

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Acting President of the Board Lowell Phillips, with the following roll call recorded: J.N. Greene, Craig Nelson, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Barbara Rubison, Sue Lee. Absent: Mayor David W. Eden. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, City Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Public Works Director Gene Stanton, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, 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.

Acting President Phillips presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- City Administrator Report. Add Hickory Street Sidewalk Bid and Request to purchase Police Server to report.
- Planning and Zoning. Remove Daniel Property Annexation and Public Hearing on Sign Regulations from report.

With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Public Hearing.

Acting President Phillips announced the opening of the public hearing to receive public comment regarding three annexation requests which are:

- Mount Vernon Economic Development Corporation – five acres south of Interstate 44 – B-3 General Commercial
- City of Mount Vernon – County Road 1147 – Street/Utility Corridor
- Al Boswell – 209 High Street - Residential

Acting President Phillips gave an overview of the requested annexations and requested input from those in attendance. With no input received, Acting President Phillips announced the hearing was closed, but the public would have fourteen days after the hearing to respond.

Minutes.

Minutes of the previous meeting, which was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, were presented to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Kimbler, Fairchild

ABSENT: None

With all present members voting, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

Acting President Phillips announced this portion of the meeting is set aside for participation from the public and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2014-001 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon adopting a tax-exempt financing compliance procedure on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2014-001 was declared passed and sent to Acting President Phillips for signature.

Bill No. (R)2014-001 thus became Resolution Number (R)2014-001.

Bill No. (R)2014-002 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the Acting President of the Board of Aldermen to sign a contract for the care of animals with the Joplin Humane Society, Inc. was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2014-002 was declared passed and sent to Acting President Phillips for signature.

Bill No. (R)2014-002 thus became Resolution Number (R)2014-002.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2014-001 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 110.010 regarding Aldermen qualifications was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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First Reading:

AYES: Haymes, Phillips, Fairchild, Rubison, Lee

NOES: Greene, Nelson, Kimbler

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Haymes, Phillips, Fairchild, Rubison, Lee

NOES: Greene, Nelson, Kimbler

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2014-001 was declared passed and sent to Acting President Phillips for signature. Bill No. 2014-001 thus became Ordinance 1.263.

Bill No. 2014-002 re: An ordinance annexing one (1) parcel of real property into the city limits of the City of Mount Vernon was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote 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, Fairchild, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2014-002 was declared passed and sent to Acting President Phillips for signature. Bill No. 2014-002 thus became Ordinance Number 1.264.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- “Mount Vernon, A Place To.....” Video Presentation. Steve Snyder presented the final cut of the promotional video. Snyder noted the video would most likely be placed on a social media outlet such as Youtube or Vimeo and would be linkable to other entities for use, such as trade shows, tourism or on websites. Snyder added he has received a lot of interest in the video.
- Sales Tax Revenue. Springer presented the revenue from sales tax received and discussed the large loss in comparison to the previous year, which was -30.974%.

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- General Election Filing Dates. Springer reported the final day for candidate filing for the April 8, 2014 election is Tuesday, January 21, 2014, with City Hall remaining open until 5:00 p.m. to accommodate anyone wishing to file.
- Penmac Office. The local Penmac office has officially closed on January 10, 2014.
- Chamber of Commerce Business Expo. The annual event will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at The MARC from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet. The annual event will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at the Kingsway Christian Church. Springer requested anyone interested in attending to contact him to order tickets.
- 44th Annual MML Legislative Conference. The annual event is scheduled for February 11th and 12th in Jefferson City, Missouri. Springer requested any Board member interested in attending to reply in a timely manner for reservations of rooms.
- Sidewalk Bid Award. Springer reported a bid opening for the sidewalk project was held on January 9, 2014 with Anderson Engineering recommending ARC Construction, LLC from Marshfield, Missouri with the low bid of \$189,181.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to award the bid to ARC Construction, LLC and to proceed with an ordinance. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Police Server. Springer requested permission to proceed with purchase of a server for the Police Department, which was budgeted at \$8,000.00. Springer noted Home Computer Repair had evaluated the server due to daily alarms and found the drives are failing. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson to proceed with purchase of a server from Home Computer Repair. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Six Month Financial Statement. Weldy reported the six-month financial statement was scheduled to be published in the Lawrence County Record on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, as required by City Code, Section 110.100.
- 2013 Budget Amendments. Weldy presented a list of requested amendments to the 2013 budget to reflect the final audit adjustments. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the amendments as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Other Items of Discussion. Weldy reported due to processing the final amendments to the budget that was requested at this meeting, the December Treasurer report will be presented at the January 28, 2014 meeting.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Snow Removal/Salt Availability. Stanton commended city crews on snow removal during recent storms. Stanton reported that availability of salt is at a premium as most cities have used their inventories and are on a waiting list for delivery. Mount Vernon is expected to receive our next order on January 29, 2014.

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- Request to proceed with purchase of dump-truck/spreader/snow plow. Stanton noted he had budgeted for a dump-truck with attachments in the 2014 budget and requested permission to proceed with the purchase thru the Missouri State Highway Department vehicle procurement program. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with the purchase. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Request to proceed with flow monitoring sewer collection system. Requested permission to proceed with purchase and installation of the flow monitoring of the sewer collection system, as required in Phase I of the Department of Natural Resources compliance agreement. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to proceed with flow monitoring compliance as agreed upon. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Work at Well #4 for Wal-Mart Upgrade. Stanton requested permission to spend approximately \$13,000.00 for upgrade work at Well #4 to accommodate needed pressure to run fire-suppression system at Wal-Mart. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to proceed with request. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Delivery of New Backhoes. Stanton reported the city received new backhoes from Potter Equipment before the last storm that hit Mount Vernon. Discussion was held regarding the backhoe replacement program.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Alderwoman Fairchild requested information on brick wall that collapsed at 223 S. Main Street and required the closing of South Street at this location. Stanton reported the insurance company will be sending a representative to inspect the damage, but will not know the status of clean-up for a couple more days. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- December Statistical Report. Conway presented the report and requested discussion. None brought forth.
- Commercial Building Fees. Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission is in the process of reviewing commercial building fees and would like to proceed with restructuring the fee schedule for commercial permits so that the city will become more business-friendly. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with changing the current fees pertaining to commercial building permits. With all present members of the Board voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Site Plan Review for Truss Shop. A site plan for 975 Daniel Drive was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Conway noted the Commission has approved the site plan as presented. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- December Statistical Report. Hubert presented the statistics for the December report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

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- End of Year Statistical Report. Hubert presented the statistics for the End of Year report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- DWI Enforcement. Hubert reported that during the holidays, the department participated in the DWI enforcement which is funded by the Missouri Department of Transportation. Hubert noted two DWI arrests were made during the enforcement.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Discussion was held on the purchase of a high-powered pellet rifle.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department had received three calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay noted the following items were of concern during routine maintenance.
 1. The generator is unrepairable on the Unit #E3.
 2. Fire extinguishers for vehicles and building were re-certified.
 3. The certification was received for the aerial and ground ladder.
- Community Events. U.S.M.C. completed the Toys for Tots distribution. DeLay noted the fire station was a central location for the distribution process and will be used again in the future.
- Miscellaneous. DeLay reported he conducted a fire inspection on the John Taylor Senior Center. DeLay noted a birthday party was scheduled for a fireman's child on January 19, 2014. Discussion was held.

Committee Reports.

- *Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- *Finance.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.
- *Parks/Recreation.* Alderman Nelson reported the committee has not met.
- *Personnel.* Alderwoman Fairchild reported the committee has not met.
- *Public Works/Streets.* Acting President Phillips reported the committee has not met.
- *The MARC/Community Center.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.

New Business.

Acting President Phillips requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. The following items was brought to the floor.

Alderman Greene requested discussion on a communications tower under construction on the north side of the city.

Old Business.

Acting President Phillips requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

With no other business on the agenda to come before the Board, Acting President Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date