

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, April 9, 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, John Hull, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Gary Albers, Barbara Rubison, and Carol Millsap. 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, Firefighter Rick Richardson 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. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson 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, March 26, 2013 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes, with the following correction:

- Department Reports. City Administrator Report. Waste Disposal Bid. Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to award bid to Doty Trash Service. The following voice vote was recorded:

**Correction:**

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

NOES: Kimbler

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

With all present members voting in favor, 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 read a proclamation honoring Steve and Kathy Fairchild for their contributions to the city and for their induction into the MSSU Regional Media Hall of Fame.

Rebel's Bluff Troupe.

Sam Logan, member of the Rebel's Bluff Troupe, presented Mayor Eden with a check for \$1047.00, to be used for the kitchen area at The MARC to purchase a new convection oven.

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Mayor Eden thanked Mr. Logan and the group for their much appreciated donation. Mr. Logan also presented a check to St. Suzanne's Food Pantry for \$250.00.

Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2013-008 re:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 400.010 regarding terms of members for the Planning and Zoning Commission, was read for the second and final reading, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2013-008 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-008 thus became Ordinance Number 2.156.

**Bill No. 2013-009 re:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 420.230 regarding the number of members of the Board of Adjustment, was read for the second and final reading, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2013-009 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill NO. 2013-009 thus became Ordinance Number 2.157.

Treasurer Report.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Request for CDARS Account. Reported the Industrial Development CDARS account would mature on April 18 and requested direction from the Board if they wished for the account to continue, with a .10% interest rate for a year or to close the account. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to close the account and deposit the balance of \$30,415.97 into Liberty Bank checking account. With all present members voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request for approval of March Treasurer Report. Presented the Treasurer's Report for March, 2013 and requested permission for approval. Alderman Kimbler 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.
- Great Southern Water Checking Account and Industrial Development Checking Account. Requested permission to close both accounts since both accounts have zero balances. Weldy noted Great Southern is not accepting any new public funds. Alderwoman

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Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to grant the request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Budget Amendments. Presented a list of budget amendments and requested approval from the Board. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve budget amendments as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2013-011 re:** An ordinance declaring the results of the general election held in the City of Mount Vernon on April 2, 2013 was read twice, 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

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2013-011 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-011 thus became Ordinance Number 5.165.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business brought to the floor for discussion.

- A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Alderman John Hull for his services to the community as a representative of Ward Four.

Adjourn Sine Die.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to adjourn the meeting, Sine Die. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Meeting adjourned Sine Die at 7:15 p.m.

Oath of Office.

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

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| Alderman Ward One (two year term)     | J.N. Greene     |
| Alderman Ward Two (two year term)     | Edward Kimbler  |
| Alderwoman Ward Three (two year term) | Barbara Rubison |
| Alderman Ward Three (one year term)   | Gary W. Albers  |
| Alderman Ward Four (two year term)    | Jason Haymes    |

Reconvene Meeting.

