

Minutes Approved March 27, 2012

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday March 13, 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, Gary Flippin, April Mieswinkel, Barbara Rubison, Carol Millsap, Gary Albers. Absent: John Hull. 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, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Fire Fighter Leon Sullivan, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission Luis Woody 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.

Alderswoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

- Item No. X. Remove Section 610.021(2) Real Estate from the 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 February 28, 2012 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderswoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented.

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.

**Department Reports.**

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax Revenue. Reported sales tax revenue is up by 18.105%, compared to 2011 revenues.
- Street Paving. Requested permission to proceed with street paving projects for the year. Springer noted the following streets were scheduled: Kevin Circle, \$65,142.00; RJ Lane, \$35,397.00; and East Industrial Road, \$65,563.00. Springer also requested any remaining monies in the budget be used to cut a road bed and base for Hayward Drive, from McCause Street to Kevin Drive and also improvements to the entrance at Davis Street, which was approved at the January 24, 2012 meeting. Springer noted that upon approval from the Board, he would contract with Blevins Asphalt to lock in current oil prices for the 2012 year and proceed with paving projects. Alderswoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Flippin to grant request and to proceed with Blevins

Asphalt for 2012 street projects. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Surplus City Property. Requested permission to advertise to receive bids on a 1987 Ford F-800 Dump Truck and a 2001 Crown Victoria retired police car. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to grant request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- DODD Account. Requested permission to use remaining balance of monies from DODD project collected for development of Missouri Drive. Springer reported the balance was \$14,959.69 and could be used for engineering feasibility studies to extend utilities on south side of town. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel to use balance of account to pay for studies with HDR Engineering and Toth Engineering as needed until zero balance. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- 608 Seneker. Reported he had met with the Lawrence County Assessor to request the County to waive taxes owed for this location. Springer noted the Assessor did not have a problem with waiving taxes against property, but ultimately decision would be by County Collector. Discussion was held on different options the city could pursue.
- Tree Trimming. Reported the city has received positive comments on the removal of trees from property located across from the Northwest Industrial Park. Springer noted the city worked with the Missouri Highway Department and the owner of the property, John Richardson, to enhance visibility for traffic.

At this point of the meeting, Alderman Hull arrived.

#### Treasurer Report.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- February Treasurer Report. Presented the new format of the Treasurer Report for February 2012. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Received bids for a certificate of deposit at Mid-Missouri Bank, which matured on March 11, 2012. Weldy presented the bid tab, and recommended the Board roll the \$795,032.32 into a one-year certificate of deposit at Mid-Missouri Bank for twelve months at .45% interest. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Taxi. Requested permission to advertise for an additional part-time taxi driver, as budgeted for. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to grant request and proceed with advertisement for position. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Training. Requested permission to attend training with Davis, Lynn & Moots for reading of financial statements. Weldy noted training would cost the city \$300.00 for herself and Springer. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to allow Weldy and Springer to attend training.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Surplus City Property. Reported he had items at the Golf Course to include with the surplus equipment bidding.
- Spring Clean-up. Reported the event is scheduled for Friday, April 27, 2012 and Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Stanton reported Computer Trade of Joplin, Missouri would also be accepting old computers and electronics at the same event.
- Stormwater Ditch Maintenance. Requested the Board allow him to accept bid of \$3,000.00 from Ace Pipe Cleaning to remove debris from the culvert connected to the storm water drainage ditch on Water Street, by the Library. Stanton noted it was approximately 60% clogged with debris and the Public Works department was taking a proactive step for the upcoming wet season. Stanton reported this money was budgeted for. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Flippin to grant request to use Ace Pipe Cleaning and to proceed with the clean-out of culvert. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Electric System. Noted to the Board how well the electrical upgrades have withstood the high winds the city has experienced.

Planning & Zoning.

Woody held discussion on the following items:

- Site Plan Review. Reported the commission had approved a site plan review for the Assembly of God Church on Hastings Street.
- By-Laws. Reported a committee had been appointed, with Springer as the chairman, to review the by-laws so the city would remain compliant with state and federal statutes.
- Conditional Use Permits. Reported a public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for changes in the city code addressing Conditional Use permits, which will include Bed & Breakfast text. Woody noted the changes have been submitted to Petrus for review.
- Comprehensive Plan Review. Reported the Commission was continuing review of the Comprehensive Plan.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following item:

- February Permit Report. Presented the statistical report and requested discussion. None brought forth.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- February Statistical Report. Presented the statistical report and held discussion.
- Training. Reported the department had completed Taser recertification on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at The MARC. Earnest noted after the re-certification training, a tour of the facility was conducted so officers were familiar with the lay-out should a situation arise.
- Medication Take-Back. Conducted a clinic on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at the Lawrence County Health Department. Earnest noted 42 pounds of medication was collected.

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Earnest reported another clinic would be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at the Hometown Pharmacy.

- Multi-jurisdictional Investigation. Reported the department participated in an investigation with the Aurora Police Department by serving two search warrants, which resulted in three arrests on Tuesday, March 6, 2012.
- Grant. Reported the department has received a grant for over-time pay for officers to conduct DWI checkpoints.

#### Fire.

Sullivan held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Reported the department had two calls since last meeting report.
- Training. Department would be conducting training on March 15, 2012 at the Fire Station.
- Vehicle Maintenance. All maintenance on vehicles has been performed.
- Tree Removal. Thanked the city for removal of trees on Highway 39. Sullivan noted it has increased visibility and has received positive comments from the fire fighters.

#### Committee Reports.

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

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

*Parks.* Alderman Hull reported the committee has not met.

*Personnel.* Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported the committee met on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported the committee took no action.

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

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

#### New Business.

Alderman Phillips reported he has been approached by an individual with a request to use The MARC parking lot as a meeting place for people riding on his tour bus to take trips to the casinos in Oklahoma. Discussion was held. Springer suggested they park in the southeast corner of the parking lot, in a very well lit area, for pick-up and drop-off. Discussion was held, with the Board agreeing to Springer's proposal for use of the southeast corner of parking lot.

Mayor Eden presented thank-you letters from the Cub Scout troop for use of The MARC for their pinewood derby race.

Springer held discussion on supporting a \$20.00 challenge to the community to select a business to "Cash-Mob". Discussion was held.

#### Old Business.

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

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Closed Session.

Alderman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(1) Litigation and Section 610.021(3) Personnel Issues. 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. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:45 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:10 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other discussion. None brought forth.

Adjourn.

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 8:10 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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