

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, September 25, 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, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Gary Albers, Carol Millsap, Barbara Rubison. Absent: John Hull. 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, 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. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

- Remove Item Number XI. 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 11, 2012, were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes with the following correction:

- Committee Reports. Personnel. Change "Alderwoman Millsap" to "Alderman Albers".

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. None brought forth.

Sidewalk Issues.

Curtis Sveum requested the Board begin research for repair/replacement of city sidewalks. Mr. Sveum noted he has met with Springer, Stanton and Conway with several ideas for revenue of the project, such as a 1/8 cent sales tax, 50/50 cost share or grant money. Discussion was held.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Fire Alarm. Reported the system has been installed and is working.
- Medical Rescue. Requested input from the Board if the Fire Department should absorb the Quick Response unit. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden directed the question of "Do you

wish for the City Fire Department to absorb the Quick Response Unit into their department?" The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: none

NOES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison, Millsap

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

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

- Insurance Brokers. Held discussion on RFQ's for Broker Services for liability insurance coverage for the city. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to name Dean Gautney as Broker for general liability insurance coverage. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Transportation Enhancement Grant. Discussed the request from Mr. Sveum in replacement of sidewalks and presented a federal grant administered by MoDot, which can provide monies from \$25,000.00 to \$300,000.00 for projects. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Board is for Mr. Springer to proceed with application of grant by using a grant writer.
- Southwest Power Pool (SPP). Requested permission to attend the SPP settlement user conference, October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Consensus of the Board for Springer to attend.
- MML S. W. Regional dinner. Reported the MML would have a seminar on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 and requested those who wish to attend would need to contact him for reservations.
- Prayer. Reported prayer at the pole was scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at noon.
- Employee Birthday. Noted Conway celebrating sixtieth birthday.
- Crosswalk. Reported the cost for two flashers for the crosswalk at the High School would cost approximate \$5,000.00 total. Springer noted he would request the school to share in costs for purchase of the equipment and would report back to the Board.

#### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented the Bills Paid list and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- SRF Request. Requested the Board authorizing the Mayor to sign-off on request for total payment for \$62,949.94 for the following breakdown:

Archer Engineering - \$5,284.24

Insituform Technologies - \$57,665.70

Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene granting request for authorizing Mayor to sign off and to make payment. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Transportation Vehicle Status. Reported the cracked head has been repaired on the new van at no cost to the city, as it was still under warranty.

#### Public Works.

Stanton noted he did not have a report to submit.

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### Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following item:

- Bathroom Status. Reported the garage bathroom has been wired, OSB installed on exterior, textured and primed.

### Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- School Parking. Reported he has discussed parking issues on Landrum Street with Superintendent of the Mount Vernon Schools and received a request to make a portion of Landrum Street, starting at Sloan Street to just north of the school building at the entrance from Landrum, for bus parking only and during specified hours. Earnest noted McCause Street school parking is also an issue and is researching options for this section. Earnest requested input from the Board on enforcement of School Zone speed limit. Earnest explained city code requires speed limit for school zone to be enforceable 24 hours a day, but he would like this enforceable only during school hours. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap directing Petrus to present an ordinance for text change for the school zone speed limit. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- No Parking. Reported the Public Works Department had installed two “No Parking” signs on the north side of the square, which would require an ordinance for text change to city code.
- Lawn Mower Issues. Reported he is continuing research on the use of lawn mowers as vehicles.
- Bank Robbery. Reported the Liberty Bank had been robbed earlier in the day, with no leads to report at present.

### Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Reported the department had received one call since last report.
- Training. Reported training was held on alarms and communication.
- Activities. Reported the department would assist in clean-up of Apple Butter Making Days.

### Committee Reports.

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

*Finance.* Alderwoman Millsap reported the committee was scheduled to meet on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

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

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

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

*The MARC/Community Center.* Alderwoman Millsap 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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Old Business.

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

Adjournment.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Date

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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