

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2012.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, for a Special Meeting, on Friday, May 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call vote recorded: J.N. Greene, Craig Nelson, John Hull, Lowell Phillips, Gary Albers, Barbara Rubison, Carol Millsap. 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 and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Mayor Eden announced subject of the special meeting was for discussion and possible Board action on new rates proposed by Empire District Electric. Springer reported rate increase would include the City of Mount Vernon, Monett, Lockwood, Missouri and Chetopa, Kansas, with billing to begin in July for June usage. Springer noted the city joined with these cities in 2010 by signing a protest and intervention request with FERC for the then proposed rates. Springer requested the Board join with the other entities to once again protest and file an intervention, with June 8, 2012 as a deadline to join. Discussion was held.

Alderman Albers made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene authorizing the City Administrator to proceed with filing an intervention with FERC and to share in costs of the protest and intervention with Monett, Missouri, Lockwood, Missouri and Chetopa, Kansas. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Springer requested the Board allow Toth Engineering to proceed with a study which will include how the rate hike will affect the city and what rates should actually be. Springer noted the costs for the study should be under \$5,000.00. Discussion was held, with a consensus of the Board directing Toth Engineering to proceed with the study.

Adjournment.

Alderman Greene 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 6:15 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date