

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 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, November 24, 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, 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, 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 Greene to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

- Add – Mayor Appointment for Board of Alderman and Oath of Office – Ward Three

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

Mayor Appointment and Oath of Office – Ward Three

Mayor Eden recommendation to appoint Sandy Martin to fill the vacancy for Ward Three until general election, 2016. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept Mayoral recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

City Clerk Neely conducted the Oath of Office to Ms. Martin for Alderwoman for Ward Three.

Public Hearings.

- Transportation Grant. Mayor Eden opened the hearing for funding of the Transportation grant at 7:03 p.m. and announced this portion of the meeting was to receive public input on a request to pursue the Missouri Department of Transportation Grant. Mayor Eden explained how the grant was used by funding a portion of operations of taxi cabs for the elderly and handicap citizens and requested any comments from the public. No input from citizens was received during the hearing. With no other discussion to come before the Board, Mayor Eden closed the public hearing. Public Hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.
- Water/sewer rates. Mayor Eden opened the hearing for the proposed rate increase for water and sewer at 7:05 p.m. Springer explained increases to water and sewer bond obligations are one of the factors considered in increasing the water/sewer rates. Mayor Eden requested any comments from the public. No input from citizens was received during the hearing. With no other discussion to come before the Board, Mayor Eden closed the public hearing. Public Hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

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- Proposed 2016 Budget. Mayor Eden opened the hearing for the proposed 2016 budget at 7:08 p.m. Discussion was held regarding the budget process. Mayor Eden requested any comments from the public. No input from citizens was received during the hearing. With no other discussion to come before the Board, Mayor Eden closed the public hearing. Public hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.

### Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from Tuesday, November 10, 2015 to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene 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.

### Ordinances.

**Bill No. 2015-032 re:** An ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and Infinity Opportunity, Inc., d/b/a Jani-King of Springfield for commercial cleaning services was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

#### First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

#### Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2015-032 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-032 thus became Ordinance Number 14.255.

**Bill No. 2015-033 re:** An ordinance to authorize the Mayor to apply for federal assistance on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon and to execute any contract(s) resulting from such application for any grants between the City of Mount Vernon and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating, and/or marketing assistance, comprised of federal funds to be expended for Commission-approved transit projects was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

#### First Reading:

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

NOES: None

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ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2015-033 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-033 thus became Ordinance Number 14.256.

**Bill No. 2015-034 re:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri at Section 700.130(A) regarding monthly charges for water was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2015-034 was declared passed for the first reading and to proceed for the second reading, which will be presented at the December 8, 2015 meeting.

**Bill No. 2015-035 re:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri at Sections 710.120 regarding monthly charges for sewer use was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2015-035 was declared passed for the first reading and ordered to proceed for the second reading, which will be presented at the December 8, 2015 meeting.

#### Department Reports.

##### City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Airport. Springer reported he has received requests from individuals with proposals to construct hangars which they would occupy for a set number of years, with ownership reverting back to the city after that time. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler directing City Administrator to explore

construction of hangar options with finance options. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Skate Park. Springer noted he would be meeting with a group of local people on December 4, 2015 regarding skate parks. Springer added he has been researching options for financing a park and also noted he was contacted by the Tony Hawk Foundation on grant options they offer to groups. Springer also noted American Ramp Company in Joplin, a manufacturer of skate park ramps has offered to provide a tour of their facility and local parks to the Board. Discussion was held.
- V.A. Meeting. Springer reported Mayor Eden, Mr. Petrus and himself attended a meeting with Veterans Administration officials in Fayetteville, Arkansas on November 23, 2015.
- Vehicle Sales and Use Tax. Springer held discussion on the Vehicle Sales and Use tax and if the Board wish to place this on the 2016 ballot for voters to consider. Discussion was held by the Board.
- Veterans' Way. Springer noted he has received interest from several individuals and groups regarding Veterans' Way. Discussion was held.
- Chamber of Commerce. Springer requested direction from the Board regarding supporting Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce with a \$5,000.00 membership. Springer noted money would be used from the Economic Development funds and is the same amount paid to the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to proceed with requested amount to the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce.
- Presto-X Contract. Springer reported termite coverage was not included on the Presto-X contract and requested an additional \$750.00 per year be added to the 2016 budget for this service. Also noted money was shifted on the 2016 budget to accommodate maintenance fees to Verizon for the SCADA system. Springer noted these changes, would be inserted into the proposed budget for final approval. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to proceed with request.
- Other Items of Discussion. Springer wished the Board and those in attendance a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

#### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy requested any questions or discussion regarding the bills paid report. None brought forth.

#### Public Works.

Stanton reported he had no items to present for report, but requested any discussion. Mayor Eden noted installation of lighting on McCause Street and the intersection of Landrum Street and Hayward Drive has improved visibility and made the area much safer.

#### Police.

Lacey held discussion on the following items:

- Officers Fundraiser. Lacy reported officers continued participation in the fundraiser for needy families by paying a fee allowing them to grow a beard, which is normally against policy. Discussion was held.

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- Winter Weather Discussion. Lacey reminded all to take precautions during the holiday season by locking running vehicles that are warming up during cold and to cover items in the vehicle while shopping to help prevent thefts. Lacey also warned of disposing of empty boxes for televisions and electronics during the holidays. Discussion was held.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay noted the department had five calls since last report.
- Training. DeLay reported monthly training on November 19, 2015 consisted of vehicle winterization.
- Community Events. DeLay reported the department would participate in the Christmas parade on November 28, 2015.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. The following items were discussed:

- Mayor Eden read a thank you letter from Marie Short commending fall clean-up day, limb pick-up program and how nice the city looked for Apple Butter Making Days.
- Ellen Carr presented a proposal for a 110,000 square foot sports facility, "The Imperium". Ms. Carr requested the Board consider leasing the Daniel property to her group for \$1.00 per year and their group would build the proposed facility which would include basketball courts, trampolines, an indoor go-cart track, batting cages, weight room, movie theatre and restaurant. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

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

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 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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