

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016.

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, January 12, 2016 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, Sandy Martin 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, Fire Chief Brad DeLay and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Guests registering their attendance are listed on the sign-on sheet attached to and made a part of the minutes.

Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

- City Administrator Report. Add- Discussion of Dispatch Agreement

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

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from Tuesday, December 8, 2015 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve the minutes with the following correction:

- City Administrator Report. Police Cars/Utility Pickups. Correction. 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD cost is \$27,595.00.

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.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented sales tax revenue totals to the Board.
- Council Chambers Sound System. Springer reported the sound system equipment for the council chambers is expected to be delivered and installed within the next couple of weeks.
- 995 Daniel Drive. Springer reported bid solicitation for clearing property at 995 Daniel Drive was cancelled due to the discovery of tires, barrels and scrap metal found in overgrown area of the property. Springer noted upon discovery of items he contact Dwight Leigh from Leigh Environmental, who performed an environmental study of the

property, as to how this discovery will affect the property. Springer added Mr. Leigh suggested removal of tires and debris be completed and then proceed with re-soliciting bids. Discussion was held.

- 995 Daniel Drive Feasibility Study. Springer reported he has received interest from two companies to provide a feasibility study for the Daniel Drive property. Springer noted specific information the study would provide and requested the Board direct him on how they wish to proceed. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden requested Springer contact both companies to provide a separate presentation to the Board during work sessions in February before any action is taken.
- SREP Membership. Springer requested the Board consider continuing a membership with the Springfield Regional Economic Partnership. Springer noted the base level membership cost \$5,000.00 and included one Track of Emphasis module to choose from. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to remain at the base membership with Branding Partner as the module of choice. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Vehicle Administration Fee/Use Tax. Springer requested if the Board wished to proceed with including the Vehicle Administration Fee and the Use Tax on any ballot for the 2016 year. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to schedule a Special Called meeting on Monday, January 18, 2016 to consider placing both taxes on a ballot. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- 911 Dispatch. Springer reported he attended a meeting with Emergency Management regarding the 911 dispatch agreement, which was originally approved at \$14,000.00 per year. Springer noted due to large volume of calls, original agreement does not cover expenses and Emergency Management is requesting the city consider sharing costs for additional staff. Discussion was held regarding options.
- Other Items of Discussion. Springer noted the annual Business Expo would be held on January 30, 2016 at The MARC.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- 2015 Budget Amendments. Weldy presented budget amendments for 2015 and requested discussion. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve budget amendments as presented and to reflect final audit adjustments for the 2015 budget. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Six-month Financials. Weldy reported the required six-month financial statement would be published in the Lawrence County Record on January 20, 2016.
- Other Items of Discussion. Weldy reported the December Treasurer Report would be submitted to the Board at the January 26, 2016 for approval.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Request to replace pool pump. Stanton reported the swimming pool pump required extensive work and requested approval for recondition of pump, new pump motor, labor to install and laser align for a total cost of \$10,625.00. Stanton also requested the Board approve replacement of the motor starter with Variable frequency drive for an additional \$3,100.00. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve requests. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to replace transformer inventory. Stanton reported T & C Stainless will be expanding which requires a 1000 KVA transformer, which is currently in city inventory. Stanton requested approval to replace transformer inventory by approving purchase of new transformer for \$18,850.00. Stanton noted if approved, delivery of transformer would be in 8-10 weeks. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve request and proceed with purchase. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to purchase meter reading equipment. Stanton requested approval to proceed with purchase of MC Lite, meter reading equipment for \$10,850.00. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with purchase. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to replace tractor. Stanton requested permission to accept bids for a 100 hp tractor, with a budgeted amount of \$50,000.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with solicitation of bids for 100 hp tractor. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to solicit bids to repair and replace fencing on Field #4. Stanton presented three bids received for replacement of fencing at the Spirit of 76 Park, Field #4, which received severe damage from a recent storm. Stanton recommended the Board award the bid to the lowest bidder, Cloud Fencing for \$5,600.00. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to accept recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- December Statistic Report. Conway presented the December statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning & Zoning Update. Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission would continue review of the Comprehensive Plan. Conway noted the Commission was also reviewing an updated zoning map. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- December Statistic Report. Hubert presented the December statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- End of year Statistic Report. Hubert presented the End of Year statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

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- Employee Probation. Hubert reported Officer David Young has successfully completed his three month probation period and requested the Board approve him to full-time status. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene granting request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- New Patrol Vehicle. Hubert reported the city is in possession of the new patrol vehicle and will begin installing required equipment and lettering. Discussion was held.
- DWI Enforcement Grant. Hubert reported the holiday DWI enforcement grant was completed on January 3, 2016, which resulted in one arrest during this time period. Discussion was held.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received six calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported maintenance has been performed on vehicles and equipment.
- Training. DeLay reported the department would hold a regular training session on January 21, 2016.
- Community Activities. DeLay reported the department participated in the Marionville Christmas parade on December 19, 2015.
- Miscellaneous. DeLay reported the department would host a First Responder class for anyone interested for the next few months, with classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. DeLay noted the forty-hour class is free to anyone interested.

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.

Alderswoman Lee reported donations received thru the Veterans' Way group will be used to install patriotic mailboxes N. Main Street. Discussion was held.

Closed Session

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(2) Real Estate Issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, 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 8:14 p.m.

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Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:52 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other 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 8:53 p.m.

Lowell W. Phillips, Acting President

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date