

Minutes Approved November 27, 2012

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

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, November 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, Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Gary Albers, Barbara Rubison, Carol Millsap. 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, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Planning and Zoning Chairman Louis Woody, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, 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. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda, with the following amendments:

- Item X.
 1. City Administrator Report – Remove discussion regarding Sales Tax
 2. Planning and Zoning Report- Correction for spelling – Lifebridge Assembly of God.

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

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, October 23, 2012, were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented. The following vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Millsap

ABSENT: Hull

With all present members voting, 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.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2012-014 re: An ordinance calling for a general election in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, for the purpose of electing one Aldermen from each of the four wards, each for a term of two years, and one Alderman from Ward Three for a term of one year was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Bill No. 2012-014 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2012-014 thus became Ordinance Number 5.163.

Bill No. 2012-015 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 510.020 regarding uniform width of sidewalks was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Bill No. 2012-015 was declared passed on the first reading and ready for the second reading, which will be presented at the November 27, 2012 meeting.

Bill No. 2012-016 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Sections 405.050, 405.440 and 405.450 regarding Backyard Cottages and Residential Accessory Uses was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Bill No. 2012-016 was declared passed on the first reading and ready for the second reading, which will be presented at the November 27, 2012 meeting.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2012-023 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri amending the standard specifications and design criteria relating to sidewalks was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Bill No. (R)2012-023 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2012-023 thus became Resolution Number (R)2012-023.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

- Springer held discussion on the following items:
- Budget. Requested any discussion or questions regarding the budget presented at the October 23, 2012 meeting. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the 2013 budget as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Use Tax. Springer noted the tax was not passed at the November 6, 2012 election.
- Northwest Industrial Park. Reported he has had received a couple of inquiries for sell of the N. E. Industrial Park land. Springer noted Kelsey Rutledge is interested in 6.9 acres south of property he owns, and possibly 10 acres north of his current property. Springer noted Mr. Rutledge has offered \$2,000.00 per acre, for the 6.9 acres. Springer noted Mark Lee is interested in purchasing all of the property, but did not make a monetary offer. Springer requested direction from the Board on what they wish to do with the property. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to list the property on the open market for sixty (60) days at a price of \$3,500.00 per acre. The following vote was recorded:

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

NOES: Millsap

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

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

At this point, Alderman Hull arrived at the meeting.

- Tech 44. Requested the Board allow the City to pay for a membership of \$275.00 with the organization, which has been formed to help attract and retain businesses and employees within the surrounding communities of Interstate 44. Springer noted the corridor will provide numerous opportunities for growth in this area. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to join.
- Gilmore & Bell. Springer noted new IRS guidelines for reporting final allocations of funds for federal monies. Springer reported Gilmore & Bell would assist the city on the final report for \$600.00. Discussion was held, with a consensus of the Board to proceed with the use of Gilmore & Bell.

Treasure.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Treasurer Report. Presented the Treasurer Report for October and requested any discussion. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following item:

- Employee Probation. Recommended the Board approve to full-time status, Public Works employee Howard Spratt. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler approving Spratt to full-time with a \$0.50 per hour increase. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Planning and Zoning.

Woody held discussion on the following items:

- 505 S. Hickory Street and Misty Creek Re-zoning. Reported the Commission held public hearings on re-zoning of the locations and recommended the Board approve ordinances for the change at the November 27, 2012 meeting.
- Sidewalk Standard Text Change. Mr. Woody thanked the Board for approval of first reading of Bill Number 2012-015 and Bill No. (R)2012-023.
- Comprehensive Plan Review. Reported the Review Committee is still in the process of reviewing the plan.
- Site Plan Approval. Reported the Commission reviewed and approved the site plan for the Lifebridge Assembly of God Church, located at 730 Hastings Street. Woody noted with the approval, they may now proceed to the construction phase.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following item:

- Statistic Report. Presented the statistic report for October.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Statistic Report. Presented the statistic report for October.
- Department is participating with other departments in raising money to help needy families during the holiday season, with the officers participating charging a fee to grow beards.
- Parking Designation. Held discussion on City Code, Section 355.010, no parking on Vine Street, between Center Street and Dallas Street. Earnest noted the restriction was put in place when the Fire Department was located at City Hall, and since it is on Breckenridge, the restriction should not apply and the ordinance repealed. Discussion was held.
- Halloween. Reported one unsubstantiated hit-and-run, which occurred on October 31, 2012, but no other serious issues were reported during the holiday.

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- **Medication Drop-Off Box.** Reported the Rotary is interested in assisting with the cost of purchasing a Medication Drop-off box, to be located at City Hall. Earnest noted along with the Rotary, the Lawrence County Health Department was planning to participate with the proposed box.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- **Calls.** DeLay reported the department has received four calls since last report.
- **Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance.** Maintenance performed on all vehicles and equipment.
- **Community Events.** Reported the department conducted a Fire Prevention program for 125 Kindergarten kids on November 2, 2012 and 20 kids at OACAC on November 5, 2012.

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 met on November 5, 2012, but had nothing to report.
- *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 for discussion. The following discussion was held:

- Petrus reported the city had received an inquiry for a Vehicle for Hire permit, as allowed by City Code, Section 605.190. Petrus noted that in review of code, he would be working on removing un-needed text.
- Springer reported that at the October 23, 2012 meeting, the Board took action to hire an individual to fill the vacancy at the Recycling Center, but at this time, the individual is no longer interested in the position and has declined. Springer recommended the Board hire Terry Foulks to fill the position. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Albers to accept recommendation for position. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Mayor Eden requested a Closed Session meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, 2012, so that the Board may do an annual Performance Evaluation on Springer. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. Neely requested City Code Books from Alderwoman Millsap and Alderman so that codification updates may be added.

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Adjournment.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date