

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017.

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, March 14, 2017 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. Absent: 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, Assistant Fire Chief Grant Wheeler, and Toni Buttram. Absent: 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 the Agenda.

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

- Chief Hubert to present resignation of ACO.
- Director of Public Works – Request for Mayoral Authorization to sign DNR documents

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 to the Board for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler 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 citizen input and welcomed any discussion from those in attendance.

Lorrie Tennison requested to approach podium. Lorrie asked Council to confirm a date for “Recovery Day”. August 26th from 5pm to 10pm was set. She also was told to talk to the Chamber of Commerce about the stages availability. Gene Stanton will be contacted a couple of weeks before the event for picnic tables. Grant Wheeler suggested to wait to closer to the date in order to check the weather, for approval of the use of free standing fire pits..

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Spring held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax Revenue. Springer held discussion on sales tax revenues noting this month it was down slightly. Springer also noted Use Tax collections were \$6,385.43. Discussion was held.
- City Attorney requested to raise his rates for City Attorney and City Prosecuting Attorney services from \$90.00 per hour to \$100.00 per hour. After lengthy discussion Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to raise hourly rate to \$125.00 per hour. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- The City Council will host Business After Hours on May 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
- Business Expo will be held at the MARC April 1, 2017.
- Nepotism. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the revision of the Nepotism policy. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Investments. Weldy requested the Board approve investment of a certificate of deposit which matured on March 14, 2017 for \$402,822.15. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve investing the matured amount with Edward Jones for eighteen months at 1.35% interest rate. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

- Stanton held discussion on the following items:
Stanton requested Mayoral authorization to allow a “duly authorized” employee” to sign DNR Waste Water documents. Mayor Eden suggested that “duly authorized employee” be Director of Public Works. Council directed City Attorney to develop a resolution accordingly for the next Council Meeting.
- Stanton also reported solar stop sign has arrived and will be installed soon.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- February statistic report. Conway presented the statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Commission Update. Conway reported the Commission held a public hearing on March 7, 2017. Had a discussion to de-annex or not, several tracks of land North of REA and 6 acres South of Hayward Drive. It was decided to not allow either area out of the City so as not to set a precedent.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

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- February Statistical Report. Hubert presented the statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Chief Hubert reported Heather Daughtery ACO turned in her resignation, and ask permission to advertise for the position. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion and seconded by Alderman Kimbler. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared motion approved.

Assistant Fire Chief Grant Wheeler held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Wheeler reported the Department has received five calls since last report. Discussion was held.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Wheeler reported maintenance has been performed on equipment and vehicles. Wheeler also noted all trucks passed annual pump certification. Discussion was held.
- Training. Wheeler noted monthly training will be held on March 16, 2017.
- Miscellaneous. Wheeler added the department has installed approximately 72 alarms in 35 residences. Discussion was held.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to discuss.

- Springer presented the Council with applications for the Lifeguard/Park Program. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion to approve all the applications for hire, seconded by Alderman Kimbler. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to discuss. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no other business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Respectfully Submitted By:

Toni Buttram

Date