

Minutes Approved November 12, 2013

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2013.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, October 22, 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, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Barbara Rubison, Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert, Assistant Fire Chief Brad DeLay and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Director of Public Works Gene Stanton.

Guests registering their attendance are listed on the sign-in sheet attached to and made a part of the minutes.

Public Hearing – Transportation Grant

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting was to receive public input on a request to pursue the Missouri Department of Transportation Grant. Mayor Eden explained how the grant was used, which is to aid in funding of the taxi cabs for the elderly and handicap citizens and requested any comments from the public. No input from citizens was received during the hearing. With no other discussion to come before the Board, Mayor Eden closed the public hearing.

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Greene 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 of the last meeting, which was held on October 8, 2013, were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips 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.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2013-031 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 215.685 regarding fee for permit to sell fireworks within the city limits was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2013-031 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-031 thus became Ordinance Number 3.48.

Bill No. 2013-032 re: An ordinance to authorize the Mayor to apply for Federal Financial Assistance on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon and to execute any contract(s) resulting from such application for any grants between the City of Mount Vernon and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating and/or marketing assistance, comprised of Federal Funds to be expended for commission-approved projects was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call votes recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2013-032 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-032 thus became Ordinance Number 14.232.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Sales tax revenue is down by -2.53% for the month and -2.487% for the year.
- Fee Schedule. The Board received a copy of the Fee Schedule and Utility Billing Policy to review. Springer noted staff has been working to get the Fee Schedule perfected but have identified some issues with overlapping fees between the two documents. Springer requested the Board to review and submit recommendations.

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- Police Car. Springer requested authorization to proceed with purchase of a new car from the 2013 budget. Purchase would be thru the Missouri State bid system for \$23,451.00. Springer noted equipment for the car will be purchased next year from the 2014 budget. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to proceed with purchase of police vehicle. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Fire Department. Springer requested a Study Session scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss organization of the Fire Department. Alderman Nelson made a motion to appoint Brad DeLay as Fire Chief, effective January 1, 2014. Discussion was held. Alderman Nelson amended his motion to include \$5,000.00 pay per year plus fire call pay, with Alderman Kimbler seconding the motion with the amendment included. Discussion was held. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: Lee

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

- Employee Insurance. An employee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2013 with Beimdick Insurance representatives. Topic of the meeting will be to answer Affordable Health Care questions, discuss current health coverage and options for future coverage.
- Enhanced Enterprise Zone. The Board will meet on Monday, October 28, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss a request from Reyco-Granning for tax abatement.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Unclaimed Property. Weldy presented a report of unclaimed money from utility deposits, municipal court and fire payroll, totaling \$1,191.23 and requested permission to turn the money over to the Office of the Missouri State Treasurer. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler granting request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Weldy requested the Board give direction for a certificate of deposit at Mid Missouri Bank, which matures on October 30, 2013 for \$156,408.73. Weldy reported she received one bid response from Mid-Missouri for the following investment option: 3 months 0.05%, 6 months 0.15% and 12 months 0.25%. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to deposit the matured balance of the certificate of deposit into the pooled account at Liberty Bank, Electric Fund. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

With the absence of Stanton, no report was submitted.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- SERC/Pizza Hut. A certificate of occupancy has been issued to SERC Rehab Partners, located at 334 E. Mount Vernon Boulevard and construction continues at 338 E. Mount Vernon Boulevard for Pizza Hut.
- Reyco-Granning. Construction of storage building addition is progressing with approximately 19,000 square-feet of concrete poured for the building pad.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Apple Butter Making Days. Hubert reported no problems during the festival, including no lock-outs. Mr. Hubert thanked the Lawrence County Auxiliary and Max Springer for the additional night patrol they provided during the festival.
- Fundraiser. The department is allowing officers to participate in a fundraiser to earn money for needy families during the holidays. Hubert noted officers may pay a fee to grow facial hair thru the end of the year.
- Additional Discussion. Mr. Hubert introduced new officer Levi Chorum to the Board.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. The department has not received any calls since last report.
- Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance. Maintenance was performed on all vehicles and equipment.
- Training. The annual fire evacuation drill was held at the Mount Vernon Place Care on October 22, 2013.
- Community Events. In honor of Fire Prevention Week, the department presented a fire prevention program to the pre-school children at First United Methodist Church. DeLay noted the department also participated in the Apple Butter Making Days Parade and in clean-up of the square after the festival was over.
- Halloween. The department will be open on October 31, 2013 to hand out candy and treats to children as a "safe-place". DeLay noted that in addition to the treats, the station would also host tours of the facility and trucks for the children.

Committee Reports.

- *Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- *Finance.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee met on October 17, 2013 for the final budget meeting.
- *Parks/Recreation.* Alderman Nelson reported the committee is scheduled to meet on October 29, 2013 to discuss the Spirit of 76 Park Concession Stand and to meet with representatives from Olsson Associates for master park plan review.
- *Personnel.* Alderwoman Fairchild 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.

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New Business.

Mayor Eden requested a Study Session be scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m. to discuss organization of the Fire Department.

Old Business.

Mr. Petrus reported he has begun the eviction process at the beginning of October for the tenant at 995 Daniel Drive and will follow up on process in November.

Mayor Eden requested any other business to be brought to the Board for discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

With no other business to come before the Board, Mayor Eden adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk