

Minutes Approved May 13, 2014

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, April 22, 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, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Barbara Rubison. Absent: Jason Haymes, 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, 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 to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Add "Request to move court checking account" to Treasurer Report
- Move "Request for Bad Debt Transfer" from Treasurer Report to follow Agenda Item IX and renumber agenda accordingly.
- Add "Request for Direction of Fuel Tanks and Surplus Auction" to City Administrator Report.

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on April 8, 2014 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler 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.

Years in Business Awards.

Mayor Eden presented Mount Vernon Greenhouse an award for conducting business in the city for 70 years. Lance Phillips and family members accepted the award. Mayor Eden also noted to the Board an award to L & M Tire for being in business in the city for 50 years.

Mayoral Proclamation.

Mayor Eden presented a proclamation declaring June 14, 2014 as Masonic Home of Missouri Day.

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Record Destruction.

Weldy presented a list of records for destruction requested permission to proceed with destruction as all records meet retention requirements set by the state. 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.

Budget Amendments.

Weldy presented a list of amendments to the budget and requested approval from the Board. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve amendments as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Transfer of Bad Debt.

Weldy presented a report of delinquent utility accounts for a total of \$5,328.71 and requested the Board allow her to transfer to bad debt. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with transfer of utility accounts to bad debt. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2014-007 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing execution of an equipment lease-purchase agreement dated April 8, 2014 by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and GE Government Finance, Inc. for lease and purchase of 2015 International dump truck and to authorize the execution of documents related to was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes, Lee

Bill No. (R)2014-007 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2014-007 thus became Resolution No. (R)2014-007.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2014-011 re: An ordinance declaring the results of the General Election held in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri on April 8, 2014 was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes, Lee

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Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes, Lee

Bill No. 2014-011 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-011 thus became Ordinance Number 5.168.

Old Business.

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

Adjourn Sine Die.

With all old business conducted, Mayor Eden declared meeting adjourned for Sine Die. Meeting adjourned Sine Die at 7:18 p.m.

Oath of Office.

City Clerk Neely conducted the Oath of Office to the following:

- Mayor (two year term).....David W. Eden
- Alderman Ward One (two year term)Craig Nelson
- Alderwoman Ward Three (two year term).....Kathy Fairchild
- Alderman Ward Four (two year term).....Lowell Phillips

Reconvene Meeting.

Mayor Eden called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. with the following roll recorded: J.N. Greene, Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Barbara Rubison. Absent: Jason Haymes, Sue Lee.

Selection of Acting President of the Board.

Discussion was held on nomination for Acting President of the Board. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to appoint Alderman Phillips as Acting President of the Board. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Mayor Committee Appointments.

Mayor Eden presented the following appointments of the Board to serve on committees, with the first name announced to be the chairman:

- Airport – Greene, Phillips, Haymes
- Finance – Rubison, Greene, Lee
- Parks & Recreation – Nelson, Phillips, Kimbler
- Personnel – Fairchild, Haymes, Nelson
- Public Works/Streets – Phillips, Nelson, Haymes
- The MARC – Rubison, Kimbler, Lee

Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to accept Mayoral appointments for committees. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2014-008 re: Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the mayor to sign the attached agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon and the Mount Vernon Area Economic Development Corp, Inc. regarding obligations incurred by EDC under donation agreement was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Rubison
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Haymes, Lee

Bill No. (R)2014-008 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2014-008 thus became Resolution Number (R)2014-008.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Hickory Street Project. Installation of curb and guttering is currently under construction in the project. Springer noted progress of project is moving along on schedule.
- Tire Round-up. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has scheduled a Tire-roundup for May 9, 2014. Collection will be located at 995 Daniel Drive due to the large number of tires that were abandoned by previous the tenant. Springer requested direction from the Board to include residents. Consensus of the Board is to allow residents of city to participate in the Round-up as a community event and that they must provide proof of residency.
- Dirt Removal City Property. Springer noted Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has directed the city to dispose of three large dirt piles that contain debris located at 995 Daniel Drive and, with clean-up completed by May 19, 2014. Springer requested the Board give direction on disposal options. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to hire Blevins Trucking Company to haul contaminated dirt, with cost breakdown as follows:

Hauling cost	\$80.00 per hour/\$3.50 per ton
Disposal Charge	\$49.00 per ton

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

- Fuel Tanks. Springer requested direction on removal of fuel tanks located on property. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to hold a surplus auction for surplus equipment, fuel tanks, police cars and building located on 995 Daniel Drive. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Airport Inspection. MoDot has notified the city of upcoming inspection of the airport within the next thirty (30) days. Discussion was held.
- Golf Fees. Springer presented fees for golf membership and requested discussion on family rate. Alderman Nelson reported the Park Committee has reviewed the golf fees and it is the recommendation of the Park Committee for the Board to change family rate from \$515.00 to \$475.00, with additional family members charged \$60.00 per member, including children 18 & under, or up to 23 if a full-time student. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the recommendation approved.
- A T & T Cell Phone Tower. Springer noted A T & T has contacted the city to consider allowing placement of a cell phone tower on city property at 995 Daniel Drive. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Board was to entertain a presentation from an A T & T representative to review specifics. Mayor Eden directed Springer to schedule a study session date after contacting the representative.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- ◆ Bills. Weldy requested any questions on the bills paid report. None brought forth.
- ◆ Investments. Weldy presented a bid tab to the Board for maturing certificate of deposits at Liberty Bank as follows:
 - ◆ Special Sales Tax (04/30/2014) current value: \$205,635.21 @ .25% interest rate
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 - ◆ Industrial (04/30/2014) current value: \$37,129.68 @ .25% interest rate
 - ◆ Water (04/30/2014) current value: \$102,817.61 @ .25% interest rate
 - ◆ Water (04/30/2014) current value: \$103,100.07 @ .25% interest rate
 - ◆ Electric (04/30/2014) current value: \$249,000.00 @ .35% interest rate
 - ◆ Electric (04/30/2014) current value: \$347,765.43 @ .25% interest rateAlderman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to reinvest accounts per bid proposal . With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- ◆ Court Bank Account. Weldy reported the Municipal Court account is currently with Mid-Missouri Bank and per an opinion of the city auditors, request the Board approve to move the account to a non-interest bearing account with Liberty Bank. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve request to move account. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Equipment. Stanton thanked the Board for support in keeping employees in current and good condition equipment by approving purchase of a new dump truck.
- Other Items of Discussion. Alderman Greene requested discussion of leak detection of the city water system. Stanton commended Westrum Leak Detection for finding multiple leaks in water lines and with seven fire hydrants. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following :

- Chickens/Main Street. Conway reported due to a complaint received, he has contacted residents on Main Street to remove chickens which are not allowed in the Business District. Conway noted the resident will remove chickens by April 30, 2014. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Vehicle Search & Seizure Training. Officers Chorum and Griffith attended Vehicle Search and Seizure training provided by Missouri State University in Nixa, Missouri.
- Youth DWI Enforcement Campaign. Hubert reported the department would be participating in the MoDot Youth DWI Enforcement campaign, May 1, 2014 thru May 12, 2014.
- Additional Items of Discussion. School Resource Officer Cornell and Mt. Vernon Middle School Principal Bob Senninger attended Active Shooter training in Springfield. Officer Cornell was commended by Stanton assisting him in a complaint of a High School student. Discussion was held.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. The department has not received any calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Delay reported the pump on Engine 2 has failed testing for the minimum 1,000 psi and due to the age of the truck, no replacement parts are available. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Board is to delay any discussion on Engine 2 until budget hearings begin.
- Training. Basic Firefighter training was held on April 17th and 19th.

Committee Reports.

- *Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- *Finance.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.
- *Parks.* Alderman Nelson reported the committee met on April 15, 2014 and discussed the following items:
 - ♦ Senior Men's League changing the ballfield at Ewing Park into a four-par training course for children.
 - ♦ Reviewed final revisions of the master plan of 76 Park.
 - ♦ Received a petition from Mount Vernon students to include a disc golf course. Discussion was held. Alderman Nelson reported it was the committee's recommendation to proceed with the disc golf course. Alderman Nelson reported the committee would meet on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to review this further.
- *Personnel.* Alderwoman Fairchild reported the committee met on April 21, 2014 for the purpose of restructuring summer youth programs at the park. Alderwoman Fairchild reported the committee made the following recommendation:
Restructure programs to include

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- Pool Manager - \$6,000.00 (per season)
- Pool Assistant Manager - \$4,000.00 (per season)
- Park Program Manager - \$1,800.00 (per season)
- Lifeguards/Park Program Assistants
 - 1st year - \$7.50 per hour
 - 2nd year - \$7.75
 - 3rd year - \$8.00
 - 4th year - \$8.25
 - Ceiling level for increases tops out at \$8.50
- Assistant Park Program Managers (two positions)
 - 1st year - \$9.25
 - 2nd year - \$9.50
 - 3rd year - \$9.75
 - 4th year - \$10.00
 - Ceiling level tops out at \$10.00

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Alderwoman Fairchild reported the Board also made a recommendation for the Board to hire Tammy McCanless as pool manager, with the stipulation that she obtain current certification as specified in the city job description, Calder Garoutte as Assistant Pool Manager, Bridgett Schmutz as Parks Program Director and accept for employment, upon successful certification, twenty-four individuals for pool and park program summer employment. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- *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.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden declared that with no other business to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date