

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 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, Gary Flippin, April Mieswinkel, Barbara Rubison, Gary Albers. Absent: Carol Millsap. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Assistant Fire Chief Brad DeLay, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

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

At this point, Alderwoman Millsap arrived at the meeting.

Public Hearing.

Mayor Eden announced that this portion of the meeting was for input from the public for the proposed rate increase for the minimum rate charge for water. Springer presented the following proposed increases:

	Current Minimum Charges	Proposed Minimum Charges
Residential	\$4.92	\$7.38
Non-residential	\$14.26	\$21.39
Industrial	\$68.82	\$103.23

Tom Wilkes, Danny Burkes, Marsha Brown and Derf Eukel addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen regarding the rate increases. Wilkes, Burkes and Brown suggested increases by increments. Mayor Eden requested any other comment from the audience. With no other discussion brought forth, Mayor Eden announced the Hearing was over and the normal meeting would resume.

Approval of Agenda.

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

- Item No. X, Department Reports, remove the November Treasurer Report
- Item XIV. Remove 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, December 13, 2011, were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden reported this portion of the meeting is set aside for participation from the public and requested any discussion to be brought to the floor. None brought forth.

Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2012-001 re:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri at Section 700.130(A) regarding minimum monthly charge for water was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Green, Phillips, Hull, Flippin, Mieswinkel, Rubison, Millsap, Albers

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2012-001 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2012-001 thus became Ordinance No. 13.86.

Resolutions.

**Bill No. (R)2012-001 re:** A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to enter a lease agreement for lease of new industrial park for the year 2012 was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Flippin, Mieswinkel, Rubison, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2012-001 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2012-001 thus became Resolution No. (R)2012-001

**Bill No. (R)2012-002 re:** A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing an agreement for cleaning services at City Hall for the year 2012 was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Flippin, Mieswinkel, Rubison, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2012-002 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2012-002 thus became Resolution No. (R)2012-002.

**Department Reports.**

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- MARC.
  - Vending. Springer recommendation to use Springfield Vending for machines at the MARC. Springer noted the City would receive an 8% commission on all sales. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to

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

- Fire Alarm System. Requested permission to solicit bids for a fire alarm system at the MARC. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Board for Springer to proceed with the bid.
- Volleyball League. Springer requested discussion on insurance requirements for sport activities at the facility. Alderwoman Mieswinkel requested the Park Committee responsible for the MARC. Discussion was held with further discussion at the next Park Committee meeting.
- Internet Wi-Fi. Discussion was held on providers for Wi-Fi connection. Alderwoman Mieswinkel recommended discussion at the next Park Committee meeting.
- CDBG Grant Training. Reported a training session for the Missouri CDBG program would be held in Springfield on January 31, 2012.
- Business Expo. Springer reported the Expo was scheduled for Saturday, January 28, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at The MARC.
- Red Cross Shelter. Shelter Training scheduled for Saturday, February 5, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at The MARC.
- Commercial Park Development. Held discussion on establishing a Commercial Park on the south side of Interstate 44. Consensus of the Board for Springer to initiate a study on the feasibility of a Commercial Park.
- Water/Sewer Extensions. Reported he had received a request to extend utilities to Mid-American Dental on Hayward Drive. Discussion was held. Springer requested permission to begin a preliminary discussion with HDR Engineering for a feasibility study. Consensus of the Board to proceed with the discussion.
- Lease . Presented a request from Church on the Loop to extend lease of facility until January, 2013. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel to grant the lease extension. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Flippin, Mieswinkel, Rubison, Albers

NOES: Millsap

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

- Retirement. Springer invited the Board members to attend retirement party for Jack Daniels, Pastor of First Christian Church, scheduled for Sunday, January 15, 2012.

#### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented the report of bills paid and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Budget Amendments. Presented a report of end of year budget amendments and transfers to accounts for approval and to be included and made part of the minutes, for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to approve the amendments as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following item:

- Request for Greens Fan. Requested permission to order a greens fan so as to receive early deliver in April, before the season begins. Stanton noted the purchase amount was slightly over the purchasing policy threshold, which requires permission from the Board to proceed. Alderman Albers made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to grant permission to request. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Flippin, Rubison, Millsap, Albers

NOES: Mieswinkel

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

- FYI. Stanton reported to date, 1, 138 radio-read electric meters installed, with approximately 972 remaining and approximately 100 water meters in ground, with approximately 75 scheduled for installation.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following item:

- Permits. Presented the December 2011 permit report.
- Commission Re-organization. Reported the Commission had held a re-organizational meeting on January 3, 2012 with the following members elected:
  - Louis Woody – Chairman
  - Dennis Thrasher – Vice Chairman
  - Derf Eukel – Secretary
- Re-zoning Request. Reported the Commission had held a public hearing on January 3, 2012 for a request to re-zone property located at 995 Daniel Drive from B-3 to M-2. Conway reported an individual plans to open a metal recycling center, which will include a metal shredding operation. Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission does not recommend the re-zoning. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to support the decision of the Planning and Zoning to maintain the current zoning of B-3 at 995 Daniel Drive and not grant re-zoning request. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Flippin, Mieswinkel, Rubison, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- December Statistic Report. Presented the department report for December, 2011.
- End of Year Statistics. Discussed the yearly statistic report and presented comparison to the previous years.

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- **Weapon Protection/Training.** Reported the Department had received approval from the Missouri National Guard for the department to receive 11 retired M-16's, which will include training/qualifications for each officer. Discussion was held.
- **Medication Take-back Program.** Reported the department is currently working with the Lawrence County Health Department to hold a Medication Take-back program. First event is scheduled for March 1, 2012 at the Health Department and on April 28, 2012 at the Hometown Pharmacy.

### Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- **Calls.** Reported the department had received three calls since last report.
- **Maintenance.** Reported maintenance performed on all vehicles and equipment. DeLay noted Insta-Chains were installed onto Engine Number Three and would be installed on other vehicles. DeLay noted he had received an estimate for repair of the Thermal camera for \$3,647.00.
- **Training.** DeLay reported training for May-Day and search and rescue was completed by the department on December 15, 2011.
- **Miscellaneous.** DeLay reported the members of the department had completed painting of the second floor of the fire station.

### Committee Reports.

*Airport.* Springer presented a Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges to the Committee for review. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the Schedule as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

*Finance.* Alderwoman Millsap reported the committee has not met.

*Parks.* Alderman Hull reported the committee was scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

*Personnel.* Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported the committee has not met.

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

*Disaster Shelter.* Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported the committee has not met.

### New Business.

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

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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 8:50 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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