

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, October 28, 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 and Barbara Rubison. Absent: Sue Lee. 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 Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- City Administrator Report.
 - Remove Approval of Change Order project 39 South
 - Add Discussion of The MARC

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 and requested approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Haymes

ABSENT: Lee

With all present members voting, 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.

Public Hearing – Transportation Grant

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting was to receive public input on a request to pursue the Missouri Department of Transportation Grant. Weldy presented an outline of how the grant was used in funding of the taxi cabs for the elderly and handicap citizens. No input from citizens was received during the hearing. Mayor Eden reported the Public Hearing was closed and to move on to other business.

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Ordinances.

Bill No. 2014-027 re: An ordinance to authorize the Mayor to apply for federal financial assistance on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and to execute any contract(s) resulting from such application for any grants between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating, and/or marketing assistance, comprised of federal funds to be expended for commission-approved transit projects was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill No. 2014-027 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-027 thus became Ordinance Number 14.235.

Bill No. 2014-028 re: An ordinance approving submission of a claim on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri in a class action settlement relating to taxes on telecommunication services was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill No. 2014-028 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-028 thus became Ordinance Number 11.82.

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Bill No. 2014-029 re: An ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, at Section 705.040 pertaining to electrical energy rates for residential, non-residential with demand meters, non-residential without demand meters and industrial service within the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill No. 2014-029 was declared passed for the first reading and to proceed for the second reading, which will be presented at the November 11, 2014 meeting.

Bill No. 2014-030 re: An ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri at Section 700.130(A) regarding monthly charges for water was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill No. 2014-030 was declared passed for the first reading and to proceed for the second reading, which will be presented at the November 11, 2014 meeting.

Bill No. 2014-031 re: An ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri at Section 710.120 and 715.040 regarding monthly charges for sewer use:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill No. 2014-031 what was declared passed for the first reading and to proceed for the second reading, which will be presented at the November 11, 2014 meeting.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Pay request for utility Project South 39 highway. Springer presented Pay Request #1 from Southard Construction for \$130,862.65 and requested authorization from the Board directing the Mayor to sign request and payment for the water/sewer for South 39 project. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips

granting authorization for request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Downtown Buildings. Springer reported hearings were held on October 9th and 15th, as part of the dangerous building process. Springer noted hearings were attended by Tim Holmes on October 9, 2014 and Janice Franklin on October 15, 2014, with Richard and Rexeanne Carroll not in attendance. Springer requested the Board advise if they wish to proceed with the dangerous building process. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden declared it was the consensus of the Board to continue with enforcement of code as has been discussed.
- Backstop at Field #4 baseball. Springer requested if the Board wished to split the cost of purchase of new backstop between the City, Mount Vernon School and Mount Vernon High School Baseball league. Springer reminded the Board the cost for the city would be \$3,000.00. Springer also noted Coach Swillum had requested the allow the school to install a new scoreboard for the field. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve city share for purchase of backstop and to allow installation of the new scoreboard. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Airport maintenance grant program. Springer presented a proposal for the city to participate in a five year airport maintenance grant, which would have 10/90 funding. Springer noted that although the city would need to submit a capital improvement program and budget each year accordingly, projects could include installation of a fuel system. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with applying for the CIP plan. With all present voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Public Hearing for 2015 proposed budget. Springer reported a public hearing to present and review the proposed 2015 budget has been scheduled for November 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
- The MARC. Springer reported he has received requests from several groups asking to use The MARC at no cost, for meetings due to the closing of Missouri Rehabilitation Center where they had previously met. Springer noted some groups do not charge for a membership, nor do they collect fees which could be applied to rental fee of the facility. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden determined it was the consensus of the Board directing Springer to determine policy for charging and dismissing of fees for groups.
- Gibbs House. Springer reported the Historical Society's new museum at the Gibbs House would be open on Friday, October 31, 2014. Springer noted items on display were donated by the University of Missouri and local citizens. Springer commended Wilma Bradley, Connie Schmidt and Kathy Fairchild who were instrumental in the organization of the facility.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested discussion. None brought forth.
- Request to process unclaimed property. Weldy presented a list of uncashed checks from 2012 and requested permission from the Board to send to the Missouri State Treasurer to hold for unclaimed property. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by

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Alderman Kimbler authorizing Weldy to proceed with forwarding unclaimed monies for a total of \$368.90 from 2012. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Purple Heart signage. Stanton reported he is in the process of completing paperwork for the Missouri Transportation Department to install signage at four city limit entrances, which are:
 1. North Highway 39
 2. South Highway 39
 3. West Business Loop 39
 4. East Highway 174 at the Golf Course

Stanton noted he would have an ordinance and agreement for approval at the November Board meeting.

- Gibbs House. Stanton encouraged citizens to visit the newly opened museum and if anyone has historical items from the Chest Hospital they wish to donate, it would be appreciated.

Code Enforcement.

Conway reported he had nothing to present to the Board but would welcome any questions. None brought forth.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Drug Take-back program. Hubert reported the city currently participates in a drug take-back program with the Department of Justice and Drug Enforcement Agency by offering a collection receptacle at City Hall. Hubert noted the DEA will no longer fund disposal of the collected drugs and requested the Board give him direction if they wish to continue the program without the funding. Discussion was held regarding options for disposal by incineration. Mayor Eden announced it was the consensus of the Board to continue drug collection with the city assuming costs for disposal and to research costs for incineration companies.
- Animal Control Officer. Hubert reported the Animal Control Officer has turned in his two week notice and requested permission to advertise the vacancy. Mayor Eden declared it was the consensus of the Board for Hubert to proceed with advertisement for vacancy.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Training. DeLay reported regular monthly training was held on October 16, 2014 and an ammonia drill and walk-thru were conducted at Schreiber's.
- Community Activities. DeLay noted the department held fire awareness programs for Mount Vernon Kindergarten on October 16, 2014 and for the Methodist Pre-school program on October 23, 2014. DeLay noted the Fire Station would be open on October 31, 2014 for trick or treating for local children from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- Miscellaneous. DeLay presented a plaque the department received honoring the department for large collections for Muscular Dystrophy.

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 met on October 23, 2014 to discuss rental rates for the facility. Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee discussed the current fee schedule and agreed to add a special form for rental of weddings, receptions and other events that tie up the facility for more than one day at a fixed cost and recommended the following additions to the schedule of fees:
 - *For General Use: Use of one form for general use to be known as the MARC General Use Agreement and the current fee schedule to remain the same except for the addition of rental of Theatre #2 and the Foyer to the schedule.*
 - *Special Event Form: Use for weddings, receptions and other events that require more than one day use, with the following fees:*

Weddings (East side of building)	\$500.00
<i>(large theatre, gym, and kitchen) – up to two (2) days</i>	
Weddings (West side of building).....	\$300.00
<i>(small chapel & foyer) – up to two (2) days)</i>	
Receptions (or other events for gym/kitchen).....	\$200.00 (one (1) day)
	\$300.00 (two (2) days)

In addition to the above fees, a deposit of \$100.00 for use of the kitchen will be charged. This deposit is returnable only after inspection by staff and if the kitchen is returned to its previous condition.

******Decorating time is included in the fee.**

Mayor Eden accepted the Committees recommendation as a motion and the following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

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

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.

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Adjournment.

Mayor Eden reported with no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, Mayor Eden declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date