Mayor Eden called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m., with the following roll recorded: J.N. Greene, Craig Nelson, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Gary Albers, Barbara Rubison, Carol Millsap.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Reported the revenue from sales tax continues to decrease.
- School Zone Flashers. Reported installation of the flashers for the school zone on Highway 174 is complete and placed into service on April 3, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. Springer noted Missouri Department of Transportation would be installing signage for lower speed limit.
- Bond Compliance Services Agreement. Reported the Security Exchange Commission and the Internal Revenue Service has changed some regulations that deal with bond issues. Springer noted some changes included what information must be posted on the Electronic Municipal Market Access website, such as annual reports, financial allocations, etc. Springer presented a Bond Compliance Services Agreement from Gilmore Bell to perform the post issuance compliance services agreement which would be a three year agreement with a total annual fee of \$2,500.00. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to authorizing the Mayor to sign and accept the agreement. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Hickory Street Sidewalk Update. An informational meeting was held on Friday, April 5, 2013 with residents and concerned citizens interested in the Hickory Street sidewalk update. Springer reported James Dennis, with the Veterans Home, requested installation of pole sockets so they may display flags along the area.
- National Day of Prayer. Invited the Board and citizens to meet on the Lawrence County Courthouse lawn to observe National Day of Prayer. Mayor Eden presented and read a Mayoral Proclamation declaring Thursday, May 2, 2013 as National Day of Prayer.
- Transportation. Reported Gary Flippin has turned in his resignation as part-time taxi driver and requested permission to advertise and begin interviews for the position. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to approve the request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Governor's Meeting. Reported he has received an invitation to meet with Governor Jay Nixon on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, in Carthage, Missouri to discuss and encourage adoption of the Medicaid Expansion Bill. Springer noted funds from the expansion bill are very important to the funding of the Missouri Rehabilitation Center.
- Certified Work Ready Community. Noted the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce would be hosting a seminar on April 17, 2013 at The MARC. Springer reported this is a step on our area becoming a Certified Work Ready Community.
- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Reported the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce and the Mid-America Dental & Hearing Center would host a seminar for small businesses on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on April 23, 2013 in

the Atrium at the Missouri Rehabilitation Center. Springer noted the cost would be \$20.00 per participant and encouraged business owners in the community to attend.

- Elected Officials Training. Reported the Missouri Municipal League would sponsor training for elected officials, on June 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>, in Jefferson City, Missouri. Discussion was held regarding anyone interested in attending or to have Gary Markenson hold a presentation for the whole council in Mount Vernon. Consensus of the Board was to have Mr. Markenson conduct a presentation in Mount Vernon during a study session.

#### Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- School Zone Flashers. Commended Public Works and Electric Department crews for work performed to complete city share of installation of the flashers.
- Spring Clean-up. Reported the event will be held on May 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Permit Report. Presented the monthly statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning & Zoning. Reported the Commission received public input at their April 2, 2013 meeting to discuss keeping chickens in an R-1 zoned district.
- Mixed-Use District. Reminded the Board of a meeting scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2013, 6:00 p.m., to discuss Hickory Street mixed use district. Discussion was held.

#### Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- March Statistical Report. Presented the statistical report for March. Discussion was held.
- New Patrol Car. Reported the Dodge Charge was put into service on Wednesday, April 3, 2013. Earnest commended Officer Shawn Cobb and Assistant Chief David Hubert for work performed to make the car ready for duty.
- School Resource Officer. Noted he has finished a draft agreement for a School Resource Officer in the Mount Vernon School system, which he has submitted to Petrus and School Superintendent Russ Cruzan to review for changes.
- Grants. Earnest reported he would not pursue the radio grant as reported last meeting.
- Psychological Group. Reported he has met with Chet Hunter, Lawrence County Emergency Management Director regarding possible participation with a group who provides psychological assistance during a crisis. Earnest noted he would continue research to explore if this would be a benefit to the community.
- Emergency Management. Held discussion on responsibility of setting off sirens in the city. Earnest noted the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department currently has the power to set off the siren system at their discretion, but would like the city to be more proactive with this responsibility. Discussion was held.

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Fire.

Richardson held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Reported the city has had no fire calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Reported maintenance has been performed on equipment and all vehicles.
- Miscellaneous. Reported Assistant Chief Brad DeLay and Grant Wheeler left for North Carolina on this date to view a tanker truck for replacement of the rural truck that was wrecked.

Committee Reports.

*Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

*Finance.* Alderwoman Millsap reported the committee has not met, but would need to schedule a meeting to review auditor's report on the 2012 audit.

*Parks.* With the absence of a chairman of the committee, no report was submitted.

*Personnel.* Alderman Albers 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 read a letter of resignation from Alderwoman Millsap, to be effective April 10, 2013, due to her moving out of her ward. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden requested any other item for discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

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

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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