

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 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, December 13, 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, Ed 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-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 as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the November 22, 2016 meeting to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN Haymes, Phillips

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. None brought forth.

Mayoral Appointments.

Mayor Eden recommended the following appointments to the Board for approval:

- **Planning and Zoning Commission – Four Year Terms**
  - Dennis Thrasher
  - David W. Eden
  - Dallas Gramm
  
- **Board of Adjustment – Five Year Term**
  - Donald Rodgers

- **Enhanced Enterprise Zone – Five Year Term**

James Dunn (representative of Mount Vernon Special Benefit Road District)  
Bill Craig (representative Lawrence County Nursing Home District)

Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve Mayoral appointments as recommended. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Review of GPS/Fleet Telematics.

Mayor Eden requested a review of the GPS/Fleet Telematics which was installed in police and transportation vehicles approximately six months ago. Hubert reported he felt the information provided by the units were of no benefit to the police department and recommended removing the units to save money. Weldy recommended continuing use of the units in the transportation vehicles for security purposes. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden declared it was a consensus of the Board for units to remain in transportation vehicles.

Ordinances.

**Bill No. 2016-028 re:** An ordinance authorizing execution of a private hangar/tie-down lease agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and Roger L. Brown, 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. 2016-028 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2016-028 thus became Ordinance Number 14.265.

**Bill No. 2016-029 re:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code by applying Chapter 215A, Offenses Code, for purposes of complying with state criminal changes 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

Seconded Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2016-029 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2016-029 thus became Ordinance Number 3.50.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer reported sales tax revenue received is lower than last year collections, but total yearly collections are still higher than 2015 revenue. Discussion was held.
- KPM Audit. Springer presented an agreement for auditing services from KPM Auditors. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene approving auditing services agreement with KPM Auditors. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Codification. Springer presented a proposal from General Code/Sullivan Publications to host and maintain the city's codification with their online cloud hosting, which would be accessible via a link on the city's website or on the General Code's website. Springer noted this agreement would include access from any computer, mobile device and tablets. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild approving agreement with General Code for webhosted codification on eCode360 at a cost of \$695.00 per year. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Enhanced Enterprise Zone – Tax Abatement. Springer reported the Mount Vernon Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board met on December 5, 2016 to review applications for tax abatement from Memory Healthcare Technologies and Estes Hatchery. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes authorizing the Mayor to sign tax abatement application. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- 2017 Budget. Springer requested any questions or concerns regarding the proposed 2017 budget. Springer noted the following correction to the proposed budget:

Golf Department: 160.301 Training – move \$250.00 from this account to 160-302 Memberships and Dues.

Discussion was held regarding corrections made. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the budget as presented with corrections. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Land Clearance. Springer reported bids were opened on December 1, 2016 for land clearance project at 995 Daniel Drive. Springer reported eight bids were received, with Anderson Engineering and staff recommending K & B Equipment, LLC for \$96,660.00. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to accept recommendation for award of bid to K & B Equipment, LLC and directing a Notice of Award be issued. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Insurance Renewal. Springer presented a proposal for general insurance coverage from Trogden Insurance, for a total renewal cost of \$221,427.00. Springer noted proposal

included coverage for general insurance, crime policy and airport liability. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee accepting agreement for 2017 insurance proposal as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Crowder College. Springer announced Crowder College will be closing their Mount Vernon campus at the conclusion of the spring semester in June. Springer noted the current contract will be extended to reflect this time period and will include an addendum. Discussion was held.
- IFI. Alderman Greene requested the status of IFI regarding 600 N. Main Street. Discussion was held.

#### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested discussion. None brought forth.
- November Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the Treasurer Report for November and requested any discussion. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Weldy presented a bid tab for a certificate of deposit, which matured on December 12, 2016. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to invest the matured amount of \$104,000.00 with Edward Jones for eighteen (18) months at 1.35% interest rate. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Bad Debt. Weldy requested the Board approve transferring \$16,779.51 to Bad Debt status in the city system. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Budget Amendments. Weldy presented a budget amendment report and requested the Board grant approval of amendments. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve budget amendments as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Transportation Grant. Weldy reported the city has received approximately half the funds as requested on the grant application due to the state's fiscal year running July thru June, which will require the city to make application later this year to coincide with their fiscal funding year. Discussion was held.

#### Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- MoDot Signage. Stanton requested the Board grant the Mayor authorization to sign agreement for "Accomplishment signage" honoring the Mount Vernon High School Girls' Softball team for state championship. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler authorizing the Mayor to sign agreement. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- DNR. Stanton reported Mayor Eden, Mr. Springer and himself attended a meeting with Missouri Department of Natural Resources on Monday, December 12, 2016. Discussion was held.

### Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Statistical Report. Conway presented the November Statistical Report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning & Zoning. Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission met on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 and held a public hearing regarding code change to allow manufactured homes/residential design to be allowed in R-1. Conway noted this recommendation would be brought to the Board at the December 27, 2016 meeting for discussion.

### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Statistical Report. Hubert presented the November statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Crossing Guard. Hubert reported he has received resignation from Brooke Hankins for Crossing Guard and requested the Board grant permission to advertise for job vacancy. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler granting request to advertise for vacancy. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Fundraiser. Hubert reported officers have participated in the November No Shave and holiday Fundraiser and have raised \$1,018.00, which will be used to help local families during the holiday. Hubert acknowledged Officer Jeff Romine who is in charge of fundraising efforts. Discussion was held.

### Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received five calls since last report.
- Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance. DeLay reported the department has performed maintenance on vehicles and equipment.
- Training. DeLay reported no training was scheduled for the month due to the holidays.
- Community Events. DeLay reported the department participated in the Mount Vernon Christmas parade on November 29, 2016.
- Miscellaneous. DeLay reported smoke detectors were installed in five houses since last report. DeLay also noted the firefighter's pooled personal money for purchase of a large compressor. Discussion was held.

### New Business.

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

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- Springer requested a study session for December 27, 2016 meeting be added to the agenda for study of an agreement with the Veterans Administration for 600 N. Main Street. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. The following was requested:

- Alderman Nelson requested discussion of a water main break earlier in the day.
- Mayor Eden requested discussion of street lighting on McCause Street.

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 8:05 p.m.

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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