excessive heat. Earnest noted surrounding cities had reported the same decrease in crime.
- Vehicle Repair. Reported Ingle Automotive had completed replacement of the engine in the 2007 Crown Victoria and the vehicle was planned to be put back into service immediately.
- Annual Firearms Qualification. Reported the department's annual firearms qualifications would be held in September at the Public Works facility. Earnest noted this year qualifications would include a night fire range and invited the Board to attend.
- Law Enforcement Academy. Reported he had been invited by the Law Enforcement Academy in Joplin, Missouri to teach several seminars to students. Earnest noted the academy is planning to incorporate the training into the basic police academy's curriculum.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Fire Calls. DeLay reported the department had responded to two calls, one involving a carbon monoxide alarm and the other call was a vehicle accident on the Business Loop. DeLay noted it involved a near-miss of fireman Donnie Wright, who was participating in the Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive.
- Training. The department would conduct a training on August 18, 2011 at the Fire Station.
- Community Events. The department attended the Back to School Bash at the First Methodist Church.
- Miscellaneous. Reported the department would participate in the Probation and Parole annual car wash sponsored by the Lawrence County Sheriff Department.
- Policy. Reported he has made the changes in department policy addressing the chain-in-command as requested by the Board.
- Mayor Eden requested any questions. Alderman Springer questioned if the Airport experienced a fire, which department would respond. DeLay reported the City Fire Department would take the call.

Committee Reports.

Finance. Alderman Springer reported the committee has not met.

Parks. Alderman Tebow reported the committee has not met.

Personnel. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to advertise for the City Administrator position, which would become vacant after the retirement of John Rice on December 31, 2011. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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

Waste Franchise. Alderman Albers reported the committee has not met.

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Airport. Alderman Greene reported he had presented the hanger lease agreement, lease addendum and rules/regulations to the Board during the study session. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel to accept Hanger/Tie-Down Lease Agreement, Addendum to Lease Agreement and Lessee Rules and Regulations. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene

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

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

With all present members voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion failed. Mayor Eden reminded the Board that future study sessions would be devoted to airport hanger leases until a compromise could be reached.

New Business.

Petrus reported he would present two ordinances at the August 23, 2011 meeting on text changes for Codification, Section 115.150, Removal of City Administrator and to add a section in Chapter 145, Open Meetings and Records Policy.

Old Business.

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

Adjournment.

Alderman Phillips 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 8:11 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date