

Minutes Approved August 11, 2015

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, July 28, 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, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Barbara Rubison and Sue Lee. Absent: Jason Haymes. 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, Assistant Chief of Police 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 to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda as presented.

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the minutes with the following correction:

- City Administrator Report. Transformer Purchase. Correction: motion to proceed with purchase of ten 15 KVA transformers at \$7,350.00.

The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Nelson

ABSENT: Haymes

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

Development Proposal.

Greg Rodewald, a representative from Belmont Development Company, LLC presented a five million dollar development proposal for twenty-four duplex units, on fourteen lots, located primarily on Todd Lane, with two lots on Green Drive. Proposal includes two bedroom/two bath, three bedroom/two bath and four bedroom/two bath units, all with single-car garage and Energy Star rated appliances. Development includes a 1,940 square foot clubhouse which will provide offices for on-site management and maintenance personnel, full service kitchen, computer labs/work stations, library, activity area, physical fitness equipment and a storm/tornado shelter. Mr. Rodewald noted 20% of the units will be non-tax credit units and the maximum income limits will be set at 80% of AMI (Area Median Income). Mr. Rodewald requested support from the Board by passing a resolution and providing letters of support to the Missouri Housing Development Commission. Discussion was held by the Board. Mayor Eden determined it was a consensus of the Board to have the Planning and Zoning Commission review

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the two lots proposed for the clubhouse and ordered the city clerk to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. so as to receive comments from the public regarding the proposal.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Schweiger Drive Discussion. Springer requested the Board to reconsider action taken at the July 14, 2015 meeting in which it was voted to name a new street Schweiger Drive, beginning at Orscheln's, located on East Mount Vernon Boulevard and ending at First Church of the Nazarene. Springer noted the Comprehensive Plan is used to develop a strategic plan for land uses for future use and with this in mind, since the development of the land is for commercial use; the road is actually designed to continue on through the property and exit out on Farm Road 1147, which is a city street. Springer noted the north/south portion is a collector-type street and the other section of road is considered a service street. Springer recommended the Board name the collector street Schweiger Drive and the service street a separate name. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to name the collector street Schweiger Drive and the service street Miles Avenue. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Additional discussion was held regarding naming of Farm Road 1147 is also a city-maintained street. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to name Farm Road 1147 Railroad Drive. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Veterans Administration Contract. Springer reported a meeting with representatives from the Veterans Administration, two representatives from Public Properties, Washington D.C., Petrus and himself, was held on July 21, 2015 to discuss and negotiate the contract for a portion of the facility at 600 N. Main Street currently in use by the V.A. Springer noted the contract includes a broker's fee of 3% of the total contract price which is expected to be paid by the city. Springer questioned if it is the Board's wish to infuse tax-payer money into keeping the facility open. Discussion was held.
- Orscheln's Soft Opening. Springer announced a soft-opening event for Orscheln's Farm Store will be held on August 3, 2015.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- June Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the June 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.
- Six Month Financial. Weldy reported the six-month financial statement would be published in the Lawrence County Record, as required per Code 120.050, on Wednesday, July 29, 2015.
- Request to Transfer Accounts to Bad Debt. Weldy requested the Board approve a request to transfer uncollected utility accounts to bad debt. Weldy noted the total amount

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requested is \$13,367.67. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison approving request to transfer accounts to bad debt. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Request to Purchase Utility Poles. Stanton reported the Electric Department has several upcoming projects scheduled which will deplete the utility pole inventory and requested the Board approve purchase of replacement poles. Stanton noted cost for replacement inventory will cost \$9,452.00, which was budgeted for. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with purchase of replacement poles for a cost of \$9,452.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to Purchase Two Solar-powered LED Stop Signs. Stanton requested approval for purchase of two LED stop signs, which will be located at McCause Street and Kirby for the school cross-walk. Stanton noted each sign will cost \$1,375.00. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with purchase of two LED stop signs for a total cost of \$2,750.00. With all present voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items. Fall Clean-up. Stanton announced Fall Clean-up day will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at the Public Works facility. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway noted he had nothing to report, but welcomed any questions. None brought forth.

Police.

Lacey held discussion on the following items:

- School Crossing Guard. Lacey reported he has received resignation from the current school crossing guard and requested the Board allow him to advertise for a replacement for the position. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to proceed with request to advertise the vacancy. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- D.A.R.E. Lacey reported he attended the annual D.A.R.E. conference From July 20th thru the 24th, in Kansas City, Missouri. Discussion was held.
- National Police Night Out. Lacey invited the members of the Board and the public to attend the annual National Police Night Out, scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2015 at the Spirit of 76 Park. Lacey noted activities will begin at 5:00 p.m. Discussion was held.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received three calls since last report.
- Maintenance. DeLay reported maintenance has been performed on vehicles and equipment.
- Training. DeLay noted the following training was held:
 - Training with Aurora Fire Department at ADF facility – July 16, 2015
 - Conducted Reyco-Granning Pre-plan – July 17, 2015

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- Miscellaneous. DeLay noted collections for Muscular Dystrophy is currently at \$2800.00, with four more collection sessions scheduled.

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. Discussion was held regarding sealed bids for bid opening of sales of farm house.

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mayor Eden announced the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date