

Minutes Approved with changes on April 11, 2017

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri on Tuesday, March 28, 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 28, 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, Sue Lee, Sandy Martin. Absent: Kathy Fairchild. 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 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 Phillips to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

- Director of Public Works – Request for reallocations of funds

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, March 14, 2017 to the Board for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the minutes as presented. Alderwoman Lee abstain. 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. None brought forth

#### Resolution.

**Bill No. (R)2017-02 re:** A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri appointing Toni Buttram as Acting City Clerk during the temporary absence of Shannon Neely, City Clerk. With the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

Bill No. (R)2017-02 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2017-02 thus became Resolution Number (R)2017-02.

#### Resolution.

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**Bill No. (R)2017-03 re:** A Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri Authorizing the Director of Public Works to sign on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon when a Signature is required by the DNR. With the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

Bill No. (R)2017-03 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2017-03 thus became Resolution Number (R)2017-03.

Resolution.

**Bill No.(R)2017-04 re:** A Resolution of the Board of Aldermen amending the Personnel Manual for the City of Mount Vernon at Policy 070: Nepotism. With the following roll call recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

Bill No. (R)2017-04 was declared pass and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2017-04 thus became Resolution Number (R)2017-04.

Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2017-09 re:** An Ordinance authorizing execution of a Deed of Release by which the City of Mount Vernon will release real property owned by Reyco Granning from the obligation set forth in a Deed of Trust June 15, 1995 that secured repayment of General Obligation Industrial Bonds. With the following roll recorded:

First Reading:

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

ANOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

Second Reading:

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

ANOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

Bill No. 2017-09 was declared pass and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2017-09 thus became Ordinance Number 14-272.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- 1313 S Hickory St. Springer held discussion on selling the property at 1313 S. Hickory St. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to except sealed bids for the sale of the property. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- RFP for Electric Utility Electric Utility Rate study. Springer ask for authorization to solicit for “Request for Proposals” from engineering firms to do an in depth study of our electrical utility billing. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to solicit RFP’S for Electric Utility Rate study. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Water Department Roof. Springer reported Saturday morning the roof on the Water Department building roofing material (not the decking) was ripped off by what appears to be some wind shear during the storm. It also caused a large piece of the material to break out the windshield in one of our backhoes. Discussion was held.
- Cell phone licensing Fee. Springer informed the Council about citizens inquiring about a new Mount Vernon tax they see on their cell phone bill. Mount Vernon has had this tax in our code since 1987, Section 610.010 and this is not a new tax. Cell phone companies just were not paying it until the class-action lawsuit was brought against them. Discussion was held.
- Business Expo. Springer reminded the Board of the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo is this Saturday at the MARC. The City has a booth and welcomes all of our elected officials to help man the booth.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- February Treasurer Report. The February report was presented for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to destroy. Weldy requested permission to destroy paid Vendor Invoices. 2008-2011. RSMo 50.172(2) keep for 5 years. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to grant the request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to destroy. Weldy requested to destroy daily Utility receipts from 2008-2011. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Aldermen Phillips to grant request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

- Stanton held discussion on the following items:

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- Fire District. Stanton talked about forming a fire protection district. Does the City want to be included? Fire Chief Brad Delay thinks it would be beneficial to put Rural and City together. This would also help the ISO ratings. Has to be done through a Property Tax.
- Reallocation of funds. Stanton requested permission to reallocate excess funds remaining from relamping fields 1 & 2 to repair 220 feet of pavement North 76 Park, starting at the curve back to the East. Aldermen Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Aldermen Greene to grant the request as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Reallocation of funds. Stanton requested permission for reallocation of funds in Capital assets Water Department to purchase sampling stations. \$6500.00 was budgeted and an additional \$1200.00 is needed to make purchase. Stanton suggested buying less auto read water meters and allow the additional monies to purchase the sampling stations Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Aldermen Greene to buy less auto read meters to put towards this project. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional items of discussion. Stanton reported the storm sirens are not working right, could be the repeaters due to multiple Cities being set off at the same time. Discussion was held.
- Clean up. Stanton reported the City Spring clean up dates are Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> from 8-4 and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 9-12. TV's will only be accepted Saturday for a charge of \$20.00 per TV. Discussion was held.

### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Chief Hubert reported the Police Department completed the St. Patrick's Day DWI enforcement 3/19/2017.
- Officer Young, Griffith Sanker and Romine completed 40 hours of continuing education training at MSSU in Joplin.

### Fire.

Fire Chief Brad Delay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Delay reported the Department has received one call since last report on 3/23/17. Discussion was held.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Delay reported maintenance has been performed on equipment and vehicles.  
Training. Wheeler noted monthly training will be held on March 16, 2017.
- Miscellaneous. Delay added the department has installed approximately 72 alarms in 35 residences. Discussion was held.

### New Business.

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

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Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no other business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Date

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Toni Buttram

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Date