

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

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, April 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, Lowell Phillips, April Mieswinkel, Barbara Rubison, Carol Millsap and Gary Albers. Absent: Gary Flippin, 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, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chairman of Planning and Zoning 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.

Alderman Albers made a motion, seconded by Alderman ^{SN}Phillips ~~Phillip~~ to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Remove Item Number XVII. New Business
- Remove Item Number XIX. 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 March 27, 2012 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

At this point, Alderman Hull arrived at the meeting.

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.

- Charles Daniel requested the city enforce ordinances regulating temporary signs and banners throughout the city, especially on the Business Loop. Mr. Daniel stated he is a business owner located on the Business Loop.

Certificate of Appreciation.

Mayor Eden presented a certificate of appreciation to Charlie Meeks. Mayor Eden noted that Ms. Meeks has reported the council meetings for the Lawrence County Record from January 24, 2006 until present, but would be retiring at the end of the month.

Mayor Proclamation.

Mayor Eden presented the Mount Vernon Girls basketball team a proclamation for the team winning the Missouri State Championship.

Audit.

Jon Cummings, Audit Manager with Davis, Lynn & Moots presented the audit from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. Mr. Cummings reviewed the following with the Board:

- Statement of Net Assets
- Statement of Activities
- Schedule of Findings and Responses
 - Segregation of Duties
 - Application of Accounting Principals
 - Design of Internal Control System for Preparation of Basic Financial Statements
- Letter to the Board – findings of the audit for improvement
 - Bank Statement Review and recommendations
 - Bank Reconciliation Review and recommendations
 - Inventory of Capital Assets and recommendations
 - Budgetary Compliance and recommendations.

Cummings reported the city received an unqualified opinion, which is basically an A+ and commended the Board and employees for operation of the city.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2012-003 re: An ordinance declaring the results of the General Election held in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri on April 3, 2012 was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Mieswinkel, Rubison, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Flippin

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Mieswinkel, Rubison, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Flippin

Bill Number 2012-003 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2012-003 thus became Ordinance Number 5.161.

Bill No. 2012-004 re: An ordinance authorizing the Mount Vernon Police Department to participate as a member of the Combined Ozarks Multi-Jurisdictional Enforcement Team (COMET) was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Mieswinkel, Rubison, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Flippin

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Mieswinkel, Rubison, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Flippin

Bill No. 2012-004 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2012-004 thus became Ordinance Number 9.38.

Unfinished Business.

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

Adjournment Sine Die.

Alderswoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to adjourn the meeting Sine Die. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Mieswinkel, Rubison, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Flippin

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved, meeting adjourned Sine Die at 7:40 p.m.

Oath of Office.

City Clerk Neely conducted the Oath of Office to the following:

Mayor (two year term)	David W. Eden
Alderman Ward I (two year term)	Craig A. Nelson
Alderman Ward II (two year term)	Carol A. Millsap
Alderman Ward III (two year term)	April Mieswinkel
Alderman Ward III (one year term)	Barbara Rubison
Alderman Ward IV (two year term)	Lowell Phillips

Reconvene Meeting.

Mayor Eden called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m., with the following roll call recorded: J.N. Greene, John Hull, Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, April Mieswinkel, Barbara Rubison, Carol Millsap, Gary Albers.

Temporary Signs

Mayor Eden reported the Planning and Zoning Commission discussed and received public input on temporary signs and banners at the meeting held Tuesday, April 3, 2012. Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel to temporarily suspend enforcement of temporary signs/banners ordinance until review of proposed language and public hearing for text changes. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: Mieswinkel

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Reported the sales tax revenue was down by approximately \$3,900.00, which may be due to Supreme Court ruling on taxing out-of-state vehicle purchases. Discussion was held.
- Citizen Complaint. Reported he had received a complaint from a citizen regarding spending of city funds to remodel the bathroom in the garage.
- Volunteer Help. Reported he had sent a letter of appreciation on behalf of the City to the volunteer group from King's Way Church for work performed at Gibbs Park, Cemetery Park and at the Spirit of 76 Park.
- Local Government Week. Reported Local Government week would be observed April 30, 2012 thru May 2, 2012.
- Fire Alarm System for The MARC. Bid opening would be held on Friday, April 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., with the bid tab presented to Council on April 24, 2012 to award the project.
- Grass Police. Requested direction on hiring out for mowing properties the city has received complaints on. Springer noted last year nine properties were mown which the city absorbed the cost due to no one claiming ownership for the properties. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to bid out on a "as needed" basis. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Employee Probation. Reported Mike Tebow would end his probation period on April 28, 2012 and requested the Board approve him to permanent employment status with a fifty-cent per hour raise. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to grant approval to the 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 discussion. None brought forth.
- March Treasurer Report. Presented the report for approval. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene 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 items:

- Water Samples. Reported the city routinely pulls water samples from locations within the city to test for contaminants as is required by the Department of Natural Resources. Stanton noted he had received a result which returned as positive for total coliform bacteria. Stanton reported three follow-up samples within 48 hours were conducted and all follow-up samples returned as negative. Stanton noted regulations from Department of Natural Resources, the city must inform the public of the test, which he has by posting at City Hall, city web site, Barry-Lawrence County Library and in the Lawrence County Record.

Planning and Zoning.

Woody held discussion on the following items:

- Recommendation for Text Change – Bed and Breakfasts. Reported the commission held a public hearing on April 3, 2012 for public input on text changes to the codification and noted the commission voted to recommend the changes to council for approval.
- Request for approval of Conditional Permits. Reported the commission had received requests for conditional permits from the Center Street Inn and the McCause Street Bed and Breakfast. Woody reported they have complied with the city's requirements and that the commission recommends the council approve these permits.
- Temporary Sign Codification. Reported the commission received public input on April 3, 2012 regarding placement of temporary signs on the Business Loop, although the commission did not have a quorum at the time for any action.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- March Permit Report. Presented the report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- 608 Seneker. Reported the owner of the location had signed a warranty deed to the city for transfer of ownership. Conway noted the city is required to pay the security amount for \$1,500.00 which is owed against the property at Mid-Missouri Bank.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- March Statistic Report. Presented the report for March, 2012.
- Policy Review with Liability Insurance Company. Reviewed added and modified policies with a representative of the insurance company.

- Activities.
 - Grants. Reported his department is currently working on a grant to purchase narrow band-width radio equipment, which will be mandated as of January 1, 2013.
 - Community Fundraiser. Department will be participating in the Good Guys versus the Good Guys basketball game in May. Earnest noted this is a fund raiser for the Ministerial Alliance's community cleanup.
 - Car Show. Reported the Mount Vernon Rescue will be holding a car show at O'Reilly Automotive Store on Saturday, June 16, 2012. Earnest noted his department would heavily patrol this event, as a "burn-off" was scheduled for later in the evening.

Fire.

Richardson held discussion on the following items:

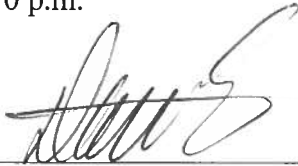
- Calls. Reported the department had received one call this period. Richardson noted a trash compactor had caught on fire at Reycoco.
- Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance. Reported maintenance had been performed on all vehicles and equipment.
- Training. Storm Spotter Training was held by KY-3 television on April 12, 2012. Richardson noted for training on April 14th and 15th, the department would receive miscellaneous tools thru a grant.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business for discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

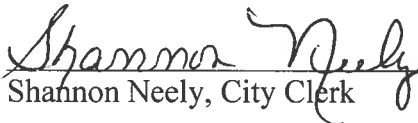
Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



David W. Eden, Mayor

4-10-12

Date



Shannon Neely, City Clerk

4-10-12

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