

Minutes Approved August 13, 2013

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2013.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, July 23, 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, Gary Albers, 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, 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. 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, July 9, 2013 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Haymes

ABSENT: None

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.

Certificate of Appreciation.

Mayor Eden presented Alderman Albers a certificate of appreciation for serving as an Alderman from April, 2009 until present, with his resignation effective July 24, 2013.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2013-021 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 405.170, 405.175 and 405.440 regarding B-1 Light Commercial District, B-1A Commercial Residential Mixed Use District and Use Table 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, Albers, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2013-021 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-021 thus became Ordinance Number 2.159.

Bill No. 2013-022 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Sections 405.050 and 405.450 regarding definitions and Use Standards was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2013-022 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-022 thus became Ordinance Number 2.160.

Bill No. 2013-023 re: An ordinance changing zoning designation from R-1 Single-family Residential District to B-1A Commercial Residential Mixed Use District and directing change to be indicated on the district map as adopted by the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2013-023 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-023 thus became Ordinance Number 2.161.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Radio Bids. Aldermen received copies of the radio equipment bid tab which was opened on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Discussion was held regarding prices and service from each company. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to award the bid to Washington Electronics for \$56,993.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Utility Rates. Study on current utility rate structure was performed following the increase from Empire District Electric. Springer held discussion on proposed rates for electric, water and sewer and how these increases would affect the average customer. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with rate increase for electric, water and sewer and directing Petrus to produce an ordinance to enact the rates. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Environmental Study. Phase 1 and 2 environmental study of the Daniel Property has been completed which resulted in a “diesel odor” discovered at a depth of six to seven feet in the ground, but would not require any action for clean-up. Discussion was held.
- Our Home Video. During the study session, Steve Snyder played a promotional video for the Board members. He reported the video could be placed on YouTube, the City’s Facebook and website. After discussion and review, Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to authorize video production. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Hickory Street Sidewalk Update. Participated in a walking tour of Hickory Street with Anderson Engineering to view street layout, re-location of utility poles and location of proposed sidewalks.
- MML Conference. Requested if any Board member is interested in attending the conference in September.
- The MARC Air Conditioner Unit. Presented an estimate for repair from Heller Air for approximately \$6,000.00 to replace the compressor in an air conditioning unit at The MARC. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve repair costs for the unit. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Termination of OACAC Lease. Received correspondence from OACAC terminating their lease at 112 W. Dallas Street, effective August 31, 2013. Discussion was held regarding lack of funds for programs due to the federal sequestration.
- Governor’s Economic Development Conference. Requested permission to attend a conference on September 5th and 6th for the Governor’s Conference on Economic

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Development in Kansas City, Missouri. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve attendance and expenses to the conference. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- City Hall. Discussed the need for repair of the west brick wall on City Hall, which is pulling away from the building and will need to be repaired before it collapses.
- Other Items of Discussion. Received an invitation to the Purple Heart Convention in Arkansas on August 1, 2013. Discussion was held.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Budget Amendments. Presented a list of requested budget amendments totaling \$7,779.95 for the following line items:

22-5-220-300 Professional Fees – Transfer In \$4,300.00
30-5-310-910 Spec Bldg. – Transfer out \$4,300.00
22-4-431 Industrial Development – Transfer In \$4,300.00
10-5-160-101 Part-time Wages – Transfer Out \$3,100.00
10-5-160-220 Equipment Purchase – Transfer In \$2,654.95
10-5-160-223 Equipment Maintenance – Transfer In \$445.05

Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the amendments as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Irrigation Pump at Golf Course. Discussed the budget amendment of \$3, 3,479.95 to replace the irrigation pump and impeller at the Golf Course.

Code Enforcement Officer.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Public Hearing – Rezone 313 S. Market St. A public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2013 to receive public input for the rezoning request at 313 South Market Street.
- Other Items of Discussion. Alderman Phillips requested status of the construction of the Lifebridge Church. Conway reported a final inspection has been conducted and would issue a certificate of occupancy within the next week. Discussion was held.

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Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Emergency Action Plan. Requested any questions or review of the proposed draft plan.
- Memorandum of Agreement Warrant Service Team. A resolution would be presented at the next Board meeting which will allow a city officer to participate on the team.
- DWI Enforcement. Participated in a grant-funded DWI enforcement campaign during the July 4th weekend.
- Other Items of Discussion. Officers participated in the Veteran's Home Independence Festival on July 6, 2013. Discussion was held.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Received one call since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Repair for the air conditioning unit on the ladder truck has been scheduled.
- Training. Conducted wildfire land training.
- Community Activities. The Boot in the Loot annual collection event for muscular dystrophy begins on Saturday, July 27 and the department will continue Saturday collections thru August.
- Miscellaneous. Air conditioning unit has been replaced and working very well. The department received a donation of a large flag from Kum & Go to hang on ladder truck during events. Text message alert system is being used on a trial basis as a supplemental alert system and will not replace the pager alert system currently used. Firefighters will be attending a funeral on Thursday, July 25, 2013 for a member of the Marshfield Fire Department who was killed in the line of duty. DeLay requested permission to lower city flags to half-staff in honor of Firefighter Matthew Blankenship. Mayor Eden approved the request and directed the Public Works Department to lower flags on the day of the funeral.

Committee Reports.

- *Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- *Finance.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee met on Monday, July 15, 2013.
- *Parks.* Alderman Nelson reported the committee has not met.
- *Personnel.* Alderman Albers reported the committee had met at 6:00 Tuesday, July 23, 2013 and would have further discussion of issues in a Closed Session.
- *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 At Large.* Alderman Nelson reported the committee has not met.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. Petrus reported he would present an ordinance to the Board on August 13, 2013 which will allow for a \$3.00 fee included on the court fee schedule for collection with fines. Petrus noted this fee will

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go toward the Sheriff Retirement Fund and applies to all courts in Missouri, which is the opinion released by the Attorney General for the State of Missouri. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

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

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, Albers, 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 8:20 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:54 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other discussion. None brought forth.

Adjourn.

Alderman Albers 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 8:54 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date