

Minutes Approved February 11, 2014

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 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., Public Works Director Gene Stanton, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert, 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.

Presentation of Service Award.

Mayor Eden presented an award honoring Blevins Asphalt Construction Company for 65 years of service in the community. Rick Bekemeier accepted the award on behalf of the company.

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

**City Administrator Report.**

Add the following:

- Park Expansion Update
- Business Expo

**Director of Public Works Report**

Remove the following:

- Request to proceed with purchase of Cushman at Golf Course

Add the following:

- Discussion on Job Openings in Public Works

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Minutes of the previous meeting, which was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 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. Shirley Greene commended the Animal Control Officer for her promptness and professional mannerism during a recent call on an animal at Ms. Greene's residence.

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Mayoral Proclamation.

Mayor Eden read a proclamation declaring Ronald McDonald House Week, February 10 thru February 16, 2014.

Resolution.

**Bill No. (R)2014-003 re:** A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing execution of a lease with option to purchase agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and Univest Capital, Inc. for lease and purchase of Cushman Model 84067 Turf Truckster, 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)2014-003 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2014-003 thus became Resolution Number (R)2014-003.

Ordinances.

**Bill No. 2014-004 re:** An ordinance annexing one (1) parcel of real property into the city limits of 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, 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 004 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-004 thus became Ordinance Number 1.265.

**Bill No. 2014-005 re:** An ordinance annexing one (1) parcel of real property in to the city limits of the City of Mount Vernon was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2014-005 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-005 thus became Ordinance Number 1.266.

### Department Reports.

#### City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Wal-Mart Update. A pre-bid meeting was held on January 23, 2014 at City Hall. Wal-Mart officials discussed the timeline for completion of new store and stressed the importance of the timeline.
- Chamber Banquet. Springer requested if any member of the Board wished to attend the annual banquet scheduled for February 22, 2014 at Kingsway Christian Church.
- Eviction Four State Iron and Metal. Court hearing for eviction was held on January 21, 2014, with the judge ruling in favor of the City of Mount Vernon. Springer noted the judge ruled the tenant has ten days to vacate the property.
- Auditors. The firm of KPA CPA's will be conducting the annual audit during the week of February 10, 2014.
- Park Expansion. Springer requested a Park Committee meeting be scheduled for a public viewing of the preliminary concepts submitted from Olsson Associates. Alderman Nelson scheduled the meeting for February 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
- Business Expo. Springer thanked staff and Aldermen who worked at the Business Expo on Saturday, January 25, 2014. Springer noted he received 34 comments regarding the Park expansion project. Springer also added comments on the park expansion received by Community Betterment.

#### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- December Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the December report and requested any discussion. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild 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 a certificate of deposit for \$127,594.06, which will mature on January 31, 2014. Weldy recommended rolling the cd into the Light Fund Account, for one year at 0.25% interest. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Request to proceed with trade-in of two mowers at Park and UV lamps at WWTP. Stanton requested the Board allow him to proceed with trade-in of two 2010 Grasshopper mowers in the Parks Department. Stanton noted general policy is a three-year rotation of mowing equipment due to large operation hours. Discussion was held. Stanton also requested the Board allow him to purchase UV lamps at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, as the current lamps are approximately five years old. Discussion was held with Stanton noting that both items were budgeted for. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with trade-in of mowers and to purchase UV lamps. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Discussion on job openings. Stanton requested direction from the Board on how to proceed with filling of job openings. Discussion was held with Board directing to continue following set policy.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Update on brick wall collapse at 223 S. Main St. Conway reported he received an opinion from a structural engineer that remaining brick wall must be removed. Conway noted the owner will have thirty days to complete the directive. Discussion was held.
- Update on Ben Franklin Building. Conway reported that due to high winds, bricks on the Ben Franklin building had fallen but City crews were able to clear the debris.
- Discussion on dangerous buildings and enforcement. Conway requested direction from the Board as to how to proceed with dangerous building process, which can become time-consuming and costly to the city. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Employee Probation. Hubert presented a positive report for job performance from Jonathan Levi Chorum, and requested the Board remove Mr. Chorum from probationary employee status to full-time employee status, effective February 1, 2014. 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.
- Friend of Education Award. Hubert reported the Mount Vernon School system has awarded the Police Department with the Friend of Education award. With this status awarded locally, it automatically makes the department eligible to receive the state level of the award.
- Taser Recertification. Hubert reported all officers have completed their annual recertification for Taser use. Hubert noted Officer Chorum received his certification the same day which included tasing. Discussion was held.
- Additional Discussion. Alderman Greene requested status of police server. Hubert noted the server has been ordered from Home Computer Repair, but was unsure of the delivery date or installation time frame.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- **Calls.** Delay reported the department has received one call since last report.
- **Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance.** Maintenance has been performed on all vehicles.
- **Training.** Delay reported the department held an organizational meeting on January 16, 2014 to review training, certification and how the department is looking toward the future. Discussion was held.
- **Community Events.** The department visited with preschoolers at the OACAC Head Start on January 28, 2014. DeLay noted the children were unable to interact with the fire trucks due to the cold temperatures.
- **Miscellaneous.** DeLay reported he has issued a burn ban for the city until further notice. DeLay noted the Missouri State Fire Marshall has already issued a Red Flag alert for the state due to dry conditions and high winds. Discussion was held. Delay requested the Board appoint Roger Owens and Rick Richardson to the position of Department Captains, which are required by ISO and the state should the Chief or Assistant Chief be unavailable. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to appoint Owens and Richardson to captains. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Committee Reports.

- *Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- *Finance.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.
- *Parks/Recreation.* Alderman Nelson reminded the Board of meeting scheduled for February 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
- *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.

New Business.

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

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested status of filing for the General Election on April 8, 2014. Neely noted filing closed on January 21, 2014 and only received filings from incumbents. Mayor Eden requested any additional 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:

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AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, 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 8:05 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:45 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other discussion. None brought forth.

Adjourn.

With no other business to come before the Board, Mayor Eden declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Date

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk