

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall on Tuesday, September 9, 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, Police Officer Shawn Cobb, 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.

Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- City Administrator Report. Add the following:
 - Request approval of Contract with Southard.
- Code Enforcement. Add the following:
 - August Statistical Report
 - Code Enforcement Schedule

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

Public Hearing.

Mayor Eden opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. to receive public comment regarding the proposed annexation of land by John and Judi Russell. Conway gave an overview of the request and that the properties intended use would be commercial with the desired zoning B-3. Petrus noted he would present an ordinance for annexation after a fourteen day waiting period to receive any input. Mayor Eden requested any discussion. There being no one present wishing to speak, Mayor Eden announced the hearing was closed.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside for participation from the public and requested input. None brought forth.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2014-024 re: An ordinance regarding equipment acquisition contract dated as of September 9, 2014, between Liberty Bank (Obligee) and City of Mount Vernon, Missouri (Obligor) was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call votes recorded:

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First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Absent: None

Bill No. 2014-024 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-024 thus became Ordinance Number 14.233.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented preliminary sales tax revenue numbers as the official report has not been received.
- Utility Rates. Springer reported a proposal to raise utility rates would be presented at the September 23, 2014 meeting. Springer discussed the electric rate proposal was due to the increase in purchasing wholesale electricity and water/sewer rates were based on increase with State Revolving Fund bond payments and operational expenses.
- TAP Funds. Springer requested authorization to proceed with applying for Transportation Alternatives Program Funds (TAP FUNDS), which is an 80/20 grant that can be used for sidewalks, trails, bike paths, landscaping and to make existing sidewalks ADA approved. Alderwoman Fairchild noted how important it was to take advantage of these funds for improvements. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden announced it was the consensus of the Board to proceed with applying for grant.
- McCause Street Culvert. Springer presented a work authorization agreement from Anderson Engineering for design/build phase at \$7,500.00 and ARC Construction for construction phase at \$59,410.00 for approval to begin replacement of McCause Street culvert project. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to accept the authorization agreement as presented. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene requested permission to withdraw his motion. Mayor Eden reported it was the consensus of the Board to grant permission to the withdrawal of the motion.
- Southard Contract. Springer presented a construction contract for Highway 39 utility expansion from Southard Construction for \$278,298.13. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison authorizing the Mayor to sign contract agreement. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Other Items of Discussion. Springer reported Red Monkey Foods announced they will be building a new facility in Republic, Missouri. Discussion was held.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- August Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the August report to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Weldy presented a bid tab for a certificate of deposit for the Light Fund at Mid Missouri Bank, which will mature on September 14, 2014. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to remain at Mid Missouri Bank for twelve months at 0.25% interest. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

- Barricade on Square. Stanton requested the Board reconsider barricade material for the dangerous buildings on the square, as the rental company for chain-link fencing does not have any fencing in stock for rental. Stanton recommended building a plywood barricade, which can be recycled and used for other projects. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to approve recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Renewal of Wastewater Discharge Permit. Stanton reported Schreiber Foods' wastewater discharge permit would expire February, 2015 and requested the Board approve renewal for a five year period, expiring February 2020. Stanton explained city code required the permit to discharge effluent into our system. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to granting request for renewal. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Fall Clean-up. Stanton requested permission to hold a Fall Clean-up on October 3 and 4th, but would need an additional \$1,000.00 in line item. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- August Statistic Report. Conway presented the August statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Flood Plain Management Certification. Conway reported he would not be in attendance to the council meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 as he would be attending training in Jefferson City, Missouri for certification in flood plain management.

Police.

Cobb held discussion on the following items:

- August Statistical Report. Cobb presented the statistical report for August and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

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- **Uniform Crime Reporting.** Cobb reported a Uniform Crime Report (UCR) audit conducted by Missouri State Highway Patrol was conducted on the city's required statistical reporting to the state. Cobb noted the audit resulted in good findings with no issues in reporting and the city is in compliance with all rules and regulations. Cobb added the next audit would be held in three years.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following item:

- **Boot Drive.** DeLay reported the final collected amount for Muscular Dystrophy was \$5,000.00.

Committee Reports.

- *Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- *Finance.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee began budget discussions on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Rubison noted the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
- *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.

Discussion was held on the recent announcement of the closing of the University of Missouri facility and how this will affect the community. Options to keep the facility open were discussed with the Board agreeing the city should show a statement of support to keep the facility open. Discussion was held.

Bill No. (R)2014-009 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri in support of action by University of Missouri Board of Curators to convey Missouri Rehabilitation Center property to the City of Mount Vernon 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. (R)2014-009 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R) 2014-009 thus became Resolution Number (R)2014-009.

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 8:30 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date