

Minutes Approved December 11, 2012

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2012.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, November 27, 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, Barbara Rubison, Carol Millsap. 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 and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Treasurer Shari Weldy.

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. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve the agenda as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to approve the minutes as presented. With all members 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 and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2012-015 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 510.020 regarding uniform width of sidewalks was presented for the second reading, with the following roll call vote recorded:

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2012-015 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2012-015 thus became Ordinance Number 10.54.

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Bill No. 2012-016 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 405.050, 450.440 and 405.450 regarding Backyard Cottages and Residential Accessory Uses was presented for the second reading, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2012-016 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill NO. 2012-016 thus became Ordinance Number 2.151.

Bill No. 2012-17 re: An ordinance changing zoning designation of one (1) tract of real estate from R-1 Single-family Residential District to B-2 Central Business District and directing change to be indicated on the District Map, as adopted by the City of Mount Vernon was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Millsap

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Millsap

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2012-017 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2012-017 thus became Ordinance Number 2.152.

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, Missouri was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2012-018 was declared passed for the first reading and to proceed for the second reading, which will be presented at the December 11, 2012 meeting.

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 read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2012-019 was declared passed for the first reading and to proceed for the second reading, which will be presented at the December 11, 2012 meeting.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Presented the sales tax revenues figures for October and reported an increase of 8.78% from 2011.
- Police Vehicle. Reported a 2012 Dodge Charger could be purchased for \$22,831.80, thru the Missouri State Bid system. Springer noted the city could see a savings of \$768.20 by buying 2012 instead of 2013 and by purchasing out-right instead of lease-purchase with three-year annual payments and interest added. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to proceed with purchase of vehicle \$22,831.80 from the 2012 budget. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Minimum Wage. Reported the Missouri minimum wage for 2013 will increase to \$7.35.
- 2008 COP. Reported he spoke with an attorney at Gilmore & Bell regarding training of city staff for final allocations to bond and cop issues. Springer noted he was advised to continue hiring a bond attorney or CPA so as to insure all IRS regulations would be met.
- Employee Christmas Brunch. The brunch is scheduled for December 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.
- Governor's Award for The MARC. Presented a news release from the Missouri Arts Council announcing Mount Vernon Regional Arts Council received an award for recognition of Arts Organization. Springer commended those instrumental in the organization of the local Arts Council.
- Northwest Industrial Park II. Requested direction from the Board on listing the Northwest Industrial Park II with a realtor agency. Springer noted last meeting the Board approved for an open-listing of the property, for sixty days at \$3,500.00 per acre. Springer noted only two local realtors responded, but are not interested in multi-listing as the advertising would be too expensive compared to the commission that would be earned. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to not list property for sale at this time. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: Greene, Kimbler

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

- Complaints. Reported he has received several cat complaints. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden noted this has been a long standing issue and requested Springer research the issues.

Treasurer.

Due to the absence of Weldy, Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Requested any discussion on bills paid reports. None brought forth.
- Utility Write-offs. Presented a list, to be included with the minutes, of inactive utilities that owe money at this date. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the write-offs for utilities as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Reported he did not have any items for discussion, but welcomed any questions. Alderman Hull requested the cause of the power outage. Stanton reported the outage has not been identified. Alderman Phillips requested discussion on street lights for Oak Hill. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Reported he did not have any item for discussion, but welcomed any questions. None brought forth.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Christmas Parade. Reported the department did not receive any complaints or calls during the festival on Saturday, November 24, 2012.
- Cold Case Review. Department is reviewing cold case files, with five cases solved.
- Department Handgun Qualifications. Department completed the six-month handgun qualifications with all officers successfully passing.
- Medication Drop-box. Reported he has received interest from several sources in participating with financial assistance for purchase of a drop-box at City Hall. Earnest noted it should be installed by the first of the year.
- No Parking. Reported signs have been installed at the Middle School and the Elementary Schools for no-parking in specified areas.
- Collection for the Needy. Reported his department has raised \$200.00 for the purchase of Christmas presents for local needy children.

Fire.

Richardson held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Reported the department has received one call since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Maintenance performed on all equipment and vehicles.
- Evacuation Drill. Performed a total evacuation of the Mount Vernon Place Care and Autumn Court Residential Facility on November 14, 2012. Richardson noted the nursing home was evacuated within nine minutes and the residential facility was cleared in 2:35 minutes.
- Training. Reported the department toured The MARC on November 16, 2012 and reviewed operation of the alarm system that has been installed.
- Activity. Escorted Santa Clause for the parade on November 24, 2012.

Committee Report.

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. Alderman Albers reported the committee has not met.

Public Works/Street. Alderman Phillips reported the committee has not met.

The MARC/Community Center. Alderwoman Millsap reported the committee has not met.

New Business.

Mayor Eden presented a request from the Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management, District N for the city to send a letter of support to Missouri Department of Natural Resources to continue funding of recycling events that are beneficial to the city and surrounding area.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler directing the Mayor to sign a letter of support on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Old Business.

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

Closed Session.

Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(3) Personnel Issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:52 p.m.

Reconvene.

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Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:06 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other discussion. None brought forth.

Adjourn.

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 8:06 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date