

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 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, June 9, 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, Assistant Fire Chief Grant Wheeler 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 with the following amendments:

- Public Works Report. Add – Brush Pick-up Program Discussion
- Police Report: Correction: Change April Statistical Report to May Statistical Report.

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

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from Tuesday, May 26, 2015 to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips 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 to receive input from the public and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Resolution.

**Bill No. (R)2015-005 re:** A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing execution of a memorandum of understanding by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and the City of Monett, Missouri for dispatch services was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: Nelson

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2015-005 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2015-005 thus became Resolution Number (R)2015-005.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenue to the Board. Discussion was held.
- McCanse Street Box Culvert. Springer presented Change Order Number One from Leo Journagan Construction, Company totaling \$4,827.00 to correct the flow line of the ditch. Springer noted a lateral line from the Chamber of Commerce crosses the ditch causing water to dam up. Springer added if the Change Order is approved by the Board, total costs for the project still remain under the engineer's estimate for the project. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve Change Order Number One as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Downtown Buildings. Springer reported with removal of final structure, Gator Industrial, LLC is in the process of compacting soil and will be bringing in black dirt for final phase of the process. Stanton added the contractor was able to work around the sidewalks and did not have to remove, as previously anticipated. Springer noted there would be some minor repair on a few areas of the sidewalks. Discussion was held regarding the future of the site once demolition is completed. Mayor Eden scheduled a Public Hearing for July 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to receive input from the public on the future of this site.
- Empire District Electric Company. Springer presented an offer from Empire District Electric Company for use of its box suite at the Joe Becker Stadium during a Joplin Blasters baseball game. Discussion was held.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- May Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the May Treasurer Report for approval. Alderman Kimbler 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.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following item:

- Brush Pick-up Program. Stanton requested direction from the Board to continue or discontinue the current brush pick-up program. Stanton noted the difficulties of scheduling dates in which staff would be available. Alderman Kimbler made a motion for the program to continue as is. Motion died for lack of second. Discussion was held with a consensus of Board members for program to remain for the time being.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- May Statistical Report. Conway presented the May statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Report. Conway reported the commissioners met on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 and held discussion on the following items:

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- Area west of the Square starting at Market Street, including Water Street and North Street, ending at Landrum Street, changing from current B-2 to B1-A. Conway noted the change would allow for mixed-use for commercial and residential use. Discussion was held.
- Current building codes for demolition require the removal of any concrete foundation and the property must be made shovel-ready. Conway noted discussion has been held regarding allowing a useable foundation to remain and used for future construction.

### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- May Statistical Report. Hubert presented the May statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- D.A.R.E. Hubert reported Jason Lacey represented Mount Vernon at Busch Stadium to receive recognition of the Mount Vernon D.A.R.E. program. Hubert acknowledged the growth and success of the program was largely due to Lacey's tireless dedication to the program, not only locally, but statewide as he is a Mentor to other D.A.R.E. leaders and recently his peers elected him as President.

### Fire.

Wheeler held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Wheeler reported the department has received two calls since last report.
- Equipment Maintenance. Wheeler reported maintenance has been performed on vehicles and equipment.
- Training. Wheeler reported training will be held on June 18, 2015.
- Miscellaneous. Wheeler reported a fire inspection was conducted at the John Taylor Senior Center on May 29, 2015.

### Committee Report.

- Finance. Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee met on Monday, June 1, 2015 and discussed the following items:
  - Discussed the upcoming preliminary budget for 2016.
  - Discussed the current utility rates and future increases. Rubison noted the committee reviewed and recommended a request to retain Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. for electrical engineering services. Discussion was held regarding the wording of the recommendation from the Finance Committee. Mayor Eden declared it was the consensus of all Board members to remove "retain for electrical engineering services". Alderwoman Rubison, Chairwoman of the Committee accepted recommendation and amended the recommendation from the Finance Committee to hire Allgeier, Martin and Associates to produce a rate template program for use during electrical rate review. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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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. Alderman Greene requested discussion of the sound system for the Council Chambers. Discussion was held.

Closed Session.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler 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, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:04 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:24 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other discussion. None brought forth.

Adjourn.

Mayor Eden announced there was no other business listed on the agenda to come before the Board and declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Date

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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Date