

Minutes Approved Tuesday September 13, 2011

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall on Tuesday, August 23, 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, Fireman Leon Sullivan and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Agenda.

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

- Remove Item Number XIV. 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 August 9, 2011, were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel to approve minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden noted this is a portion of the meeting open for citizen participation and requested if any one in attendance wished to speak. No discussion was requested.

Red Cross – Jim Hogsett.

Mr. Hogsett requested the Board consider continuing an agreement with the Red Cross for use of the Church on the Loop Building as a disaster shelter. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to continue the agreement with the Red Cross to use the Church on the Loop building as a disaster shelter. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Mieswinkel moved to amend her motion as follows: to enter an agreement with the Red Cross to use the Community Center as a Disaster Shelter. Alderman Tebow seconded the amended motion. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: Millsap, Hull

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

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Ordinances.

**Bill No. 2011-0005 re:** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 115.150 regarding removal of City Administrator, with the following roll call vote recorded:

*First Reading.*

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor Eden declared the first reading of Bill No. 2011-0005 approved and directed the second reading to be held at the September 13, 2011 meeting.

**Bill No. 2011-0006 re:** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 145.130 regarding fees for documents requested under open meetings and records policy, with the following roll call vote recorded:

*First Reading.*

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor Eden declared the first reading of Bill No. 2011-0006 approved and directed the second reading to be held at the September 13, 2011 meeting.

**Bill No. 2011-0007 re:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 600.050 regarding liquor licenses applications and fees was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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. 2011-0007 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2011-0007 thus became Ordinance No. 7.54.

## **Department Reports.**

### City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Budget Meeting Schedule. Presented a proposed schedule for the 2011 Finance Committee budget meetings. Discussion was held.
- Community Center Steering Committee. Reported the first meeting for the Steering Committee would be on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Rice invited everyone to attend.
- Community Center Open House. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Aldermen to schedule the Center's Open House for Sunday, September 25, 2011, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 2003 COP. Presented a packet for members of the Finance Committee to review. Packet contained a proposal from Piper Jaffray, for refinancing of the 2003 COP. Rice requested the committee members review the information and discussion will be held at a later date.

### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented the Paid Bills report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Transportation.
  - New Vehicle. Reported the new taxi would be delivered during the week of August 29, 2011.
  - Riders. Reported number of riders has increased and would be budgeting for an additional driver in the 2012 budget. Weldy noted this driver would work on days the part-time driver was not working.
- Budget Amendments. Requested approval for budget amendments, as presented in report. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve amendments as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Public Works

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- East Substation/Breaker #2. Reported he had met with a representative from Trogdon Insurance to discuss coverage of damaged breaker from 2007 ice storm. Stanton reported he was advised that too long a period had elapsed to file a claim on the damaged breaker.
- Underground Reservoir. Reported Utility Services had completed the drain, wash-out, disinfection and assessment of the basin, which resulted in an evaluation of "overall good condition." Stanton noted the basin has been re-filled and is back in service.

### Planning and Zoning.

Conway requested any discussion, as he did not have any business to report. Alderman Springer requested the status of the First Baptist Church addition. Conway reported the concrete slab would be poured later in the week. Alderman Springer requested the number of projects in town other than the Church. Conway reported he had issued two permits for residential construction.

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### Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- **DWI Enforcement.** Reported the department was participating in a state-wide, stepped-up DWI enforcement project, which is funded by the Missouri Department of Transportation.
- **School Partnership.** Working with the Mount Vernon School system to put policies in place for dealing with students during and after school hours and to prepare for any potential problems.
- **All Weather Vehicles.** Reported he has discussed with Rice in the past to budget for a four-wheel drive vehicle for use during inclement weather. Earnest noted he applied to the Department of Defense, Excess Equipment Department for a military humvee and he has received verification that the city has been awarded a humvee, with delivery anticipated in the next few weeks.

### Fire.

Leon Sullivan held discussion on the following items:

- **Fire Calls.** Department received two calls since last report:
  - T.A. Truckstop for a vehicle fire
  - Lawrence County Manor for an alarm.
- **Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance.** Maintenance has been performed on all trucks and equipment.
- **Training.** Work session conducted on August 18, 2011.
- **Community Events.** Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive will be held Saturday, August 27, 2011.

### Committee Reports.

*Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

*Finance.* Alderman Springer reported the committee will meet on October 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. to begin budget process.

*Parks.* Alderman Tebow reported the committee had met earlier in the evening, with the committee holding discussion and recommending a proposal for new pool hours. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve recommendation from the committee. 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 has not met.

### New Business.

Mayor Eden presented a Mayoral Proclamation for the citizens of Mount Vernon, Missouri to observe September 11, 2011 as a Day of Service and Remembrance for September 11, 2001.

### Old Business.

Alderwoman Mieswinkel requested discussion on a deadline to accept applications for the City Administrator position. Discussion was held, with a consensus of the Board to accept applications until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2011.

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Adjournment.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk