

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 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, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Gary Albers, Barbara Rubison, Carol Millsap. Absent: 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, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Assistant Fire Chief Brad DeLay 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:

- Move Item VII to Item V
- Move Item VIII to Item IV
- Remove Item XV Closed Session

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

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2013-004 re: A resolution proclaiming the City of Mount Vernon a Purple Heart City was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Bill No. (R)2013-004 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2013-004 thus became Resolution No. (R)2013-004.

Bill No. (R)2013-003 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri to record in the official minutes the death of Jack L. Swearingen and to commemorate his out-standing service to the City of Mount Vernon was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Bill No. (R)2013-003 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill NO. (R)2013-003 thus became Resolution NO. (R)2013-003-01.

Minutes Approved March 26, 2013

Minutes.

Minutes of the last regular meeting, which was held on February 26, 2013 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Phillips

ABSENT: Hull

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

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside for participation from the public and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Mayoral Proclamation.

Mayor Eden presented a proclamation declaring April 19, 2013 as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Day.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2013-006 re: An ordinance vacating portions of a certain utility easement granted by Max and Jeannine Dawson on November 29, 2004, was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Bill No. 2013-006 was declared passed for the first reading and to proceed for the second reading, which will be presented at the March 26, 2013 meeting.

Bill No. 2013-007 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Chapter 210, Animal Regulations, Section 210.030, 210.040 and 210.080 regarding animals impounded was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Bill No. 2013-007 was declared passed for the first reading and to proceed for the second reading, which will be presented at the March 26, 2013 meeting.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Reported the revenue for sales tax continues on a downward trend.
- Use Tax Update. Reported he attended Rotary, Chamber of Commerce and Community Betterment meetings to educate citizens on the need for the use tax and how the loss of revenue impacts the city.
- Transportation Enhancement Project Update. Solicitation for consultants is complete, with the bid awarded to Anderson Engineering. Springer noted the evaluation process to select a consultant included Bruce Conway, Gene Stanton, Julie Zibert, and Springer. Engineering was selected by a scoring method required by MoDot.
- Bids for Waste Disposal. Advertised for bids with opening date on Monday, March 25, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Springer noted he will present the bids at the next council meeting for selection.
- Bids for Depository Services. Advertised for bids with opening date on March 26, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. Springer noted he will present the bids at the next council meeting for selection.
- Advertisement for Golf Course Employees. Requested permission to proceed with advertising for vacancies at the Golf Course. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler directing Springer to advertise for one full-time position and one part-time position at the Golf Course. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Update on School Zone Flashers. Reported equipment has been delivered for installation, and will need a signature on the agreement from the School district for the permitting process.
- Request for Consideration of "In God We Trust". Springer noted he has received a request from a group asking the city to use the national motto of "In God We Trust" in the council chamber. Discussion was held with consensus of the Board to proceed with a resolution.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Presented the bills paid report and requested any questions. None brought forth.
- Request for Bid Investments. Presented a bid tab of bids received for investment of a certificate of deposit which matured on March 11, 2013 at Mid-Missouri Bank, with available amount \$798,625.85. Weldy recommended investment of \$400,000.00 for one (1) year at 0.30% interest rate at Mid-Missouri Bank and \$398,625.85 for six (6) months at 0.20% interest rate. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to accept recommendation for investment. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request for 2012 Budget Amendments. Reported she has received the auditor's adjustments and requested permission to make amendments to the 2012 budget to reflect the auditor's adjustments. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to grant request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Request to fill vacancy in Public Works. Reported a vacancy in the Public Works Department due to Howard Spratt turning in his notice. Alderman Albers reported the Personnel Committee met and recommended the Board hire Travis Barrett. Discussion was held. Alderman Albers made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to hire Barrett for position. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Company for Water Leaks. Stanton reported the city annually has a water loss of around 28 to 32%, which also reflects lost revenue. Stanton noted money has been budgeted to have a company conduct leak detection in the system to minimize these losses. Stanton reported Westrum Leak Detection, Inc. has agreed to conduct leak detection on the city's water lines, for a three-year agreement. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items.

- February Statistic Report. Presented the permit statistic report. Discussion was held.
- Text Change Recommendations. Reported the Planning and Zoning Commission has held public hearings to receive input regarding proposed text changes to Section 400.010 to change current term from three (3) years to four (4) years, which reflect RSMo §89.320 and 420.230, change current number of voting members of the Board of Adjustment from three (3) to five (5) voting members. Discussion was held. Conway noted ordinances would be presented at the next council meeting.

Police Report.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- February Statistic Report. Presented the February report and held discussion.
- Relax Inn Robbery. Reported Relax Inn was robbed on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 by a white male. Earnest noted this is the fifth robbery in two years.
- SRO for Mount Vernon School System. Reported that due to the recent threats in the Mount Vernon School System, the Superintendent has requested to enter into an agreement with the Mount Vernon Police Department to have an officer in the school until the end of the school year for added protection. Earnest noted since the last threat, he has had an officer in the buildings, but with the agreement, the school would agree to reimburse the city for a set amount. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Board directing Petrus to produce a simple agreement with the school and city. Discussion was also held regarding a full-time School Resource Officer for the next school year. Earnest noted he is working on a basic framework description of the position and how it will work with city schedule.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Reported four calls since last meeting.
- Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance. Maintenance performed on all vehicles and equipment. Annual pump certification on all pump trucks was in the process. DeLay noted it was

renewal time for the three year certification for Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), which is required by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

- Training. Reported the February training was cancelled due to the severe weather.
- Miscellaneous. Reported the department received tools and equipment for the new ladder truck thru a structural collapse grant.

Committee Reports.

Airport. Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

Finance. Alderwoman Millsap reported the committee has not met.

Parks. Alderman Nelson reported the committee has not met.

Personnel. Alderman Albers reported the committee met before the council meeting, at 6:00 p.m. March 12, 2013 to discuss the Public Works vacancy.

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 old business to be brought to the floor for discussion.

Alderman Kimbler requested discussion on the "Request to Speak at Meetings" cards.

Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to adopt the request to speak cards and to make the use of them mandatory for all meetings. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison

NOES: Nelson, Millsap

ABSTAIN; None

ABSENT: Hull

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

Old Business.

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

Adjournment.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to adjourn the meeting.

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date