

Minutes Approved August 12, 2014

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

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, July 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, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Barbara Rubison and Sue Lee. Absent: Jason Haymes and Lowell Phillips. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Chief of Police David Hubert, Rick Richardson as a representative of the Fire Department, 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 amendment:

- Add to Public Works Report: Request to purchase two single-phase reclosures.

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

Minutes.

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

Mayoral Proclamation.

Mayor Eden presented a proclamation declaring July 21, 2014 thru July 27, 2014 as Emergency Services for Children week. Receiving the proclamation was Randee Stemmons and Beverly Swearingen, representatives of the Board for Emergency Services for Children.

V-Blox – Daniel Stokes.

Mr. Stokes presented the Board with a revised financing proposal from V-Blox for energy optimization units and power protection systems for the wells and wastewater facility. Discussion was held. It was the consensus of the Board to review purchase of units during budget hearings.

Underwriting Agreement for Infrastructure Improvements.

Discussion was held on financing of infrastructure for future development on the south-east section of the city. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee authorizing the Mayor to sign an underwriting agreement for infrastructure improvements with

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

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Airport. Springer presented a request for hangar rental or a twenty-year lease of land at the airport in which to build a hanger. Springer noted if request is granted, the hangar would become city property after a twenty year period. Springer added the individual also inquired in construction of a multi-space tee-hangar. Discussion was held.
- Groundbreaking. Springer invited the Board to the Economic Development Corporation's groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of Orschelns, scheduled for Friday, July 25, 2014 at 11:30 p.m.
- Grant. Springer reported the Health Department is pursuing a grant for fitness and wellness lifestyles for Aurora, Monett and Mount Vernon. Springer noted plans for the Mount Vernon portion of the grant is for additional disc golf equipment. Discussion was held.
- Downtown Buildings. Springer requested direction from the Board on action to take on the downtown buildings. Discussion was held with review of city code pertaining to dangerous buildings and engineer report. It was the consensus of the Board to begin the process for dangerous buildings and to block off sidewalk area in front of the buildings for safety.
- McCanse Street Culvert. A culvert located on McCanse Street near the Casey's General Store has become a hazard as portions of the existing culvert are collapsing. Springer noted approximately a yard of concrete was previously poured in an effort to stabilize, but the deterioration has continued. Springer recommended using money from the Street capital assets and utilizing Anderson Engineering and ARC Construction for engineering and construction. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Kimbler to proceed with replacement of culvert per recommendation. 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 report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Request to transfer bad debt. Weldy requested the Board approve a request to transfer uncollected utility accounts to bad debt with the total amount requested \$6,581.09. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to approve request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Request to purchase reclosures. Stanton requested the Board approve purchase of two single-phase reclosures to improve the system's operation during outages. Stanton noted funds from the Upgrades line item could be used from the budget. Discussion was held.

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Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve request for purchase. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- McCanse Street. Stanton thanked the Board for approving repair of the culvert on McCanse Street.

Code Enforcement.

Conway noted he nothing to report but welcomed any questions.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- National Police Night Out. Hubert invited the Board to attend the annual National Police Night Out, scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at the Spirit of 76 parks. Hubert noted the Mount Vernon Arts Council would also be presenting a “Movie in the Park”, featuring the LEGO movie at the event.
- Ozark Electric annual meeting. Ozark Electric Cooperative has requested the department provide security at their annual meeting, which is scheduled for Friday, August 1, 2014, at the Mount Vernon High School. Discussion was held.

Fire.

Richardson held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Richardson reported the department has received five calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Maintenance has been provided on equipment and vehicles since last report.
- Training. Richardson reported the department is still conducting basic firefighter classes to members of the department.

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 has not met.
- *Personnel.* Alderwoman Fairchild reported the committee met on Thursday, July 17, 2014 and recommended the following:
 - COLA of 2% for 2015 wages, with the flexibility to reduce to 1 ½% or increase to 2 ½%, depending on budget hearings.
 - COLA to include Electric Department employees
 - COLA will not include long-term employee.
 - COLA will not apply to Parks Program or Pool employees.Discussion was held. Mayor Eden accepted the recommendation as a motion to proceed.
- *Public Works/Streets.* With the absence of Alderman Phillips, no report was submitted.
- *The MARC/Community Center.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.

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New Business.

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

Old Business.

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

Adjournment.

With no other item listed on the agenda to come before the Board, Mayor Eden declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date