

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2014.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call vote recorded: J.N. Greene, Craig Nelson, Jason Haymes, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Barbara Rubison, Sue Lee. Absent: Lowell Phillips. 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 Agenda.

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

- City Administrator Report. Add Discussion of General Election for April, 2015

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 October 28, 2014 and requested approval from the Board. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Lee

ABSENT: Phillips

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

Citizen Participation.

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

Ordinance.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Bill No. 2014-029 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-029 thus became Ordinance Number 13.97.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Bill No. 2014-030 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-030 thus became Ordinance Number 13.98.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Bill No. 2014-031 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-031 thus became Ordinance Number 13.99.

Bill No. 2014-032 re: An ordinance calling for a general election in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri for the purpose of electing one alderman from each of the four wards, each for a term of two years, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Second Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

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Bill No. 2014-032 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-032 thus became Ordinance Number 5.169.

Bill No. 2014-033 re: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter an agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to cost apportionment for public improvements to Business Route 39 from Route 174 to Water Street, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Second Reading

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Bill No. 2014-033 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-033 thus became Ordinance Number 14.236.

Bill No. 2014-034 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Chapter 405, Zoning Regulations, Article III, Supplementary District Regulations, at Section 405.280, Determination of Structure Setback Line was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Philips

Bill No. 2014-034 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-034 thus became Ordinance Number 2.176.

Bill No. 2014-035 re: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter an agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to installation and maintenance of Purple Heart City road signs was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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First Reading;

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Bill No. 2014-035 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-035 thus became Ordinance Number 14.237.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer reported the sales tax revenue increased for the month by 5.28% and 11% for the year. Discussion was held.
- MRC. Springer reported he has met with VA staff regarding negotiations for the MRC facility. Springer noted it was indicated during this meeting that a contract may not be available until the final hour on December 31, 2014. Springer noted Federal Procurement Regulations require the VA to place an advertisement for solicitation for lease of space and is in the Lawrence County Record's current publication. Springer also noted a new draft of the contract with MRC should be received this week. Springer reported Crowder College would be touring the facility to explore opportunities for expansion. Discussion was held.
- Purple Wave Auction. Springer reported the city placed twenty items thru Purple Wave Auction Service and have received a total of \$23,700.00 for sold items. Discussion was held.
- Volunteer for Committee Advertisement. Springer reported an advertisement requesting volunteers to serve on city boards, committees and commissions was placed in the Lawrence County Record. Springer noted citizens would need to fill out an application at City Hall. Current vacancies are on the Board of Adjustment and one position on the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- General Election. Springer reported with the passing of Bill No. 2014-032, a general election will be held April 7, 2014 with one position from each ward, for a period of two years. Springer added opening date to file is December 16, 2014, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending January 20, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Discussion was held regarding addition of an Affidavit of Tax Payments and Bonding to the candidate packet.
- Budget. Springer held additional discussion on the proposed budget which included possible budget amendments for inclusion of MRC and Wal-Mart. Discussion was held.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

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

Public Works.

Stanton noted he did not have a report to present, but would welcome any questions. None brought forth.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following item:

- October Statistical Report. Conway presented the October statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- October Statistic Report. Hubert presented the October statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Update on Drug Take-back Program. Hubert presented an update to the Board regarding the Take-back drug program. Hubert reported he has been in contact with an incineration company in Tulsa that has agreed to destroy collected pharmaceuticals at no charge to the city. Hubert added they would observe all laws concerning the disposal, which will include the required paperwork. Discussion was held.
- Funeral Service for Cedar County Deputy Matthew Chism. Hubert reported eight city officers attended the services for Cedar County Deputy Matthew Chism who was killed in the line of duty. Hubert noted he estimated the service was attended by approximately 900 to 1,000 officers from other cities and departments.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department had received three calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay noted the department is currently winterizing vehicles in preparation for winter weather.
- Training. DeLay reported winterization of equipment and vehicles would be performed instead of training class.
- Community Events. DeLay reported the department participated in Veterans Day activities which included an appreciation lunch in Monett and a 5k run. DeLay noted the department proudly welcomed home from Afghanistan the return of the 276th Engineer Company on November 2, 2014.

Committee Reports.

- *Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- *Finance.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met. Springer requested the Board give him direction on percentage amount for COLA for employees for 2015. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler proceed with the proposed budget which includes the 2.5% COLA. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- *Parks.* Alderman Nelson reported the committee has not met.
- *Personnel.* Alderwoman Fairchild reported the committee has not met.
- *Public Works/Streets.* With the absence of Alderman Phillips, no report was submitted.
- *The MARC/Community Center.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor. Springer requested discussion on the desire of the Board to cancel the second meeting in November and December due to holidays. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to cancel the second meeting in November and December. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor. Petrus presented information regarding single-source waste collection and recycling for the city in which he was directed to research. Petrus noted the city previously sent a letter and determined at that time to not adopt a city-wide system. Petrus noted per state statute, if the city did not adopt a single-source provider within a three year period the process must start again. Discussion was held.

Closed Session.

Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene 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, Haymes, Kimbler, Fairchild, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:13 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:29 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 8:29 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date