

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall on Tuesday, September 27, 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, Mike Tebow, April Mieswinkel, Max Springer, Carol Millsap, Gary Albers. Absent: John Hull. 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.

Guests registering their attendance are listed on the sign-in sheet attached to and made part of the minutes.

Agenda.

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

- Remove Item Number XII. 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, September 13, 2011 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden noted this was the portion of the meeting open for citizen participation and requested if anyone in attendance wished to speak. No discussion was requested by those in attendance.

Community Center Building Lease – Crowder College

Rice presented a draft for a lease with Crowder College for rental of up to six rooms at the community center. Rice recommended changing the description of the lease and setting a lease rate for up to six rooms. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to accept lease agreement with the following changes:

- Change from location of property to specifying up to six rooms.
- \$100.00 per room, per month and to include utilities
- agreement set on a yearly basis

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

Mayoral Proclamation.

Mayor Eden presented to the Board a Mayoral Proclamations for Fire Prevention Week.

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At this time 7:12 p.m., Alderman Hull arrived at the meeting.

### **Department Reports.**

#### City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Community Center Open House. Reported the event was a success with an estimated 600 to 700 people in attendance.
- Fee Schedule. Rice reported he has had a large amount of inquiries for rental of the new community center and presented a fee schedule for rental rates. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to accept the fee schedule as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Community Center Name. Presented the following names from the Community Center Committee for consideration:
  - The Marc
  - Blvd. West

Discussion was held. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap, to name the community center as “The Marc”. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Red Cross Contract. Presented a draft of the contract for review. Discussion was held.
- Airport Lease – City Hanger. Presented a request from Rick Rose to lease the city hanger for several months to store an airplane he has listed for sale. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve request for lease at \$95.00 per month. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Committee Appreciation. Commended members of the committee for participation of the open house and organization of the center. Acknowledged Patti Robb for submitting the community center’s new name.

Mayor Eden requested any other discussion. Karen Millsap reported the Arts Council had received a grant for \$1,000.00 for improvements to the auditorium portion of the Marc. Ms. Millsap reported the Arts Council recommended installation of exhibition rods and painting the hallway leading to the auditorium and to re-paint the “green room”. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips approving recommendation and allowing the Arts Council to proceed with work. Ms. Millsap reported the Arts Council had received an anonymous donation of \$10,000.00 to be used in the auditorium at The Marc and presented a list of suggested improvements to the auditorium. Ms. Millsap reported she would be meeting with an individual on listed improvements and would report any activity to the council.

#### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Requested discussion on paid bills. None brought forth.
- CDARS/CD. Requested direction from the Board for a CDARS account that will be maturing on October 13, 2011 at approximately \$204,034.00. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to withdraw the balance from the CDARS program and deposit it into the interest-bearing checking account at Great Southern. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Meter Reader Position. Reported he had concluded the interview phase for vacant position and recommended the Board hire Jonathan Bray for meter reading position, with starting wage at \$8.50 per hour, with an increase to \$9.00 per hour upon positive review at six month probation. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Vacate Alley. Presented a request to vacate an alley from Jade Curry, located at 400 S. Hazel Street, with plans to improve her turn-in to her driveway. Stanton reported there have never been utilities in the alley and no future utilities are planned. Stanton recommended to council to move forward with ordinance to vacate. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow directing Petrus to prepare an ordinance for vacating of the alley. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway reported he had no department report, but welcomed any questions. None brought forth.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- D.A.R.E. Detective Jason Lacey participated in a two week D.A.R.E. program as a Senior Instructor.
- Record Management. Reported he has been requested to present a demonstration using the Interpol Records Management software for the cities of Carl Junction and Carthage.
- MoDot Grant. Department participated in a MODOT grant project for enforcement.
- Future Communication. Attended a meeting with the Missouri State Department of Public Safety concerning the future of communications in Missouri. Earnest noted Assistant Chief David Hubert was also in attendance.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Worked three calls since last report.
- Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance. Routine maintenance performed on all vehicles and equipment.
- Training. Training on September 15, 2011 covering the Mayday call.
- Community Events. Attended an event at the First Baptist Church on September 21, 2011 and also at The Marc open house on September 24, 2011.

Committee Reports.

*Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee would meet on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss hanger lease options.

*Finance.* Alderman Springer reported the committee would meet on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss 2012 budget.

*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.

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*Waste Franchise.* Alderman Albers reported the committee has not met. Mayor Eden questioned Alderman Albers if the committee would have any more future meetings. Alderman Albers reported he did not have any planned. Mayor Eden requested this committee be removed from council reports.

*Community Center.* Alderman Tebow reported the committee has met, but has nothing to report.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. The following items were reported:

- Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration was scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2011, at the Lawrence County Residential Care Center, from 1: 00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Della Mieswinkel. Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported Ms. Mieswinkel has always been involved with the community and had served many years on the City Council.
- Alderman Albers questioned if the attendees of the FFA Tractor Pull, which is held during Apple Butter Making Days, would cause any problems with parking at The Marc. Consensus from Aldermen was parking at the Mark would not cause any problems.

Old Business.

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

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 7:51 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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