

Minutes Approved September 8, 2015

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 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 25, 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, Chief of Police David Hubert and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Fire Chief Brad DeLay.

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 Greene to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Move Public Works report to follow Citizen Participation.
- City Administrator Report – Add – Request to solicit an RFQ for Broker for Health Insurance.

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

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the August 11, 2015 meeting 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 from those in attendance. None brought forth.

Public Works Report.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Discussion of Change of Operator Contract for Wastewater Treatment Facility. Stanton reported he has received notice from Ron Greenwood, owner of RG Utility Contracting and contractor for management and operation of the city's wastewater treatment facility that he will be retiring and Bert Bond, owner of Clean Streams Enterprises will be willing to assume maintenance and operation of the facility, per the desire of the Board of Aldermen. Petrus noted per agreement of the Board to proceed, an assignment of contract will need to be approved by the Board. Discussion was held and agreed by the Board to add an addendum to the contract for hauling of the sludge. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with utilizing Clean Stream Enterprises as contractor for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- McCanse Street Stop Signs. Stanton noted the solar-powered stop signs have been installed at the intersection of S. McCanse Street and Kirby Street. Discussion was held.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2015-010 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri adopting a Fee Schedule of charges and fees assessed by the City of Mount Vernon was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Bill No. (R)2015-010 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2015-010 thus became Resolution Number (R)2015-010.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2015-027 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and IFI-Mt. Vernon, LLC, regarding potential future use of 600 N. Main was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Bill No. 2015-027 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-027 thus became Ordinance Number 14.251.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Farm House Bid. Springer reported bids for the Farmhouse were opened on August 17, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. with the following bids received:
 - Ken Davis - \$68,000.00
 - Mari-Beth Everly and Martha Faucett - \$95,011.00
 - Richard Thomas - \$80,111.00

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Springer noted the property was appraised at \$88,000.00 and requested the Board's desire for award of bid. Alderman Nelson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips awarding bid to Mari-Beth Everly and Martha Faucett for \$95,011.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Update on V.A. Lease. Springer reported the Veterans Clinic at 600 N. Main Street is operating on a month-to-month basis until an agreement has been made.
- Request for RFQ for Health Insurance. Springer reported the city is currently the lone entity in the consortium for employee health insurance and requested the Board direct him if they desired to begin the process of seeking coverage elsewhere. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to proceed with submitting a Request for Qualifications for a broker for employee health coverage. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Committee Meeting. Springer requested meetings for the following:
 - Personnel – Monday, August 31, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
 - Parks – Monday, August 31, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
 - Public Works/Streets – Monday, August 31, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
- Brownsfield Tour. Springer reported he would be attending the Brownsfield Tour, on Wednesday, August 26, 2015.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Budget Amendments. Weldy presented a request for budget amendment of transferring funds from line item 48-4-497 to 47-4-497 and does not change any bottom line balance. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee approving requested budget amendment. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Conway noted he had nothing to report but would welcome any questions. Mayor Eden requested discussion on new construction at 105 E. Sloan Avenue. Conway reported construction was a combination of residential and commercial. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Status of Dispatch. Hubert reported dispatch services with Monett Dispatch would begin on Tuesday, September 1, 2015. Hubert noted public-access telephones would be installed at the Lawrence County Jail Lobby and at Miller City Hall to accommodate people without cell phones or landlines. Discussion was held.
- Crossing Guard Vacancy. Hubert recommended the Board hire Brooke Hankins as School Crossing Guard, effective upon passing of background check and employee screening. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept recommendation to hire Brooke Hankins as School Crossing Guard. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Status of Homicide Investigation. Hubert reported the investigation for the recent murder is almost complete and a suspect has been arrested. Discussion was held.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Alderman Greene reported he received a phone call from a constituent on Country Lane complaining of speeding vehicles on this street. Hubert responded he has received similar complaints and is handling the situation.

Fire.

With the absence of a representative from the Fire Department, Mayor Eden submitted the Department Report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

New Business.

Mayor Eden recommended to the Board to authorize expenditure of \$795.00 so that Shannon Neely may attend the Greater Ozarks Leadership Development (GOLD) program hosted by the Missouri State University Outreach Section. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to approve request for expenditure. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden presented a request from Belmont Development, LLC for local city civic leaders to submit letters of support of the proposed “The Villas of Mt. Vernon” duplex development. Discussion was held.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date