

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 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., Public Works Director Gene Stanton, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Assistant Police Chief Jason Lacey, 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.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- City Administrator Report.
 - Add – FireCatt, LLC. Agreement to test fire hoses
 - Add – CenturyLink Agreement for phone service at MRC
 - Add – Insuring the MRC facility
- New Business
 - Add Transfer of DNR Water Permit for MRC facility

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the January 13, 2015 meeting and requested approval. 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 is set aside for participation from the public and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Russ Cruzan – R-5 School District Representative

Mr. Cruzan thanked the Police Department for conducting an Active Shooter training drill on Monday, January 19, 2015 with staff and teachers. Mr. Cruzan commended participating officers, which included: Chief David Hubert, Assistant Chief Jason Lacey, School Resource Officer Chance Cornell, Police Officer Greg Griffith and Police Officer Jeff Romine. Mr. Cruzan requested the Board consider vacating the section of Sloan Street from Landrum Street to Highway 39 for the safety of students crossing the street between classes. Input was presented from members of the school board, citizens and city staff. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to allow the school to install gates at Landrum Street and east of the crosswalk which will be utilized only when school is in session, including summer school,

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from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Mayoral Proclamation – Ronald McDonald House Week

Mayor Eden presented a proclamation declaring February 9 thru February 15, 2015 as Ronald McDonald House Week.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2015-001 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to sign an audit agreement with KPM CPAs, PC for audit of records for tax year 2014 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)2015-001 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2015-001 thus became Resolution Number (R)2015-001.

Bill No. (R)2015-002 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to sign a cottage lease agreement with the Mount Vernon R-5 School District 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)2015-002 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2015-002 thus became Resolution Number (R)2015-002.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2015-001 re: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a municipal agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to improvements of Main Street between Highway 174 and Water Street was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

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Bill No. 2015-001 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-001 thus became Ordinance Number 14.239.

Bill No. 2014-002 re: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Transportation Alternatives Funds Program agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon and Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to replacement of sidewalks on Hickory Street south of Sloan Drive (Phase II) was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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. 2015-002 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-002 thus became Ordinance Number 14.240.

Bill No. 2015-003 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 110.100 regarding publication of semi-annual financial statements was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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. 2015-003 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-003 thus became Ordinance Number 1.273.

Bill No. 2015-004 re: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a standstill extension agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for lease of premises for community-based outpatient clinic 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. 2015-004 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-004 thus became Ordinance Number 14.241.

Bill No. 2014-005 re: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Gift Shop resolution agreement by and between the Curators of the University of Missouri relating to transfer of gift shop property to city and release of all claims was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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. 2015-005 was declared passed and sent the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2014-005 thus became Ordinance Number 14.242.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- MRC. Springer requested discussion on the following items relating to the MRC.
 - Consider a name for the MRC facility as the University of Missouri is not releasing the MRC acronym for use by the City. Springer noted the name would be used for in-house accounting identification and in general term. Discussion was held on options with Alderman Kimbler suggesting and Alderman Haymes agreeing to request citizens input for naming of the facility. Discussion was held.
 - Springer recommended establishing a nine member Task Force consisting of individuals representing businesses, education, industry and local citizens and to work with a Master Developer who has the expertise to market the facility nationally and would assist in developing a focus of use for the facility for

advertising. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to move forward with forming the Task Force and utilizing a Master Developer. Springer noted he would begin development of a data base of potential Master Developers for the Council to review.

- Springer received a request from Angie Huff, a dietician previously employed at the MRC, has requested the Board allow her to rent the cafeteria/kitchen space to run as a café, which would be available for visitors and patients at the Veterans Administration Clinic. Springer noted there currently are no vending machines, as the University of Missouri pulled their machines. Discussion was held with no action taken.
- Springer requested the Board give him authorization to sign an agreement with CenturyLink for phone service to the MRC facility. Springer noted the monthly cost for the service for six lines will be \$434.00 per month. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison granting the request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Springer noted with the withdrawal of University of Missouri from the facility, internet services were cancelled on January 26, 2015. Springer reported he has contacted KPower who has agreed to provide the city and the facility with 100 megabytes of bandwidth for internet services. Springer added this will improve access for the City Hall facility as well currently is allotted 1 megabyte of bandwidth.
- Springer reported a walk-thru with Dean Gautney and an insurance adjuster were conducted at the MRC facility to review the building for an estimate for coverage for insurance. Springer presented options of coverage to the Board. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to carry replacement cost coverage on the entire facility and grounds. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Business Expo. Springer reminded the Board the annual Chamber of Commerce Business Expo would be held on Saturday, January 31, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at The MARC.
- Airport. Springer presented a request from Roger Brown to rent the Open Air Hangar and allow him to either enclose the current structure or remove and rebuild a new hangar. Springer noted Brown requested a contract to occupy for a predetermined number of years with no rent, so that he could recoup construction costs. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler requesting Brown present a development plan with estimated costs for construction for consideration by the Board. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Springer noted the City has been approved for the MoDot Airport Maintenance grant. Discussion was held.
- Hose Testing. Springer requested the Board authorize Fire Chief DeLay to sign a contract with FireCatt, LLC for a three year contract to test fire hoses at \$1,740.00 per year. Springer noted cost for this request is budgeted for. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes granting request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- December 2014 Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the December Report and requested approval. Alderman Greene 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.
- Request for Investments. Weldy presented a bid tab for a certificate of deposit at Mid Missouri Bank which will mature on January 31, 2015 and requested the Board direct her on investment of the approximately \$129,000.00 matured amount. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene recommending the funds be deposited in a FDIC insured certificate at Edward Jones for eighteen (18) months at an interest rate of 0.60% for said term, only if deposited in a bank located and headquartered in the United States with no ownership by a foreign country. Alderwoman Rubison amended her motion to include that if Edward Jones could not meet the aforesaid terms, the funds were to be reinvested at Mid-Missouri Bank in a FDIC insured certificate for eighteen (18) months at an interest rate of 0.35% for said term. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Reflective Mandate for Stop Signs. Stanton reported approximately 300 stop signs require replacement due to the reflective mandate and requested the Board direct him on a purchase plan. Stanton reported cost estimate of each sign is approximately \$39.95 per sign. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to purchase 50 replacement signs from the 2015 budget and purchase remaining signs from the 2016 budget. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Standby Bid for Generators. Stanton reported bid opening for standby generators would be held on February 2, 2015. Stanton noted he would then have recommendation for award at the next Board meeting.
- Jones Memorial Road Lighting. Stanton reported installation of lighting on North East Street will be a joint effort between the city and Ozark Electric. Stanton noted each entity will install four lights each. Stanton noted the city would be required to pay a monthly fee to Ozark Electric for a yearly cost of \$410.40. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Board was to proceed with installation of Ozark Electric lighting and monthly billing.

Code Enforcement.

Conway reported he had nothing for discussion but welcomed any questions. None brought forth.

Police.

Lacey held discussion on the following items:

- Active Shooter Training. Lacey reported the department participated and held live drills at all Mount Vernon R-5 facilities except for the High School.

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- Request to Hire Animal Control Officer. Lacey requested the Board approve hiring Heather Daugherty as Animal Control Officer with employment to begin on February 1, 2015. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler approving request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the rural and city department has had a total of ten calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported the annual fire extinguisher inspection was conducted.
- Training. DeLay noted S.C.B.A. training was held on January 15, 2015.
- Miscellaneous. DeLay noted he and other members of the department travelled to Tioga, Texas to pick up the new fire truck. Discussion was held on the future of the LaFrance truck.

Committee Report.

- Airport. Alderman Greene reported the committee met on January 19, 2015 to discuss a request from current tenant Robert Fiesthammel to lower his monthly commercial rental fee due to a decrease in business. Alderman Greene reported the committee approved and recommended as a motion to the Board of Aldermen to reduce the square footage rate from \$0.05 to \$0.02 and a new lease rate of \$390.00 per month. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Finance. Rubison reported the committee has not met.
- Parks. Alderman Nelson reported the committee met on January 26, 2015 to discuss the Park Development Plan and financing options. Alderman Nelson reported the committee approved and recommended to the Board to pursue the Lawrence County ¼ cent tax that will sunset April 2015 and present to the voters as a Park tax to fund expansion and improvements to the Park System. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Alderman Nelson reported the committee also reviewed a request from the Mount Vernon R-5 requesting the city share in costs for installation of girls' softball batting cages. Alderman Nelson reported the committee requested the school provide an estimate of costs for construction before any action could be taken.
- Personnel. With the absence of Alderwoman Fairchild, no report was submitted.
- Public Works/Streets. Alderman Phillips reported the committee met on January 26, 2015 to discuss replacement of the bridge on McCause Street paving. Alderman Phillips reported the committee approved and recommended the Board move forward with replacement of bridge and to use the remaining line item funds for paving with an asphalt emulsion mix on McCause Street, Walnut Street, Hickory Street and the Spirit of 76 Parking lot. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- The MARC/Community Center. Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee met on January 22, 2015 and discussed the following items:

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- A request from the Mount Vernon R-5 school system to hold all city league basketball practices and games at the Marc. Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee recommended and approved that the city does not take on city leagues.
- Alderwoman Rubison reported a request for The Marc to be open later hours to accommodate walkers in the gym. Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee agreed the facility hours remain the same and not change.
- The committee discussed converting the old sanctuary into a banquet room. Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee recommended the City Administrator gather cost information for conversion.

Discussion was held on all items of discussion. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the committee report and recommendations as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

New Business.

Petrus presented a Permit to Dispense Transfer Application from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program (DNR) for the MRC facility located at 600 North Main Street. Petrus reported authorization is required to all owners of public water systems and due to the acquisition of the MRC facility, must be transferred to the City of Mount Vernon and requested the Board authorize Mr. Springer to sign the agreement. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene granting the request. 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 for discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

With no other business listed on the agenda for discussion, Mayor Eden declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Lowell Phillips, Acting President of the Board

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date