

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

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall on Tuesday, December 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, Barbara Rubison and Sue Lee. Absent: Kathy Fairchild. 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 Phillips to approve the agenda as presented. 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 November 11, 2014 and requested approval from the Board. 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 was set aside for participation from the public and requested discussion. None brought forth.

Mayor Appointments.

Mayor Eden presented the following recommendations to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission:

- Charlotte Woordrum – Four year term
- Edward Kimbler – Four year term
- Rick Fobair – to fill vacancy with term ending December, 2015.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept Mayor recommendation for appointments to Planning and Zoning Commission. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Kimbler

ABSENT: Fairchild

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

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Mayor Eden submitted the following recommendations to serve on the Enhanced Enterprise Zone:

- Lawrence County Commission, David Botts - five year term
- R-5 School District, Paul Brockman - five year term

Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to accept Mayor recommendation for appointments to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Mayor Eden submitted the following recommendations to serve on the Board of Adjustment:

- Paul Smith – one year term
- Donald Rogers – two year term
- Paul Brockman – three year term

Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve Mayor recommendation for appointments to the Board of Adjustment. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

#### Resolutions.

**Bill No. (R)2014-013 re:** A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to sign a lease agreement with Kelsey and Megan Rutledge for six (6) acres of pasture bordering Highway 39 was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

Bill No. (R)2014-013 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2014-013 thus became Resolution Number (R)2014-013.

**Bill No. (R)2014-014 re:** A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the City Administrator to sign an agreement regarding salvage of building materials with Stan Kingsley was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

Bill No. (R)2014-014 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2014-014 thus became Resolution Number (R)2014-014.

#### Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2014-036 re:** An ordinance to authorize the Mayor to enter a transfer agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon and the Curators of the University of Missouri was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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### First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

### Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

Bill No. 2014-036 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-036 thus became Ordinance Number 14.238.

### Department Reports.

#### City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer reported sales tax revenue had increased 21.9% for the month and 13.4% for the year. Springer noted totals presented do include beginning tax revenue from Wal-Mart.
- Budget. Springer requested discussion or questions regarding the proposed 2015 budget. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to approve the 2015 budget as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Phillips

ABSENT: Fairchild

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

- MRC. Springer reported representatives from Crowder College toured the facility and were very excited about the possibilities the facility could provide. Options included culinary school, use of dining room as a restaurant ran by students, building construction and a welding school, which could specialize in stainless steel. Discussion was held.
- Holmes Building. Springer reported the Community Betterment Committee has received a \$10,000.00 donation from John and Karen Millsap, which is expected to be donated to the City for purchase of the Holmes Building. Discussion was held.
- ISO Building Codes. Springer reported the City currently observes the 2006 IBC standards and is reviewing how the 2012 standards could affect city rates, code and ISO rating if adopted. Discussion was held.
- Request for Change Order 1 and Pay. Springer requested approval of the following:
  1. Blevins Asphalt pay request - \$349,591.53
  2. Southard Construction pay request #2 - \$3,267.40
  3. Southard Construction pay request #3 - \$17,371.58
  4. Change Order #1 – HDR Engineering

Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler granting the request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Blade for Backhoe. Springer presented a request to proceed with purchase of a snow-plow blade for the backhoe for \$4,995.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler granting the request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Business Expo Sponsorship. Springer requested the Board consider sponsorship for the 2015 Business Expo. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve funding for a Platinum Sponsor for \$200.00 for the 2015 Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.
- Tile for Gym Entrance at The MARC. Springer requested purchase and installation of tile at the gym entrance at The MARC. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to approve request for \$2,823.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Medical Flex Spending Card. Springer presented a proposal to offer Flex Spending Cards for employees which will allow for insurance deductibles, glasses, dental and other medical associated costs. Springer noted the cost for the city would be a \$400.00 account set up fee, \$6.00 per employee and a \$100.00 yearly renewal fee. Alderman Kimbler made a motion seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve participation in the Flex Spending account and paying all fees associated. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- New Hire Waiting Period. Springer presented the following policy for new hires which conforms to the ACA requirement:

Effective January 1, 2015, new hires are to become eligible for benefits on the first of the month following after 60 days waiting period. This new waiting period will be applied to any new hire that is hired on or after January 1, 2015.

Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve policy as presented to accommodate the ACA requirements. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Request to Close Dodd Account. Springer requested permission from the Board to close the Dodd Project Account which was set up in 1984 for the Rising Fenix complex. Springer noted the balance of \$238.00 would be moved to the Industrial Building Rental account. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- MML Legislative Conference. Springer requested Board members RSVP if they are interested in attending the Missouri Municipal League Legislative Conference, scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Jefferson City, Missouri. Discussion was held.
- Town Hall Meeting. Springer reported the Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks (VHSO) has invited the community to attend a public town hall meeting on December 15, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at The MARC. Springer noted this will be an open forum that will serve as a listening session for VHSO leadership. Discussion was held.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Springer noted the City is currently in good financial shape for the end of year and held discussion on spending of surplus funds. Discussion was held on possible purchase of a fire truck.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested discussion. None brought forth.
- November Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the November Treasurer report and requested any discussion. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to Transfer Bad Debt. Weldy presented the bad debt report which totaled \$12,063.31 and requested the Board direct her to transfer accounts to bad debt. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison approving the request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Stanton reported Purple Heart signage will be installed once a right-of-way permit has been issued and break-away poles are delivered. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- November Statistic Report. Conway requested if the Board reviewed the statistical report and had any questions. None brought forth.
- Orscheln's. Conway reported the construction is well under way and requested any discussion. None brought

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- November Statistical Report. Hubert presented the statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Christmas Fundraiser. Hubert reported his employees held a fundraiser within the department and raised \$355.00 which was used to purchase presents for the students in the Learning Disability classes in the Mount Vernon School system. Discussion was held.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Alderman Nelson requested discussion on disposing of medications in liquid form. Discussion was held.

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Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received only two calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported maintenance has been performed on vehicles and equipment.
- Training. DeLay noted winterization of vehicles was performed instead of training.
- Community Activities. DeLay reported members of the department attended the Mount Vernon Christmas parade on November 29<sup>th</sup> and the Marionville Christmas parade on December 6, 2014.

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.* Due to the absence of Alderwoman Fairchild, no report was submitted.
- *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.

Alderman Haymes requested discussion on future airport improvements. Springer noted money is budgeted for sealing and striping during 2015 and also discussed long term plans for future projects.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden reminded the Board opening date for filing for Alderman for all wards is Tuesday, December 16, 2014. Mayor Eden noted City Hall would be open at 8:00 a.m. on the first day as required by Missouri Statutes. Discussion was held.

Adjournment.

With no other business listed on the agenda, Mayor Eden declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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Lowell Phillips, Acting President

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Date

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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Date