

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, August 12, 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., Director of Public Works 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 Haymes to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- City Administrator Report
 - Move Gibbs Park discussion to Agenda Item number four.
 - Add discussion on Net Sales Tax Reimbursement Policy, Purple Wave Auction Service and Millsap/Ben Franklin Buildings.
- Treasurer Report
 - Remove Request to approve July Treasurer Report.

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

Presentation of Certificates.

Mayor Eden presented Certificates of Appreciation to Jagen Prescott, Jacob Witmer, Garrett Witmer, Dallas Blose, Dyllin Roe and Alec Hill for clean-up and painting of the Gibbs Park pavilion, which was covered in graffiti.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Haymes, Phillips

ABSENT: None

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

Mayoral Proclamation.

Mayor Eden presented a proclamation declaring August 10 thru August 16, 2014 as National Health Center Week. Claribel Loveall and Rosario Silva accepted the proclamation on behalf of Access Family Care.

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Ordinances.

Bill No. 2014-019 re: An ordinance adopting the Comprehensive Plan for the physical development of the community for the purpose of Planning and Zoning 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. 2014-019 was declared passed for the first reading and to proceed for the second reading, which will be presented at the August 26, 2014 meeting.

Bill No. 2014-020 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 405.180 regarding outdoor storage of merchandise in “B-2” Central Business District 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. 2014-020 was declared passed on the first reading and directed to proceed for the second reading, which will be presented at the August 26, 2014 meeting.

Bill No. 2014-021 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 405.190 regarding outdoor storage of merchandise in “B-3” General Commercial District 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. 2014-021 was declared passed on the first reading and directed to proceed for the second reading, which will be presented at the August 26, 2014 meeting.

Bill No. 2014-022 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 405.620 regarding Temporary Political Campaign Signs 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. 2014-022 was declared passed on the first reading and directed to proceed for the second reading, which will be presented at the August 26, 2014 meeting.

Bill No. 2014-023 Re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 405.440, Use Table, regarding warehouse and residential storage uses, 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. 2014-023 was declared passed on the first reading and directed to proceed for the second reading, which will be presented at the August 26, 2014 meeting.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer noted the revenues are down from last report. Discussion was held.
- University of Missouri. Springer announced the closing date for the University of Missouri Hospital is scheduled for October 31, 2014. Springer noted loss of revenues from utilities would be approximately \$750,000.00. Discussion was held on how this will affect the community.
- FERC Intervention. The City has received a request to file an intervention along with Monett, Lockwood and Chetopa, Kansas, asking for the transmission formula to remain the same as filed by Empire District Electric and SPP. Springer reported the staff at FERC is requesting the formula to be changed. Springer noted there will be attorney fees, but all cities agree it is in the best interest to attempt to keep rates as low as possible. Discussion was held. It was determined it was the consensus of the Board to proceed with request.
- Street Construction Bid. Springer presented the bid tab for the street construction bid and recommended the Board award to the low bidder, Blevins Asphalt Construction Company. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to accept recommendation and award the bid to Blevins Asphalt Construction Company. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- V-Blox. Springer recommended adding \$170,000.00 to the total amount on the Certificate of Participation for purchase of V-Blox units. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to proceed with including the additional amount on the Certificate of Participation, but not authorizing purchase of units until further discussion. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Turkey Shoot. Springer presented a request from the Rotary Club to hold a Turkey Shoot for fundraising. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to grant request and allow event to be held at 995 Daniel Drive. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Fireworks. Head Football Coach B. Thomas Cox has requested the city allow fireworks at home games for the 2014 season. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to grant a fireworks permit for all home games during the 2014 football season. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Net Sales Tax Reimbursement Policy. Springer presented a Net Sales Tax Developer's Reimbursement Policy to the Board for approval. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to approve the policy as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Purple Wave Auction Service. Springer requested the Board consider an auction service which offers government agencies the opportunity to sell surplus equipment and vehicles. Springer noted Purple Wave Auction Service will handle all advertising, asset transactions and collections for a percentage of the sales. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden determined it was the consensus of the Board to proceed with Purple Wave Auction Service to sell surplus vehicles and equipment.
- Millsap/Ben Franklin Buildings. Springer requested direction from the Board on further action the city may take regarding the dangerous buildings on the square. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to proceed with the condemnation process. With all members of the Board voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Further discussion was held regarding liability due to the unstable walls. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler directing Stanton and Conway to investigate and research options for barricades. With all members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Fee Schedule. Springer requested the Board consider changing text in city code regarding commercial utility deposits and shut-off policy. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden determined it was the consensus of the Board directing Petrus to construct ordinances addressing the recommended text change.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Gibbs Park. Stanton reported the paint job on the pavilion at Gibbs Park was much appreciated as the graffiti was atrocious. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- July Statistical Report. Conway presented the report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Temporary Political Signs. Conway requested discussion on the moratorium on temporary political signs. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- July Statistical Report. Hubert presented the report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

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- D.A.R.E. Conference. Hubert noted the conference was attended by Assistant Chief Jason Lacey, who was elected D.A.R.E. President. Hubert also reported the Humvee won third place in the D.A.R.E. Car show.
- COMET. Hubert reported his department was assisted by COMET in a search warrant that resulted in a seizure of methamphetamine and paraphernalia. Hubert noted two individuals were charged with distribution.
- Animal Control. Hubert reported he has received a notification of resignation from the Animal Control Officer and requests permission from the Board to advertise vacancy. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to grant request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Mayor Eden requested a report on National Police Night Out. Hubert noted officers gave out 250 hot dogs, free backpacks and held activities for those in attendance.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department had four calls since last report.
- Training. DeLay noted the Basic Firefighter classroom portion has been completed and now practical's will begin. DeLay also noted EMT training may be offered in the future.
- ISO Report. DeLay presented the ISO report to the Board and noted the city received a rating of 5. 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 reported the committee has not met.
- *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.

Petrus requested direction from the Board on how they wish to handle resolutions on political positions. Petrus noted several organizations have sent sample resolutions addressing tax issues and political stances that cities may wish to adopt. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden acknowledged that it was the consensus of the Board to review sample resolutions.

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 8:50 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk