

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, August 13, 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, Jason Haymes, Edward Kimbler, Barbara Rubison, Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Firefighter Rick Richardson, Treasurer Shari Weldy 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 Greene to approve the agenda as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Minutes.

Minutes from the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve the minutes with the following corrections:

- Public Works Report. Correction: Remove a typo error of an additional number three, to make the amount \$3,479.95.

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.

The MARC – Matt Teel.

Matt Teel, President of the Mount Vernon Community Theatre Group, thanked the Board for providing a venue for groups to hold theatrical productions and held discussion on the economical footprint a production brings to the community. Mr. Teel noted the most recent production was “The Fiddler on the Roof”, which was well attended on all nights presented.

Industrial Development Authority

Springer noted the Industrial Development Authority, which has been inactive for several years due to lack of members, requested the Board appoint members to serve on the IDC Board of Directors. Discussion was held.

Request for Destruction of Records.

Neely presented a list of inactive utility account applications and requested permission for destruction. Neely verified the records met the requirements under Section 1302 of the Missouri Secretary of State Retention Schedule. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by

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Alderswoman Rubison to proceed with destruction of records. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Resolutions.

Bill No. (R)2013-011 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri declaring intent to obtain tax exempt financing for its water, sewer and electric systems, was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2013-011 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2013-011 thus became Resolution Number (R)2013-011.

Bill No. (R)2013-012 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri approving a memorandum of agreement allowing Officer Jeff Romine to participate in multi-jurisdictional warrant service team was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2013-012 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2013-012 thus became Resolution Number (R)2013-012.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2013-024 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 125.290 regarding municipal court costs was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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Bill No. 2013-024 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-024 thus became Ordinance Number 14.231.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Sales tax revenue has increased by 3.296% for the month of July, with year-to-date revenues down at -3.28%.
- Police Chief. Requested direction from the Board on how to proceed with the position of Chief due to the resignation of Earnest. Springer noted the need for an additional officer hired for the department with Officer Cornell taking the School Resource Officer assignment. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to promote Assistant Chief David Hubert to Chief of Police, with one year probation and to proceed to advertise for an additional officer. With all members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Daniel Property. Information has been submitted to the IRS which will have final approval of the offer for purchase of property. Springer reported the closing date is scheduled for the end of September, but is dependent upon approval or denial from the IRS.
- Utility Rates. An ordinance for utility rate increases will be presented at the next meeting with September 1, 2013 the effective date for increase to begin.
- Gibbs House. Received official correspondence from OACAC for lease to terminate on August 31, 2013. Springer proposed a partnership with the Lawrence County Historical Society. Springer noted the group had several ideas for the building, such as a museum with a gift and coffee shop. Springer noted the partnership would compliment the newly created Hickory Street Market Place. Discussion was held.
- Park Committee Meeting. Requested scheduling of a Park Committee meeting to review RFQ's from consultants for a development plan at the Spirit of 76 Park. Design plan would be for a 5 to 10 year design plan. Discussion was held.
- Finance Committee Budget Meetings. Presented a list of dates to hold budget meetings with plans to have all proposed budgets completed and ready to present to the Board by October 7, 2013.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- July Treasurer Report. Presented the report for July and requested any discussion. 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.
- Request for Utility Write-offs. Presented a list of utility accounts that are inactive and requested approval to write-off the accounts which total \$6,245.99. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene granting the request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Transportation. Mayor Eden requested a report of the Transportation Conference which Weldy and Springer attended. Both agreed it was a very informative conference.

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Discussion was held regarding taxi driver Sheryl Hood on leave due to injury. Mayor Eden directed Mr. Springer to contact Penmac to hire a temporary driver until Ms. Hood returns from medical leave.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following item:

- **Sewer Main.** A large sewer main located at Gibbs Avenue and Highway 39 was repaired. Stanton noted Ace Pipe Cleaning responded immediately and conducted a video inspection to locate the line eruption and while in the process located another problem. Stanton noted both emergency point repairs were repaired in four hours.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- **Permit Report.** Presented the report for July and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Comprehensive Plan.** Diane May, Director of the Southwest Missouri Council of Governments presented demographic information at the Planning and Zoning meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2013. Conway noted this information will be included in the Comprehensive Plan.
- **Public Hearing.** A public hearing on rezoning of 313 S. Market Street was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2013. Conway noted after a fourteen day waiting period, this will then be presented to the Board for approval.

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Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- **Statistical Report.** Presented the July Statistical Report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **DWI Enforcement.** The department will be participating in a stepped-up DWI Enforcement Campaign funded by Missouri Highway and Transportation Department. Earnest noted the campaign will begin Friday, August 16, 2013 and will end September 2, 2013.
- **D.A.R.E.** Officer Jason Lacey attended the annual conference July 22 thru July 25, 2013. An award for D.A.R.E. Educator of the Year was presented to Leah Clark, a teacher in the Mount Vernon School System. Officer Lacey was elected unanimously by his peers as Vice-President of the State D.A.R.E. Association. Discussion was held.

Fire.

Richardson held discussion on the following items:

- **Calls.** Department responded to five calls since last meeting report.
- **Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance.** Maintenance was performed on all vehicles and equipment. Air conditioner on ladder truck was tested and Freon re-charged.

Committee Reports.

- **Airport.** Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- **Finance.** Alderwoman Rubison noted the committee would begin meeting to work on 2014 budget.

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- *Parks.* Alderman Nelson scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
- *Personnel.* Alderman Nelson reported the committee has not met.
- *Public Works/Streets.* Alderman Phillips reported the committee has not met.
- *The MARC/Community Center.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.
- *Ad-hoc Dogs.* Alderman Nelson 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.

Old Business.

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Closed Session;

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler 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, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Rubison, Lee

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 8:10 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:25 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to adjourn meeting. With present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk