

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Acting President Barbara Rubison with the following roll call recorded for Aldermen: J.N. Greene, Craig Nelson, John Hull, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Gary Albers. Absent: Mayor David W. Eden and 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, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Planning and Zoning Chairman Louis Woody, Fireman Rick Richardson and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

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

Public Hearing – Transportation Grant

Acting President Rubison announced this portion of the meeting was to receive public input on a request to pursue the MoDot Transportation Grant. Weldy presented an outline of how the grant was used, which is to aid in funding of the taxi cabs for the elderly and handicap citizens. No input from citizens was received during the hearing. Acting President Rubison reported the Public Hearing was closed and to move on to other business.

Agenda.

Acting President Rubison presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the agenda as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Rubison declared the motion approved.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, September 25, 2012, were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Rubison declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

Acting President Rubison reported this portion of the meeting is set aside for participation from the public and requested any discussion.

- Tim Atwell presented information on sidewalk issues and requested the city share a portion of the costs for sidewalks. Discussion was held by Mr. Atwell and the Board.

Ordinances.

**Bill No. 2012-12 re:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Title III, Traffic Code, Schedule I, Speed Limits was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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### First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Hull, Phillips, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Millsap

### Second Reading.

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Hull, Phillips, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Millsap

Bill No. 2012-12 was declared passed and sent to the Acting President of the Board for signature.  
Bill No. 2012-12 thus became Ordinance Number 12.64.

**Bill No. 2012-13 re:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Title III, Traffic Code, Schedule III, Parking Restrictions, Table III-B, Restricted Parking was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

### First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Hull, Phillips, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Millsap

### Second Reading.

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Hull, Phillips, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Millsap

Bill No. 2012-13 was declared passed and sent to the Acting President of the Board for signature.  
Bill No. 2012-13 thus became Ordinance Number 12.65.

## Department Reports.

### City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Apple Butter Making Days. Reported Chief Earnest has scheduled three officers to patrol the square from 8:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. during the event, along with two Sheriff Auxiliary officers. Springer requested if any Board member would be interested in voluntary patrol, so that the vendor booths are safe from vandalism.
- Hangar Status. Reported Brian Wolford has given the city a thirty day notice that he will not be renewing his lease at the airport. Springer noted the hanger would be available for rental on November 1, 2012.
- School Flashers. Reported the Mount Vernon School has agreed to share the costs to purchase flashers for a crosswalk on Highway 174, with the city installing and

maintaining the equipment. Springer noted an agreement will need to be signed, along with engineering and a permit issued.

- Grant. Reported he had met with Mike Zimmerman, from HDR Engineering, regarding writing of a Transportation Enhancement Grant. Springer noted the project would consist of approximately three phases, which include installing sidewalks, capping a storm-water ditch with a walk over the top for school children and possibly lighting to enhance the park area.
- Code Book Updates. Requested the Aldermen turn in their codebooks to City Clerk for updates to codification.
- Economic Development Director. Reported John Rice would be leaving his position as Director by the end of the year.
- Sales Tax. Reported the sales tax revenue for September.
- Employee Health Insurance. Reported the personnel committee had met and recommended the following options for employee health insurance:
  1. Partners 70 – Option 2 renewal quote
  2. Partners 80 – Option 3 renewal quote
  3. Partners 90 – Option 2 renewal quote

Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Albers to accept recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Rubison declared the motion approved.

- Golf Fees. Reported the committee had recommended the following for golf fees:
  1. Trail Fees – remove costs of \$3.00 for nine holes and \$4.00 for eighteen holes, remove member and non/member status.
  2. Add cart storage charges, without sand bottle charge \$50.00
  3. Add to Trail fee charges, without sand bottle charge \$100.00

Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept park committee recommendation for golf fees, effective January 1, 2013. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Rubison declared the motion approved.

#### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items.

- Bills. Presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Treasurer Report. Presented the report for September. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Rubison declared the motion approved.
- Transportation Grant. Requested the Board authorize the Mayor to sign off on request for grant monies with MoDot to help fund the transportation department. Breakdown of the request is:
  - Operating Budget - \$131,865.06
  - Federal Funds - \$63,911.41
  - Local Match - \$67,953.65

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to grant request and proceed with grant process. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Rubison declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Water Leak. Reported the drainage ditch on North Street currently has running water in it, which could mean there is a leak from the main water line in this area. Stanton noted a company that does sound testing would be able to do a demonstration on the area in eight days, which would determine the location of the leak and allow city crews to excavate in the exact area, instead of a general area to find the leak.

Planning and Zoning.

Woody held discussion on the following items:

- Public Hearings. Reported the Commission has scheduled three public hearing for the November 6, 2012 meeting. The hearings will be on the following:
  - Spot zoning for 505 South Hickory St.
  - Sidewalk Standards – text change to codification
  - Backyard Cottages (ADU) – text change to codification
- Comprehensive Plan. Reported the commission formed a committee to review the comprehensive plan. Members of the committee are: Conway, Springer, Stanton and D.C. Wright. Conway noted the first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 9:30 am.
- Temporary Signs. Reported the committee to research temporary signs has turned in their information to the commission and will continue discussions on their findings.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Statistic Report. Presented the September report.
- Clean-up. Reported the alley between Alice Street and Olive Street had been cleared by the Freedom Christian Church group.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Statistic Report. Presented the September statistical report.
- Medication Take-Back. Reported the department had received 74 pounds during the event on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at the Home Town Pharmacy, with 17,208 pounds state-wide. Earnest noted the Health Department, Schools and the department were researching installation of a permanent drop-box, located possibly at City Hall, for residents to use year-round.
- Bank Robbery. Reported he had met with the FBI on October 2, 2012 concerning updates on the robbery. Earnest noted the department has followed up on twelve leads that were generated by news broadcasts and information from other local police agencies.
- Surplus Equipment. Reported the department had received free surplus parts for the Humvee, valued at approximately \$30,000.00.

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Fire.

Richardson held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. The Department has received one call since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Preparing trucks for the parade on Saturday, October 13, 2012 for Apple Butter Making Days.
- Activities. Providing fire prevention materials to local schools in observance of fire prevention week.

Committee Reports.

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

*Finance.* Springer noted a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

*Parks.* Alderman Hull reported the committee met on October 8, 2012 and discussed golf fees.

*Personnel.* Alderman Albers reported the committee met on October 9, 2012 and discussed employee health insurance costs.

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

*The MARC/Community Center.* Due to the absence of Alderwoman Millsap, no report was submitted.

New Business.

Acting President Rubison requested any new business be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Old Business.

Acting President Rubison requested any old business be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Closed Session.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(1) Litigation. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Hull, Phillips, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Millsap

With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Rubison declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:50 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:20 p.m. Acting President Rubison requested any other discussion. None brought forth.

Adjourn.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Rubison declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 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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