

Minutes Approved September 9, 2014

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, August 26, 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, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert, Fire Chief Brad DeLay 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 Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips, to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

Add to City Administrator Report:

- Request to purchase utility poles
- Recycling Center
- Animal Control
- Change Order #1 for construction of street

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

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting held on August 12, 2014 and minutes for the special-called meeting held on Monday, August 18, 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 input. None brought forth.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2014-019 re: An ordinance adopting Comprehensive Plan for the physical development of the community for purposes of Planning and Zoning, was presented and read for the second and final reading, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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Bill No. 2014-019 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-019 thus became Ordinance No. 2.171.

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 presented and read for the second and final reading, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2014-020 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-020 thus became Ordinance No. 2.172.

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 presented and read for the second and final reading, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2014-021 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-021 thus became Ordinance No. 2.173.

Bill No. 2014-022 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 405.620 regarding Temporary Political Campaign Signs was presented and read for the second and final reading, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2014-022 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-022 thus became Ordinance No. 2.174.

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 presented and read for the second and final reading, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2014-023 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-023 thus became Ordinance No. 2.175.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Award Bid for Utility Expansion 39 South. Springer presented a bid tab for 39 south utility expansion and noted HDR Engineering recommended the low bid from Southard Construction Company for \$278,298.13. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to accept recommendation and award bid to Southard Construction Company. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- MRC Update. Springer reported he attended a meeting with state officials regarding the closing of the Missouri Rehabilitation Center. Springer noted a number of reasons were given for the closing. Springer also noted he has notified McLiney & Company of the “significant event”, which could affect our bond rating from “A” rating to a “B+” rating. Discussion was held.
- Budget Calendar. Springer noted the schedule for budget hearings is included in the council packet for Board members to review.
- Buildings on the Square. Springer advised the Board the Ben Franklin building received no bids at tax auction on Monday, August 25, 2014.
- Airport Open-Air Hangar. Springer presented a request from Mike Stewart to convert the open-air hangar into an engine and paint shop by closing in the existing structure. Springer noted Mr. Stewart is currently doing engine work for Midwest Vintage Aircraft. Discussion was held regarding costs of conversion versus rent. Mayor Eden declared it was the consensus of the Board to review the proposal from Mr. Stewart.
- Request to purchase utility poles. Springer requested the Board approve purchase of utility poles for extension of electric services to 1500 E. Mount Vernon Blvd, on the east side of Highway 39. Springer noted installation would be performed by city staff and BBC, and cost to purchase poles would be approximately \$11,000.00. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to proceed with purchase. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Recycling Center. Springer requested the Board direct him on the future of the recycling center. Springer noted the difficulty in staffing the facility and preventing abuse of trash dumping. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to discontinue recycling services provided by the city. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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AYES: Green, Phillips, Kimbler, Rubison

NOES: Nelson, Haymes, Fairchild, Lee

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

With motion resulting in a tie vote, Mayor Eden cast the tie-breaking vote with a no vote. Motion failed. Additional discussion was held pertaining to single-source/curb side comingled recycle refuse disposal. Mayor Eden requested additional information from Petrus about the previous notice of intent to proceed. This information will be reported at the next meeting.

- Animal Control Officer. Springer presented a request from Diane Simmons for the city to pay for damage to her personal truck due to a sticker identifying her as animal control. Discussion was held. Petrus noted he would research the issue further and report at a later meeting.
- Change Order Number One. Springer presented a request for Change Order for street construction project for an additional \$20,579.15. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order Number One. 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 questions. None brought forth.
- July Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the July Treasurer Report for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded Alderwoman Rubison to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Barricade Buildings on Square. Stanton presented options for barricading buildings on square. Options included plywood barricade or renting a chain link barrier fence such as used by Wal-Mart during construction. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden declared it was the consensus of the Board to utilize chain link fencing for the barricading.
- Swing-arm Tractor. Stanton reported the John Deere swing-arm mower was delivered. Stanton noted for safety, staff will be required to study the manual and take a test before allowed to operate.

Code Enforcement.

Conway noted he had nothing to report, but requested any questions. None brought forth.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- LECC Conference. Hubert reported he and Assistant Chief Jason Lacey attended the Law Enforcement Community Coordination (LECC) conference in Springfield, Missouri.

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- Animal Control. Hubert noted advertisement for vacancy is in the Lawrence County Record.
- Additional Items. Mayor Eden requested if Officer Cornell is continuing as School Resource Officer. Hubert noted he is.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received three calls since last meeting.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. All maintenance has been performed on equipment and vehicles.
- Training. The department is finalizing the basic firefighting training.
- Community Activities. DeLay noted the department is participating in several community events, including ALS Challenge, Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive and the Miller Fall Festival. Discussion was held.
- Miscellaneous. DeLay reported the EMT class has been cancelled due to lack of participants. DeLay noted he has issued a burn ban until rain could alleviate the dry conditions. 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.

Mayor Eden requested discussion of a notice received from Missouri Department of Natural Resources regarding a required report that has not been submitted by HDR, Inc. Discussion was held regarding Engineering services. Stanton recommended the Board consider sending out Request for Qualifications for engineering services. Mayor Eden declared it was the consensus of the Board to proceed with soliciting for engineering services.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business. 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 8:19 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date