

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, May 26, 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, Kathy Fairchild, Barbara Rubison and 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 Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. 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 to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes with the following correction:

- City Administrator Report. Item Seven – Condemnation. Replace “inhabitable” with “uninhabitable”.

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 to receive input from the public and requested any discussion.

- Katelynn Cameron-Branstetter held discussion regarding an incident from the previous weekend which occurred at Talbot Conservation Land. Bradley Branstetter also commented on the incident.

Resolution.

**Bill No. (R)2015-004 re:** A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri amending the Personnel Manual for the City of Mount Vernon was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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Bill No. (R)2015-004 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2015-004 thus became Resolution Number (R)2015-004.

Ordinances.

**Bill No. 2015-020 re:** An ordinance vacating Davis Street within the city limits of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and renaming the remaining portion of Davis Street as Juanita Drive, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2015-020 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-020 thus became Ordinance Number 10.57.

**Bill No. 2015-021 re:** An ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation and Leo Journagan Construction Company, Inc. for construction of McCanse Street box culvert and related improvements was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2015-021 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-021 thus became Ordinance Number 14.248.

**Bill No. 2015-022 re:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 405.060 regarding zoning district designations was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2015-022 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-022 thus became Ordinance Number 2.177.

**Bill No. 2015-023 re:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 405.175 and 405.200 regarding use limitations in “B1-A” and “M-1” zoning districts relating to sale of alcohol was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2015-023 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-023 thus became Ordinance Number 2.178.

**Bill No. 2015-024 re:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Sections 600.050, 600.060 and 600.080 regarding alcoholic beverages was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2015-024 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-024 thus became Ordinance Number 7.58.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- New Consultant for Empire Cities. Springer reported the Empire Cities (Monett, Lockwood, Chetopa and City of Mount Vernon) has received notice of retirement from Paul Reising, the current consultant representing the group during TFR and GFR filings with FERC. Springer added Mr. Reising and Steve Pearson, Washington, D.C. attorney representative, recommended nFront Consulting firm as the replacement for representation of the group. Springer noted a budget of \$10,000.00 has been budgeted by nFront Consulting firm, with the city's share at 23%, or \$2,300.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to accept recommendation for consultant replacement nFront Consulting and to continue commitment of city's share at 23% of \$10,000.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Dispatch Services. Springer reviewed dispatch options which included services from Aurora, Monett and Lawrence County. Discussion was held with Springer noting a decision must be made in the near future to take care of dispatch needs.
- Update of 1313 S. Hickory St. Springer reported a public hearing was held on May 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to receive input on declaring a dangerous building at 1313 South Hickory Street. Springer noted notifications were sent to family members and financial institutions regarding the location being deemed dangerous, with no one responding or attending the hearing. Springer noted representatives or mortgagees will have thirty days from hearing date to present a plan for renovation or demolition. Discussion was held.
- Update on VA Contract. Springer reported an expression of interest was submitted and accepted by the Veterans Administration for use of a portion of the facility at 600 N. Main Street. Springer noted the city should expect an agreement for use of facility for three years before July 1, 2015. 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.
- Other Items of Discussion. Weldy noted the new transportation bus has been delivered and is scheduled for lettering before it will be used in the transportation vehicle pool.

Public Works.

- Electric Outage. Stanton reported the electrical outage which occurred on Sunday, May 10, 2015 was caused by a squirrel gaining entrance to the Fillmore substation.
- Other Items of Discussion. Alderwoman Fairchild commended city staff for placement of flags at City Cemetery in observance of Memorial Day and those who served our country.

Code Enforcement.

Conway noted he had nothing to report but would welcome any questions. None brought forth.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Click-it or Ticket Campaign. Hubert noted the department is participating in the seatbelt enforcement campaign from May 18 thru May 31, 2015.
- School. Hubert noted school officials have reported a successful year and have commended School Resource Officer Chance Cornell in assisting with the success.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Hubert held discussion on an incident which occurred on Talbot Conservation land and apologized for any action.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported three calls since last report.
- Training. DeLay reported Missouri Department of Conservation held rope rescue training with members of the department on May 14, 2015.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Alderman Greene questioned if the dispatch agreement is awarded to Monett Dispatch, would Lawrence County still have need for equipment at current dispatch office. DeLay noted Lawrence County Sheriff Department officers would continue to be dispatched out of the current location in Mount Vernon. Discussion was held.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor. None brought forth.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested discussion on the proposal for use of the facility located at 600 N. Main Street. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to accept proposal submitted by IFI and to proceed to an agreement for lease. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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Adjournment.

Mayor Eden reported there was no other business listed on the agenda to come before the Board and declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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