

Minutes Approved September 25, 2012

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

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, September 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, Gary Albers, Carol Millsap. Absent: Barbara Rubison. 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, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Assistant Fire Chief Brad DeLay, 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 a 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:

- Old Business. Remove Discussion on No Parking
- Remove Item Number XI. 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 Tuesday, August 28, 2012, were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the minutes as presented. With all members present voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden reported this portion of the meeting is set aside for participation from the public. The following items were discussed:

- Mayor Eden read a letter from a resident of the city regarding the penalty on utility bills if paid after the fifteenth of each month.
- Mayor Eden reported he had been contacted by a resident of the city requesting the city to pass an ordinance requiring landlords to be responsible for trash service for renters. Mayor Eden noted he received a complaint on a location which has a storage shed full of trash bags and needs to be cleaned up. Discussion was held.

Veteran's Recognition.

Mayor Eden presented an invitation from the Veteran's Administration of a Remembrance Ceremony for veteran's, ex-prisoners of war and those still missing in action. Mayor Eden noted the ceremony is scheduled for Friday, September 14, 2012 in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax Revenue. Reported the revenue from collected sales tax had increased from last month by .63%.
- Mighty-Mite Football. Reported the Board had previously approved spending \$800.00 for installation of lights on the Mighty-Mite field. Springer noted per the motion, the Mighty-Mite Association would share in costs of installation and had agreed to pay \$800.00. Springer reported he had met with the President of the Association, whom related that this decision was not agreed to by all members of the Association. Springer recommended the city purchase the lighting and install for a total cost of \$1,600.00. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the recommendation and to proceed with installation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- RFQ General Liability Insurance. Presented qualifications as submitted from brokers for the general liability insurance. Springer introduced Tim Connell and Dean Gautney to the Board and allowed them to present their company information. Springer requested the Board review the RFQ's and would have the Board determine a broker at the September 25, 2012 meeting.
- The MARC. Held discussion on the following items for The MARC:
 - Roof. Reported the roof project was complete.
 - Parking Lot. Reported the striping and sealing was complete.
 - Not-So-Square Arts Festival. Reported the festival was held on Saturday, September 8, 2012 with a very large crowd in attendance.
 - Fire Alarm. Reported the project was close to completion.
- OCH Parking Lot. Reported the Chamber of Commerce has requested the city share in costs to repair the OCH parking lot, located north of City Hall, before Apple Butter Making Days. Springer noted the Chamber had requested and received two bids, one for \$6,000.00 and the other for \$2,000.00. Springer reported the OCH had also offered the city a long-term lease agreement for use of the parking lot, with city to perform maintenance, but no fee for rental. Discussion was held on liability of lease. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to partner with the Chamber in repair for \$1,000.00. The following roll call vote was recorded:
AYES: Greene, Hull, Kimbler, Albers
NOES: Nelson, Phillips, Millsap
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Rubison
With all present members voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Espy. Presented a proposal from Espy Services to audit telephone bills for recovery of overcharged telecom fees and billing errors. Springer reported if no errors or overcharges were discovered, the company would not charge the city, but it would receive 50% of any recovered funds. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with the audit. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Millsap Building. Reported the owner of the building would take \$62,500.00 for purchase of the building.

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- Tri-State Water Coalition Annual Conference. Reported the organization would hold its annual conference on November 8 and 9, 2012 in Springfield, MO.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

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

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following item:

- Fall Clean-up. Reported he has had requests in the past for an additional city sponsored clean-up day in the fall. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to hold a city-wide clean-up day on October 5 and 6, so that residents could clean up before Apple Butter Making Days.

Planning and Zoning.

Woody held discussion on the following items:

- Public Hearings. Reported the commission had scheduled a public hearing for November 3, 2012, so as to receive public input on the following items: temporary signs, sidewalk standards, re-zoning a portion of Misty Creek and re-zoning 505 S. Hickory St. Discussion was held.
- Comprehensive Plan. Reported the commission continues to review the comprehensive plan.
- Questions. Requested any questions. Alderman Phillips questioned if the commission is planning to re-zone a portion of Misty Creek, which has mainly duplexes, how this will affect houses in this area. Mr. Conway reported it would not change any requirement for the houses; the effect would be mainly for the map.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Permit Report. Presented the permit report for August and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Trash Complaint. Requested the Mayor submit an address for the location near him that has trash bags stored in the storage shed, so that he may contact the owner of the property.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Statistic Report. Presented the statistic report for August and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- New Officer. Reported Officer Sanker was progressing with his training and should be on patrol by October.
- Alzheimer's Training. Attended an Alzheimer's Initiative training in Orlando, Florida, which was sponsored by the National Association of Police Chiefs. Earnest noted the only cost to the city for him to attend was for meals.

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- Medication Take-Back. Reported his department would hold the event for medication take-back on Saturday, September 29, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Hometown Pharmacy.
- McCanse Street Parking Issues. Reported he had researched options for parking during special events on McCanse Street, which has “no parking” on the east side. Earnest noted the city could leave the current ordinance as is, and issue tickets during events, amend the ordinance to include an allocation for special events, or to add a time block from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. to enforce no parking. Discussion was held.
- King Street Park Parking Issues. Reported he and Petrus were still researching options for enforcement of no parking of semi-trucks at Kings Park.
- Questions. Alderman Phillips requested discussion of the on-going problem with lawnmowers on city streets as a main mode of transportation. Earnest reported his findings for the state law regarding use of lawnmowers is if the deck is removed, it is treated as a vehicle, if the deck is attached, it is a lawn mower.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following item:

- Calls. Reported the department had responded to seven calls since last report to the Board. DeLay did report four calls were false alarms and two were request for landing zones. DeLay noted the department also participated in storm watching on Friday, September 7, 2012.

Committee Reports.

Airport. Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

Finance. Alderwoman Millsap reported a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. to continue work on the 2013 budget.

Parks. Alderman Hull reported the committee met on September 10, 2012 and held discussion on the following items:

- Spirit of 76 Signage Program. Reported sponsorship signs on scoreboards would expire soon and the committee would review the agreements. Alderman Hull noted the committee also discussed banners/signs on the outfield fences.
- Golf Brochures. Reported the committee had reviewed the brochure and was looking into making text changes, which would be reviewed at the next committee meeting.
- High School Baseball. Reported the High School Coach had requested the city run electric to the dug-out for the scoreboard. Alderman Hull reported the school currently runs the scoreboard with an extension cord from the closest outlet, which is a tripping hazard.
- Disc Golf. Reported he had received a request for the city to include equipment at either Ewing Park or Spirit of 76 for disc golf.
- Meeting. Alderman Hull scheduled the next committee meeting to be held on Monday, October 8, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Personnel. Alderwoman Millsap 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 to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

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Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. Alderman Hull requested the city consider restricting parking on Landrum Street during school hours. Chief Earnest reported he would research parking restrictions.

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 8:25 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date