

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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, November 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call vote recorded: J.N. Greene, Craig Nelson, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Ed Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, 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 K. 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 with the following amendments:

City Administrator Report	Change Discussion on Flat Bed Truck to Discussion on Flat Bed Truck and other purchases. Add: Laclede Gas Franchise Acceptance Certification
Treasurer Report	Remove October Treasurer Report
Public Works	Remove all listed items

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

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Martin

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 for citizen input and welcomed any discussion from those in attendance.

- Shirley Greene noted she was thrilled with the Veterans' Way mural dedication ceremony held on November 5, 2016 and she is proud of how the city and citizens are honoring veterans.
- Mayor Eden read a thank you card from the Veterans' Way committee for city assistance with dedication of the Veterans' Way mural. Discussion was held.

Ordinances.

**Bill No. 2016-023 re:** An ordinance calling for a general election in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, for the purpose of electing one Alderman from each of the four wards, each for a term of two years 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. 2016-023 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2016-023 thus became Ordinance Number 5.176.

**Bill No. 2016-024 re:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 105.035 regarding candidates for municipal office 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. 2016-024 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2016-024 became Ordinance Number 1.276.

Department Reports.

City Administrator

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer reported sales tax revenues and comparisons to previous periods.
- Employee Health Insurance. Springer presented a proposal for health insurance and reported costs have increased by approximately 8.8% per employee. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene authorizing the City Administrator to sign agreement with Cox Health Systems for proposed employee health coverage. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Equipment Purchases. Springer reported balancing the proposed 2017 budget required several equipment purchases to be removed, but noted there is currently sufficient funds in the 2016 budget to purchase the items. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with purchase as listed in the City Administrator report. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Enhanced Enterprise Zone. Springer announced an Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Springer noted the meeting would be held in the council chambers at City Hall.
- Laclede Gas Agreement. Springer presented an acceptance letter from Laclede Gas for the franchise agreement ordinance previously passed. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to authorize City Clerk to certify acceptance letter as required by Laclede Gas. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Other Items of Discussion. Alderman Haymes requested discussion on status of marketing by Buxton & Company. Discussion was held.

### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Investments. Weldy reported a certificate of deposit for \$249,000.00 matured on November 8, 2016 and presented a bid tab for investment. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to invest the matured amount with Edward Jones for eighteen months at 1.15% interest. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Public Works.

Stanton discussed the following items.

- Demolitions. Stanton reported 320 W. Sloan is completely demolished and only the subfloor remains at 1313 S. Hickory Street. Discussion was held.
- N.W. Industrial Park. Stanton reported the three-phase installation project is complete and ready for new industry to begin construction. Stanton thanked all entities involved in the project. Discussion was held.

### Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- October Statistical Report. Conway presented the October Statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Update. Conway reported the following items were discussed at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016:
  - Public Hearing on code change to allow metal carports on side and rear yards within the setback allowed by code.
  - Set a Public Hearing for code change concerning manufactured homes at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

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### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- October Statistical Report. Hubert presented the October statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Search Warrant. Hubert reported a search warrant was issued on November 3, 2016 which resulted in a large amount of prescription medication and cash being seized. Hubert noted two people were taken into custody.

### Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received one call since last report.
- Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. DeLay reported annual hose testing and certification was held on November 2, 2016.
- Training. DeLay reported the monthly meeting will be held on November 17, 2016 at the Fire Station.
- Community Events. DeLay reported the department participated in the following community events:
  - October 31<sup>st</sup> – Trick or Treat at the Fire Station
  - November 5<sup>th</sup> – Veterans' Way walk and mural dedication
  - November 8<sup>th</sup> – Monett for annual Veteran's lunch
- Miscellaneous. DeLay reported the department received a plaque for collections for Muscular Dystrophy. DeLay noted total amount collected was \$7,600.00 which was the 8<sup>th</sup> highest collected in our region.

### Committee Report.

Personnel.

Alderman Fairchild presented the Personnel Committee meeting minutes, which was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 5:00 p.m., with the following items discussed:

- Potential for a mandated increase in the minimum wage. Fairchild noted the committee voted unanimously to raise pay \$1.00 per hour for employees.
- Discussion on new overtime law.
- Discussion on health insurance premiums.
- Discussion on possible staff additions.

Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to accept this report and actions approved by committee as read. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### New Business.

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

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Closed Session.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to adjourn to close session pursuant to RSMo Section 616.021(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

Meeting adjourned to close session at 7:52 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened at 8:12 p.m. with Mayor Eden announcing all members in attendance.

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 8:12.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Date

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Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

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Date