

Minutes Approved October 28, 2014

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, October 14, 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, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Barbara Rubison and Sue Lee. Absent: Jason Haymes. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, 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 the Agenda

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

- Add to City Administrator Report: Reading of Bill No. 2014-026 regarding financing of dump truck.

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

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 and requested approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler 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 discussion. None brought forth.

Proclamation.

Mayor Eden presented a Mayoral proclamation declaring October 26, 2014 thru November 1, 2014 as Childhood Cancer Awareness week.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2014-011 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract for the care of animals with the Joplin Humane Society was read once by title only, with the following roll call recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Minutes Approved October 28, 2014

Bill No. (R)2014-011 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2014-011 thus became Resolution Number (R)2014-011.

Bill No. (R)2014-012 re: A resolution for the appointment of a representative to the Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District Council was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Bill No. (R)2014-012 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2014-012 thus became Resolution Number (R)2014-012.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer reported sales tax revenue was up for September by 21.28% and year-to-date revenue are at 11.41% increase. Discussion was held.
- Sidewalks. Springer requested the Board approve the city's cost to participate in the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDot) ADA sidewalk project between Highway 174 and Water Street. Springer noted the total project cost is \$75,250.00, with the city's share at \$37,000.00. Springer noted money is available in the street budget that was planned to be used for street paving, but was not used due to tightening of the budget. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to authorize payment and proceed with project and amend the current budget by moving \$37,000.00 from 10-5-130-010 Capital Asset to 10-5-130-242 Sidewalk Expense. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Tim Holmes Building. Springer reported a hearing was held on October 9, 2014 to allow Mr. Holmes the opportunity to declare his plans for the building. Springer reported Mr. Holmes stated at the hearing that he would do nothing more to the building and his offer to the city for purchase at \$15,000.00 remains. Mayor Eden requested the Board's opinion and after discussion, noted it was the consensus of the Board to not purchase the Holmes Building.
- Utility Rates. Springer presented proposed electric rate increase and reported ordinances for water, sewer and electric rates would be presented at the next Board meeting. Discussion was held.
- MDC Report. Springer presented a final report from Missouri Department of Conservation with recommendations for Williams Creek Pond. Springer noted MDC stated in correspondence they would be monitoring and addressing the vegetative growth the treatment for filamentous algae, southern naiads and pondweeds during the spring and summer. Discussion was held regarding expansion of the park and installation of a low water bridge for access to walking trail and Spirit of 76 Park.
- Land Lease. Springer reported he received and opened one bid for the lease of the six (6) acres from the North Industrial Park. Springer noted the bid received is from Kelsie Rutledge for \$60.00 per acre, per year, for five years. Alderman Kimbler made a motion,

seconded by Alderman Greene to accept the bid as presented and proceed with ordinance for contract at the next Board meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Budget. Springer requested the Board review the budget summaries included in their packets. Springer noted the summary provided did not have all final numbers, as adjustments may be made to include revenue and rebate payments to Wal-Mart and an estimated budget for MRC. Springer noted a final budget will be submitted to the Board in November for approval.
- Dump truck. Springer requested the Board consider paying for 2015 International dump truck from current year budget instead of financing with Liberty Bank for a savings of \$11,634.18 in interest. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison approving purchase of 2015 International Dump truck from current budget, cancel lease purchase thru Liberty Bank which includes repayment of \$1,000.00 to Liberty Bank for reimbursement of attorney fees for loan application process. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- **Bill No. 2014-026 re:** Regarding equipment acquisition contract dated as of October 14, 2014, between Liberty Bank (Obligee) and City of Mount Vernon, Missouri (Obligor) **was not read** due to vote to purchase dump truck from current budget.
- Building Approval. Springer reported construction of a salt-storage building was budgeted for the current year at \$10,000.00, but costs have come in at a higher price than originally estimated. Springer noted the foundation, floor, approach and stem walls are installed and have ordered the clear-span structure for a total cost of \$11,937.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to amend the budget to include the additional \$1,937.00 over-run. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Rubison, Lee
NOES: Nelson
ABSTAIN; None
ABSENT: Haymes

With all present members voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Other Items of Discussion. Springer congratulated Conway for receiving his Flood Plain Management Certification. Springer noted his estimate for attendance to Apple Butter Making Days was down, which was attributed to the weather.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- September Treasurer Report. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept the report as presented. With all present voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Fall Cleanup. Stanton reported the clean-up day, held October 3 and 4th was well attended by the public as four (4) dumpsters were filled.
- Wal-Mart. Stanton noted the grand opening for Wal-Mart was scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2014.
- Apple Butter Making Days. Stanton noted city crews did not have any calls during the event.
- South Highway 39 Utility Expansion. Stanton reported work is temporarily on hold due to the weather, but would resume when weather permitted.
- Hwy. 39/Business Loop Intersection. Stanton reported the Highway 39/Business Loop intersection lights would be activated as soon as striping was completed.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- September Statistical Report. Conway presented the statistical report for September and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Flood Plain Management Certification. Conway noted he attended the certification class in St. Charles, Missouri and is now certified.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- September Statistical Report. Hubert presented the statistical report for September and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Warrants Served. Hubert reported COMET and city officers served two search warrants, which resulted in five individuals taken into custody.
- Deer Incident. Hubert reported Officer Chorum was returning from patrol at the Airport and was hit by two deer causing heavy damage to the patrol unit.
- Additional Items of discussion. Hubert reported two lock-outs and two accidents during the Apple Butter Making Days festival and agreed with Springer that attendance was down. Hubert thanked Stanton and Geoff Ford for use of gator and golf cart during the event for Police Officers to patrol the downtown area.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported two calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported maintenance was performed on vehicles and equipment and annual certification of the ladder truck on October 3, 2014.
- Training. DeLay reported an evacuation drill was held at the Mount Vernon Place Care on September 26, 2014.
- Community Events. DeLay reported the department would participate in the following events
 - Life Skills class tour of the station
 - Kindergarten Fire Safety Program
 - Trick or treat at the Fire Station

Committee Reports.

- *Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- *Finance.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee met for the final budget meeting on October 9, 2014 for revenues and expenditures.
- *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 scheduled a meeting for October 23, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. to review fee schedule for the facility.

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.

Closed Session.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(3) Personnel Issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes None

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:07 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:21 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 8:22 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Minutes Approved October 28, 2014

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date