

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call recorded: Craig Nelson, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Sue Lee. Absent: J.N. Greene, Barbara Rubison. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus Jr., Public Works Director Gene Stanton, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Chief of Police David Hubert, Fire Chief Brad DeLay, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway 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.

Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda 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.

Presentation of Award for Years in Service – Mid-America Dental

Mayor Eden presented a plaque honoring Mid-America Dental for 35 years in business in the Mount Vernon community. Charlotte, Scott and Brian George accepted the plaque on behalf of Mid-America Dental and thanked the community for the continued support.

Presentation of Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on March 25, 2014, were presented 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.

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.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax Revenue. Springer reported the revenues from sales tax have increased by 10.36% for the month and 12.37% for the year. Discussion was held.

At this point, Alderman Greene presented himself in attendance to the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

- Trash Service Bid. Springer presented the bid tab for trash services to city facilities. Discussion was held on comparison of prices for each facility service listed.

At this point, Alderwoman Rubison presented herself in attendance to the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to accept bid from WCA America for services. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Hickory Street Sidewalk Project. The Notice to Proceed with Construction was issued last week, surveying should be complete and construction preparation will begin on Wednesday, April 9, 2014. Discussion was held. Springer noted the deadline for construction is scheduled for August 6, 2014.
- Computer Upgrade. Springer reported that April 8, 2014 is the last day of support for Windows XP operating system and requested the Board allow purchase of eleven new computers for office staff. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to proceed with purchase of requested computers. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Street Design. Springer requested the Board give him direction on selection of a consulting firm for street design. Springer noted three consulting firms that have been pre-qualified by MoDot for state and FTA projects. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept staff recommendation of Anderson Engineering. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Brush Removal. Springer requested the Board consider options for removal and clearing of brush and debris at the Daniel property. Options included bidding the job out at prevailing wage, or use city staff and rent equipment. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to use city staff and rent equipment from Chad Neely. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Building Removal. Springer noted several companies have expressed interest in purchasing the Daniel property. Companies are interested in the property until they assess the condition of the buildings and cost to improve, which is taken into consideration in addition to the purchase price. Springer noted most companies want “shovel ready” property so they can build what they need and most do not want the expense upgrading and refurbishing buildings that do not suit their needs. Discussion was held.
- Other Items of Discussion. Springer presented two options for installation of fence on property south of Interstate. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to approve using city crews to install approximately ¼ mile of fencing. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the Bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- March Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the March Treasurer report to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to accept the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Budget Amendments. Weldy presented a list of requested budget amendments, which included purchase of eleven computers, approved earlier in the meeting. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes approving the amendments. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Destruction of Records. Weldy presented a list of records to be destroyed, which will be included and become a part of the minutes. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to proceed with destruction of records. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Replacement Brush hog and Finish Mower. Stanton requested permission to proceed with purchase of a brush hog and finish mower from S & H Farm Supply. Stanton noted both items were budgeted for and fall under the \$5,000.00 spending limit. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with purchase. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Spring Clean-up. Stanton reported the Spring Clean-up was a success, with high attendance on Saturday.

### Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following item:

- March Statistical Report. Conway presented the report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Additional Items for Discussion. Alderwoman Lee questioned if Conway was aware of a new chicken coop on Main Street. Conway noted he would visit with the resident at this location.

### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- March Statistical Report. Hubert presented the report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Convoy of Hope. Hubert reported the department participated in the Convoy of Hope Tom's shoe donation to every student enrolled at the Mount Vernon Grade School. Discussion was held.
- DWI Enforcement Campaign. The department participated in the St. Patrick's DWI enforcement campaign thru MoDot. Hubert noted the department received \$400.00 grant money for participating.
- Youth Seatbelt Enforcement. The department participated in the Youth Seatbelt enforcement with checkpoint set up on two different occasions. Enforcement resulted in ten (10) citations issued. Hubert noted with participation in the enforcement, the Department will receive a window tint meter from MoDot. Discussion was held.

### Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. The department received three calls since last report.

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- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay presented an update on Engine #2 and #3 pump re-certifications. DeLay requested the Board give him direction on how to proceed with Engine #3 pump issues. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler authorizing repair of pump, up to \$3,000.00. With all members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Training. DeLay noted the department is continuing the basic firefighter practical skills with training held on April 6<sup>th</sup> and upcoming basic firefighter class on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was held.

Committee Reports.

- *Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- *Finance.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.
- *Parks.* Alderman Nelson scheduled a Parks Committee meeting for Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
- *Personnel.* Alderwoman Fairchild scheduled a Personnel Committee meeting for Monday, April 21, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
- *Public Works/Street.* Alderman Phillips reported the committee has not met.
- *The MARC/Community Center.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.

New Business.

Mayor Eden presented a thank you card from Paul Force regarding the Board's approval of installation of flag pole for Eagle Scout project and for their personal monetary contributions to the project. Mayor Eden requested any other business to be brought to the floor. None brought forth.

Old Business.

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

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden declared that with no other business to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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