

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY MAY 13, 2014.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, May 13, 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 and 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, Assistant Chief of Police Jason Lacey, 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 Greene to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Public Works Report. Move the report to follow Item Number IV: Presentation of Agenda.
- Public Works Report. Remove Request to move William Hendrix from probation to full-time.

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

Public Works Report.

Stanton held discussion on the following item:

- Request for Influent Pump at Wastewater Treatment Facility. Stanton reported a second influent pump at the facility has failed and requested direction from the Board on how they wished to proceed with replacement of the pump. Options for replacement are a rebuild of the current Flowserve pump for \$9,652.83 or a replacement cost of \$17,000.41 for a new Flygt pump. Discussion was held on comparison of pumps and design differences. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to proceed with purchase of a new Flygt pump with funds from the Wastewater Replacement Account. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- New Street. Stanton noted the owner of property adjacent to the Wal-Mart property has considered constructing a street, at his expense, on property that would connect Landrum Street to Wal-Mart property. Stanton reported the street would then be dedicated to the city for maintenance. Discussion was held.

Presentation of Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on April 22, 2014 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:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Haymes, Lee

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 to be brought to the floor. None brought forth.

Mayoral Proclamation.

Mayor Eden presented the following proclamations:

- Masonic Lodge of Missouri
- Police Week
- Drug Court

Mayoral City Official Appointments

Mayor Eden presented the following appointments, effective May 2014 thru May 2015 and requested the Board approve:

Fire Chief – Brad DeLay  
Director of Public Works – Gene Stanton  
Chief of Police – David Hubert  
City Collector – Jason Patten  
Treasurer – Shari Weldy  
City Counselor – William Petrus, Jr.  
Prosecuting Attorney – William Petrus, Jr.  
Municipal Court Clerk – Toni Buttram  
Municipal Court Judge (two year term) – Randee Stemmons

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

Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2014-012 re:** An ordinance of Mount Vernon, Missouri to establish a procedure to close potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain officials, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No 2014-012 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-012 thus became Ordinance Number .

### Department Reports.

#### City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Revenue collected from taxes has increased by 21.66% for the month and 14.57% for the year. Springer noted revenues are holding an upward growth trend.
- Hickory Street Improvements. Majority of sidewalk has been poured and flag sockets at the Veterans Home have been installed. Driveways, ramps and gutters have yet to be installed, which is causing water to pool in driveways during rainstorms. Discussion was held.
- Boundary Road. Springer reported the engineering, design and construction cost estimates are complete for the boundary road to the EDC property and is requesting permission to proceed. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips authorizing the Mayor to sign agreement with Anderson Engineering to develop the EDC boundary road project. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Eagle Scout Flag Project. Springer invited the Board, city staff and the public to attend the Eagle Scout Flag Pole installation at the Spirit of 76 Park on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.
- Park Concept. Springer presented the basic concept for the park and requested the Board review the plan for any additional changes. Discussion was held.
- Pool/Park Program. Springer requested the Board consider paying an additional \$1.00 per hour to lifeguard staff if they attain WCA certification. Springer also requested the Board allow two pool managers also work as assistants in the Park Program at \$10.00 per hour. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve request for \$1.00 per hour additional pay for WCA certified lifeguards and to allow two pool managers to work as Park Program supervisor assistants at \$10.00 per hour. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- State Highway 39 Sidewalks. Springer reported MoDot has removed the mandate for sidewalk improvement on Market Street due to the state handing over maintenance to the city several years ago. Springer added that MoDot has suggested they would take responsibility of cost to repair sidewalks on North Main Street, and then could dedicate the street to the city to maintain. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to not take responsibility of North Main Street.
- Daniels Property. Contaminated dirt has been removed and city staff loaded three trailers of tires at this report, with another trailer planned for delivery by Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

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- Other Items of Discussion. Springer noted a group which raises funds for Wounded Warriors are riding across America and will be in Mount Vernon during the Red, White and Boom event. The group will stay the night at The MARC. Springer requested any Board member interested in attending the Newly Elected workshop on June 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>, in Jefferson City, Missouri. Interested members need to RSVP to city clerk if interested in attending. Springer noted he is currently working with Gilmore & Bell on disclosures for bond issues and is requesting approval to spend \$1500.00 for a rebate analysis conducted by Gilmore & Bell. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes authorizing request. 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.
- April Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the April report and requested any discussion. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to approve the report as presented. With all present voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Other Items of Discussion. Weldy reviewed the Replacement Accounts funds.

### Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- April Statistic Report. Conway presented the report to the Board and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Public Hearings. Conway reported a Public Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 3, 2014 to receive public input regarding the following:
  - a) Text change to remove fees from city code.
  - b) Rezoning North Main Street to extend the Business District
  - c) Changing minimum footage of homes in residentially zoned areas.
- Conway reported in-house review of the Comprehensive Plan continues.

### Police.

Lacey held discussion on the following items:

- April Statistic Report. Lacey presented the report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Click-it or Ticket. Lacey reported the Department would be participating in a Click-it or Ticket campaign, funded by MoDot, May 19<sup>th</sup> thru June 1, 2014.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Lacey reported the Mount Vernon Sixth Grade students collected 8,160 items for the Veterans Home. Discussion was held.

### Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department received three calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Maintenance was performed on all vehicles and equipment.
- Training. Basic Firefighter training continues on May 15, 2014 at the Fire Station.

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- Community Activities. Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive will begin on Saturday, May 17, 2014.

### 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 29, 2014 and discussed the following items:
  - a) Disc golf at Ewing Park. Alderman Nelson reported it was the recommendation of the committee to proceed with purchase and installation of a 9-hole disc golf course. The following voice vote was recorded:  
AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Fairchild, Rubison, Lee  
NOES: Kimbler  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None  
With all present members voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
  - b) Concept Phase of Spirit of 76 Park addition. Alderman Nelson reviewed changes to the plan. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to approve concept phase.
- *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.

### Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. Alderman Haymes questioned if Midwest Restoration has had any restoration projects. Springer noted the business has had a couple of projects. Discussion was held.

### New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. Petrus held discussion on text change to City Code, Article II. City Clerk, Section 151.090, regarding adding a term limit, which it currently does not. Petrus suggested a term of one year, with re-appointment to coincide with other appointments of officials. Discussion was held.

### Closed Session.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(2) Real Estate Issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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 8:29 p.m.

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Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:47 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 8:47 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Date

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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