

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

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, July 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, Craig Nelson, Edward Kimbler, Gary Albers, Barbara Rubison. Absent: Carol Millsap, John Hull, Lowell Phillips. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, City Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Luis Woody, Fire Department Representative Rick Richardson 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. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Remove Item Number XII. Closed Session.

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

Minutes.

Minutes of the last regular scheduled meeting, which was held on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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.

Signage Request.

Trish Bramer presented a draft of a proposed sign recognizing the 2012 Girls State Basketball Championship. Ms. Bramer reported the requested signage would be placed on three city limits signs, at a cost of \$520.00 per sign, total of \$1,560.00 and the signs would be maintained by the Highway Department for ten years. Alderman Albers made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson authorizing purchase of the signs for \$1,560.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2012-007 re:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Chapter 415 regarding Flood Hazard Prevention, was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull, Phillips, Millsap

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull, Phillips, Millsap

Bill No. 2012-007 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2012-007 thus became Ordinance Number 2.150.

### **Department Reports.**

#### City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Bid Number 2012-06 The MARC Parking Lot. Springer presented references from customers of B & B Seal Coating for the Board to review. After much discussion, Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Albers to award bid to B & B Seal Coating, LLC. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Nelson, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison

NOES: Greene

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull, Phillips, Millsap

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

- Golf Course Vacancy. Recommended Amanda Henry to fill vacancy at Golf Course Clubhouse. Alderman Greene made motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to accept recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Parks Program Vacancy. Recommended Joel Ledford to fill a vacant position with the Park Program. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson to accept recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Public Hearing for Electric Rate Increase. Scheduled a Public Hearing for Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. to receive public input for a proposed utility rate increase due to a substantial increase by Empire District Electric.
- Bid Number 2012-05 The MARC Roof Replacement. Presented a bid tab for roof replacement at The MARC Community Center. Springer recommended awarding the bid to Pro Tech Maintenance for a bid of \$86,000.00. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to award roof bid to Pro Tech Maintenance. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Hangar Lease. Reported he had received an inquiry for rental of the vacant hangar space.
- Sales Tax Revenue. Reported the revenue for sales tax was down by approximately 22%.

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- Voluntary Compliance Agreement. Reported a resolution would be presented to the Board at the July 24, 2012 meeting for peak flow voluntary compliance at the Wastewater Treatment Facility as required by Department of Natural Resources.
- Architect Services. Requested permission to solicit a request for proposals for general architectural services. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to proceed with RFP.
- Conference. Reported he and John Rice would attend the Main Street Revitalization Conference in St. Louis on July 24, 2012 thru July 26, 2012.
- Apple Butter Making Days. Requested volunteers to assist with patrolling the square during the Apple Butter Making Days festival. Discussion was held on providing extra security due to break-in of booths during the 2011 event.
- Request to Bid. Presented information on a 1998 Emergency One Ladder Fire Truck that is currently listed on GovDeals and requested the city participate in the bidding process. Alderman Nelson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to authorize Springer to place bids on vehicle, up to \$70,000.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Correspondence. Presented a letter from the office of Governor Jeremiah Nixon regarding House Bill No. 1329, sales of out-of-state vehicles. Discussion was held.
- Music Festival Request. Presented a request from Cody Collins to use the Kiwanis Pavilion on August 4, 2012, starting at 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to have a music festival. Springer noted Mr. Collins has four bands and a rapper scheduled. Mr. Collins will not be charging a fee, but will set up donation jars for tips to the bands. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to allow music festival on requested date. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Employee Pay Increase. Reported Officer Shawn Cobb's job duties had increased with the vacancy in the police department and requested the Board increase his hourly pay from \$14.45 to \$15.45. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to grant request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented the bills paid report and requested any questions. None brought forth.
- June Treasurer Report. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Six Month Report. Presented a summary of the sixth month report, which will be published in the Lawrence County Record on Wednesday, July 18, 2012.

### Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following item:

- Wastewater Conveyance System Rehabilitation. Reported the deadline for completion of project was in September, but if work continued as is, the company would beat the current deadline. Discussion was held on continuation of projects for improvement for the next five years to stay compliant with Department of Natural Resources.

Planning and Zoning.

Woody held discussion on the following items:

- Membership. Reported the two newest members had officially begun and was impressed with the knowledge of both.
- Olive Street Apartments. Reported the Board had reviewed city codification regarding renting of rooms by-the-week, as the sign advertised at the facility, and found no violation for this area. Mr. Woody noted that after confirmation from the manager of the facility, the sign was incorrect and rooms would be rented by the month.
- Comprehensive Plan Review. Reported the commission was unable to review the plan at the last meeting, but would resume assessments at the August meeting.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- June Permit Report. Presented the statistic report and held discussion.
- Olive Street Apartments. Reported he had contacted the manager of the apartment complex regarding the signage in front of the facility. Conway noted the manager stated the sign was temporary and that all trash had been removed.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- June Statistic Report. Presented the statistical report reflecting June activity.
- Quick Response Car Show. Reported the department had entered the D.A.R.E. Humvee in the Quick Response Car Show, held on June 30, 2012, with the vehicle winning second place.
- Red, White and Boom. Reported the festival was uneventful in police calls, except for one lost child, which was found promptly. Earnest noted the department did have two calls related to fireworks for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.
- Veteran's Administration Parade. Reported he has been contacted by the Veterans' Administration requesting permission to have a parade in September. Earnest noted he currently does not have the specifics for the parade, but will report to the Board once he does receive.

Fire.

Richardson held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Reported the department had responded to seven fire calls since last report. Mr. Richardson noted with the extreme dry conditions, they have had more calls with the rural department.
- Community Events. Reported the department had attended three community events since last report.

Committee Reports.

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

*Finance.* Due to the absence of Alderwoman Millsap, no report was submitted.

*Parks.* Due to the absence of Alderman Hull, no report was submitted.

*Personnel.* Alderman Albers reported the committee has not met.

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*Public Works/Streets.* Due to the absence of Alderman Phillips, no report was submitted.  
*The MARC/Community Center.* Due to the absence of Alderwoman Millsap, no report was submitted.

New Business.

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

Old Business.

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

Adjournment.

Alderman Albers made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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