

Minutes Approved September 24, 2013

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City hall, on Tuesday, September 10, 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, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Barbara Rubison. Absent; Sue Lee, Craig Nelson. 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 David Hubert, 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. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips 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, August 27, 2013 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented. 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.

Acceptance of Mayoral Appointment to Serve Ward III.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept Mayor appointment for Kathy Fairchild to serve as Alderwoman for Ward III until next General Election. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Emergency Management Director

Springer requested direction from the Board for filling the position of Emergency Management Director, which was recently vacated by the resignation of Garry Earnest. Springer noted although Hubert was recently appointed as Chief of Police, he would prefer to accept the appointment after a year so that he could focus on his Chief of Police position. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to appoint Max Springer as Emergency Management Director. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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Proclamation.

Mayor Eden presented a Mayoral Proclamation to Covenant Church for its twenty-five year anniversary.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2013-014 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to enter an agreement with the Mount Vernon R-5 School District regarding assignment of officers to school district properties during the 2013-2014 school year was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Rubison

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson, Lee

Bill No. (R)2013-014 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2013-014 thus became Resolution No. (R)2013-014.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2013-027 re: An ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri at Section 705.040 pertaining to electrical rates for residential, non-residential with demand meters, non-residential without demand meters, and industrial service within the City of Mount Vernon was presented and read by title only, for the second reading, with the following roll call vote recorded:

Second Reading.

AYES: Greene, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Rubison

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson, Lee

Bill No. 2013-027 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-027 thus became Ordinance Number 13.94.

Bill No. 2013-028 re: An ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri at Section 700.130(A) regarding monthly charges for water was presented and read by title only, for the second reading, with the following roll call vote recorded:

Second Reading.

AYES: Greene, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Rubison

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson, Lee

Bill No. 2013-028 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-028 thus became Ordinance Number 13.95.

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Bill No. 2013-029 re: An ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri at Sections 710.120 and 715.060 regarding monthly charges for sewer usage was read by title only, for the second reading, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Rubison

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson, Lee

Bill No. 2013-029 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-029 thus became Ordinance Number 13.96.

Bill No. 2013-030 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 600.050 regarding applications for liquor licenses was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Rubison

NOES: Greene

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson, Lee

Bill No. 2013-030 was declared passed for the first reading and determined ready for the second reading, which will be presented at the September 24, 2013 meeting.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Sales tax revenue has increased by 0.7289% from the previous month, but Springer noted it is still down for the year at -2.511%.
- Taxi Fare. Springer requested permission to waive the transportation fare for three hours on Thursday, September 26, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., noon for citizens to attend the Fall Prevention event at the Senior Center, which is sponsored by the University of Missouri Rehabilitation Center. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Governors' Conference. The conference focus was on economic development with Governor Nixon introducing the Missouri Works Program, which consolidates and modernizes the state's economic incentives into a single, business-friendly program. Springer noted the incentive is to improve on existing programs by enabling more small businesses to participate, especially those in rural areas.
- MML Conference. Conference is scheduled for September 15th thru the 18th in Branson, Missouri.
- Gigabyte City. The city has received an invitation from Mediacom to become a Gigabit City, which could possibly attract high-tech businesses with the lure of high-speed

access. Mediacom has requested to attend a council meeting to present information on the feasibility of earning this designation. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden requested Mediacom present information during the study session of the September 24, 2013 meeting.

- Kinder Property. Presented a counter-offer from the Kinder family property for \$15,000.00 and requested direction from the Board as to how to proceed. Alderwoman Fairchild requested the city leave the offer of \$10,000.00 on the table and wait for a response from the family if they are interested, discussion was held with a consensus of the Board agreeing to leave offer on the table.
- Airport Lease. Presented a commercial hangar lease agreement to the Board from Midwest Vintage Aircraft Restoration, which is based on square footage, plus two planes. Springer noted the company would also like to insulate, add a ceiling and to install heating/air conditioning to control the temperature and requested the city allow less rental for a determined time period so they may re-coup costs of improvements. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes accepting the lease at \$200.00 per month for one year, at which time a review of rental amount and improvements will be brought back to the Board to determine monthly rental amount. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Haymes, Phillips, Fairchild, Rubison

NOES: Kimbler

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson, Lee

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

- House Bill 331 and 345. Discussed the effects both bills will have on municipalities.

Treasurer Report.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- August Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the report and requested any discussion. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Weldy presented a bid tab for available funds from a certificate of deposit at Mid-Missouri Bank, which will be available after September 14, 2013 for approximately \$398,826.80. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to invest \$398,826.80 at Mid-Missouri Bank for 12-month period at 0.25% interest. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- High School Stadium. Construction on the Mount Vernon High School football stadium is ahead of schedule.

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- Fall Clean-up Day. Stanton proposed a fall clean-up day for Saturday, October 5, 2013 with a consensus of the Board to have the event on this date. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- August Statistic Report. Presented the report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Reycu Update. Footings have been poured for the addition.
- SERC/Pizza Hut. Progress on division of the building located at 334 E. Mount Vernon Boulevard is moving forward for the opening of SERC, a physical therapy office and Pizza Hut. Opening dates for both is expected to be announced soon.
- McCrea Courts. Buildings located at 120 West Water Street have been demolished by the owner.
- Additional Discussion. Alderman Greene requested the total number of permits for chicken coops. Conway reported he has issued a total of three permits.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- August Statistic Report. Hubert presented the statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- D.A.R.E. Training. Statewide training includes a lesson plan which was written by Assistant Chief of Police Jason Lacey.
- D.W.I. Enforcement. Enforcement campaign ended on September 2, 2013 with a total of four D.W.I. arrests.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. The department has received one since last meeting.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Maintenance was performed on all equipment and vehicles, which resulted in the air drying unit on Engine One being replaced.
- Community Activities. The department attended three community events since last report.
- Miscellaneous. A new collection record has been set for the Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive. DeLay reported a total of \$4,000.00 was collected, which broke the 2002 record of \$2,000.00 collected. Mayor Eden requested discussion on the use of the fire station for events such as birthday parties or family gatherings. Discussion was held.

Committee Reports.

- *Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- *Finance.* Alderwoman Rubison noted the scheduled for the budget meetings has been set, with the first meeting scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
- *Parks.* Springer requested a meeting, which will be scheduled with Alderman Nelson.
- *Personnel.* Alderwoman Fairchild requested a meeting. Discussion was held and meeting will be announced.
- *Public Works/Streets.* Alderman Phillips reported the committee has not met.

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- *The MARC/Community Center.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. Alderwoman Fairchild requested discussion on the height of the swings at the Gibb and Ewing Parks. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. Springer requested direction from the Board as to proceed with signing contract to purchase property if IRS clears the property before September 30, 2013. Discussion was held. It was determined to be the consensus of the Board to authorize Mayor to sign contract before September 30, 2013.

Adjournment

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to adjourn the meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date