

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, December 11, 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, John Hull, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Barbara Rubison, Carol Millsap. Absent: Gary Albers. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Fire Department Representative Rick Richardson, Planning and Zoning Chairman Louis 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.

Public Hearing.

Mayor Eden 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 and presented the following breakdown of funds requested thru the grant:

Federal Funds	\$63,911.41
Local Match	\$59,453.65
Fares	\$8,500.00

Weldy noted an increase of 1,196 more pick-ups from 2011. Discussion was held regarding the need for the service in town. No input from citizens was received during the hearing. Mayor Eden reported the Public Hearing was closed and to move on to other business.

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

City Administrator Report. Add the following agenda report items:

- Request to accept General Insurance proposal from Dean Gautney.
- Request to purchase Water Meters with unused line-item funds.

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

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on November 27, 2012 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the minutes with the following correction:

- City Administrator Report. Bullet Item Number 7: Change Alderwoman Phillips to Alderman Phillips.

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

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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.

Meeting Cancellation.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to cancel the December 25, 2012 meeting, due to the Christmas holiday on the same day. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Planning and Zoning Appointments.

Mayor Eden presented for re-appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Faye Smialek and David Wright, whose terms expire in December 31, 2012. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve Mayor recommendation to re-appoint Smialek and Wright, with term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2018 and to appoint Dallas Gramm to fill vacancy from Eukel, for a one year term, to expire December, 2013. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Enhanced Enterprise Zone Appointments.

Mayor Eden requested re-appointment of Louis Woody to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone as a general citizen. Mayor Eden noted there is another position that is vacant, and would present a name at a later date for appointment. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to approve the recommendation to re-appoint Woody, with term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2018. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2012-018 re: An ordinance changing zoning designation of six (6) tracts of real estate from R-1 Single Family Residential District to R-2 Two-family Residential district and directing change to be indicated on the District Map, as adopted by the City of Mount Vernon was presented for the second and final reading, with the following roll call vote recorded:

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Albers

Bill No. 2012-018 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2012-018 thus became Ordinance Number 2.153.

Bill No. 2012-019 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Title III, Traffic Code, Schedule III, Parking Restrictions, Table III-A, Parking Prohibited at All Times was presented for the second and final reading, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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Second Reading

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Albers

Bill No. 2012-019 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2012-019 thus became Ordinance Number 12.66.

Bill No. 2012-020 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 605.200 and 605.220 regarding Vehicles for Hire was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Albers

Bill No. 2012-020 was declared passed for the first reading and to proceed for the second reading, which will be presented at the January 8, 2013 meeting.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Presented the sales tax revenue and held discussion on the steady decline. Springer noted the 2013 budget took into account the downward drop of revenues.
- Use Tax. Requested input from the Board if they wish to put the Use Tax on the ballot for the April 2013 election. Springer noted January 22, 2013 would be the last day to be added to the ballot.
- Airport Lawsuit Status. Reported he has received news that the lawsuit has been dropped, which was by voluntary dismissal.
- 2013 Budget. Reported with the purchase of the 2012 Dodge Charger from the current budget, which had originally been in the 2013 budget, Springer requested the Board repeal the approved 2013 budget and presented a new 2013 budget. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to grant request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- General Liability Insurance. Presented two proposals from Dean Gautney for General Liability Insurance coverage. Proposals were:

Savers Property and Casualty - \$98,799.00

Trident Insurance Services - \$90,257.00

Springer noted a third company, Continental Western declined to offer a quote due to the public transportation provided by the city. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to accept proposal from Savers Property and Casualty for \$98,799.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Water Meters. Requested the Board allow to use unused funds to purchase radio-read water meters. Springer requested funds from the following be transferred to Water Department:

Cost of Meters: \$51,240.00
Revenue in Sales Tax - \$8,908.15

Water

Capital Assets - \$925.01
Hospital Insurance - \$3,995.33
Retirement - \$1,913.09
Payroll Taxes - \$696.33
Maintenance Materials - \$807.09

Total \$8,336.85

Wastewater Collections

Replacement Account - \$23,595.00
Equipment Lease - \$5,400.00
Maintenance Materials - \$4,000.00
Equipment Maintenance - \$1,000.00

Total \$33,995.00

Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with purchase of radio-read water meters. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Employee Recognition. Reminded the Board of the event scheduled for Thursday, December 20, 2012 at The MARC.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- November Treasurer Report. Presented the November report and requested any discussion. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- SRF Reimbursement Request. Presented a request for payment from SRF funds for the following:

HDR Engineers - \$7,016.57
Insituform Technologies USA - \$70,635.64

Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison authorizing the Mayor to sign request for SRF for a total of \$77,652.21. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Change-Order #4. Presented Change Order Number 4 on the Wastewater Conveyance System Rehabilitation, which is an order for a decrease of \$2,980.00 from the contract

amount. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler authorizing the Mayor to sign the order. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Planning and Zoning.

Woody held discussion on the following items:

- Public Hearing. Reported a public hearing was held at the meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 regarding changing zoning on duplexes located at 403 and 407 S. East Street from R-1 to R-2. Woody noted there are approximately 25 other duplexes that are in a similar zone designation. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended a text change instead of a zoning change for these areas. Mayor Eden noted with the passing of the proposed text change, these locations would be grandfathered in and allowed to rebuild if destroyed.
- Mixed-Use District. A committee has been formed from the Planning and Zoning Commission to review and discuss text changes for the proposed Hickory Street Mixed Use District.
- Comprehensive Plan Review. Reported the committee is still reviewing the plan.
- Temporary Sign Committee. Reported text change has been approved by the Commission and will be presented at a hearing for public comment at the January 10, 2013 Planning and Zoning meeting.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items.

- Permit Statistical Report. Presented the November statistical report.
- Lifebridge Church. Reported footings have been poured and construction will begin soon on the facility.
- Police Garage Bathroom. Reported doors have been hung, which will allow for heating of the rooms.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- November Statistical Report. Presented the November statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- New Patrol Car. Reported the new vehicle was picked up on December 3, 2012 and bidding process for striping and installation of equipment has begun.
- Collection for the Needy. Noted the officers have collected \$500.00 from themselves and other entities to help a needy family during the holidays.
- Accidents. Reported accidents have increased from 2011. Discussion was held.

Alderman Kimbler requested what the recovery rate on stolen property was for the city. Earnest noted nation-wide recovery rate is 25%, with the city's rate at 30 to 40%.

Fire.

Richardson held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Reported the department had received four calls since last meeting.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. All maintenance has been performed.

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- Activities. Reported the department would present a fire prevention program to pre-school children at the Barry-Lawrence County Library on December 13, 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 has not met.

Personnel. With the absence of Alderman Albers, no report was submitted.

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 reminded the Board that registration for the General Election had began today.

Mayor Eden announced a holiday reception for Three Rivers Hospice, located at 631 N. Spring Park Blvd.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion.

- Petrus discussed the voluntary dismissal of the airport lawsuit. Petrus noted this dismissal was actually due to no action from the plaintiff by not responding before the deadline to the summary judgment motion.

Adjournment.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date