

Minutes Approved August 25, 2015

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 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, August 11, 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, Ed Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Barbara Rubison and Sue Lee. The following 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 amend the agenda with the following amendments:

- Add - Mayoral Proclamation to follow Citizen Participation on the agenda.
- Public Works Report. Add – Request to Spend Budgetary Funds in Street Department
Add – Request to Fill Vacancy at Golf Course

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

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Haymes

ABSENT: None

With all present members voting, 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 from those in attendance. None brought forth.

Proclamation.

Mayor Eden presented a Mayoral proclamation requesting citizens display Yellow Ribbon for the Nguyen family.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer reported sales tax revenues increased by 89.67% compared to 2014 and by 32.13% for the current year.
- Founders Day for 600 N. Main St. Springer presented a request from the Gift Shop Group at 600 N. Main Street to hold a Founders Day Picnic in September to commemorate the former State Sanitarium/Chest Hospital/Rehabilitation Center. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to continue Founders Day at 600 N. Main Street. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Haymes

NOES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Rubison, Lee

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

- V.A. Contract. Springer reported Form 1217, Lessor's Annual Cost Statement was submitted to the Veteran's Administration regarding the facility at 600 N. Main Street. Springer noted he has not received any response from the Veteran's Administration relating to the contract.
- 911 Update. Springer noted the Monett Dispatch has requested the transition date be delayed until September 1, 2015 to allow time to install public access phones at Lawrence County Jail, Mount Vernon City Hall and Miller Police Department. Discussion was held.
- Yellow Ribbon Campaign for Nguyen Family. Springer presented a request from local business owner to encourage support for the Nguyen family by displaying yellow ribbons. Discussion was held.

Treasurer.

Weldy reported the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- July Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the July Treasurer Report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Budget Amendments. Weldy requested the Board approve budget amendments for a total of \$162,005.56 increase of revenue over expenses. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve budget amendments as requested. 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 and Apply Asphalt Emulsion. Stanton requested permission to proceed with purchase and application of an asphalt emulsion to selected streets in lieu of paving. Stanton noted he is very pleased with the results of a portion of Shafer Street which received the emulsion treatment three years ago. Stanton listed the following areas scheduled for the emulsion treatment:
 - Walnut Street
 - Portion of Hickory Street
 - McCause Street
 - Spirit of 76 Parking Lot

Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with Innovative Roadway Solutions to apply emulsion treatment application on selected areas. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Request to fill vacancy at Golf Course. Stanton requested the Board grant permission to hire Debra Schubert for a vacancy in the Golf Course Clubhouse. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to proceed with hiring Debra Schubert pending results from a background check and employee drug screening test. With all present voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Smoke Testing. Stanton reported Trekk Design Group would be performing smoke testing for a specified area, from Hickory Street, west to Landrum Street and from Blaze Road to North Street and all the area within this boundary.
- Stream Study. Stanton reported the Missouri Department of Conservation would be performing a water quality study on Williams Creek on August 19, 2015. Stanton noted several injections of rhodamine will be applied and may prompt calls of concern from the public as it is initially bright orange upon application. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Statistic Report. Conway presented the July Statistic report and requested any questions. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Report. Conway reported the Commission reviewed the proposal for development for duplexes and agreed the proposed office complex and playground fit into the current regulations under Code 405.450 Use Standards. Conway reported the Commission recommends the Board adopt the resolution of support for the development of the Villas of Mount Vernon by Belmont Development.
- Comprehensive Plan Review. Conway noted the Commission is continuing review of the Comprehensive Plan.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- July Statistic Report. Hubert presented the July Statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- National Night Out. Hubert reported National Night Out was a great success.

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- Drug Bust. Hubert commended Officer Levi Chorum for making a large drug bust, which included drugs, money and a vehicle. Hubert reported he has filed with the Lawrence County Prosecutor for forfeiture of the vehicle and money to be returned to the city.
- Murder. Hubert reported a murder had been committed on Sunday, August 9, 2015 and commended his officers for their dedication and professionalism during the investigation.

Fire.

DeLay noted he had nothing to report but welcomed any questions. Alderman Kimbler requested status of Muscular Dystrophy Boot Collection Drive. DeLay noted approximately \$3,700.00 has been collected thus far.

New Business.

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

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested discussion from the Board if they wished to proceed with a resolution of support for the proposed development of the Villas of Mount Vernon. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden announced it was the consensus of the Board to proceed with reading of the resolution in its entirety.

Bill No. (R)2015-009 re: A resolution of support for an application to be submitted to the Missouri Housing Development Commission by Belmont Development Company, LLC for the proposed development of the Villas of Mount Vernon located in Mount Vernon, Lawrence County, Missouri was read once, in its entirety, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2015-009 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2015-009 thus became Resolution Number (R)2015-009.

Mayor Eden requested any other old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mayor Eden announced the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk