

Minutes Approved August 22, 2017

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regular scheduled meeting at the regular place of meeting, City Hall on Tuesday, August 8, 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, Sherie Thrasher, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. The following city personnel was also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Director of Public Works-in-training Joe Kelley, 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 Greene 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.

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the July 25, 2017 meeting to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented. The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, 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 to receive input from citizens in attendance to the meeting and requested if anyone wished to address the Board. No one requested any discussion.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2017-06 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and Esterly, Schneider & Associates, Inc. regarding on-going architectural services was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Bill No. 2017-06 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2017-06 thus became Ordinance Number 14.279.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenue report and held discussion.
- General Administration Server. Springer reported the current server at City Hall, which is Microsoft Windows Server 8 Operating Platform, is now obsolete and requested approval to purchase a new server with Microsoft Windows Server 10 Operating Platform. Springer noted our current credit card software company, ETS, will no longer be compatible with the Microsoft Windows Server 8 Operating Platform and has given the city a deadline to upgrade. Springer noted the cost for a new server from Home Computer Repair and Game over Games would be \$5,895.95, and would utilize current service hours the city has already purchased for installation process. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to proceed with purchase of Microsoft Windows Server 10 Operating Platform for \$5,895.95. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Dispatch Update. Springer reported the E9-1-1 Advisory Board met on August 1, 2017 to discuss dispatch relocation. Springer reported the Advisory Board has solicited communication firms for bids to provide consulting services to identify potential locations for a new Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). Springer reported bids received were for \$8,100.00 and \$24,050.00 and requested if the Board would be willing to agree to pay a portion of the consultant's fee. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to pay the city's proportionate share of consultant firm for the bid received for \$8,100.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Airport Update. Springer reported the airport was reopened on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 upon completion of the crack-filling, sealing and painting of the runway, apron and taxiways. Discussion was held.
- Air Condition Unit (Fire Station). Springer requested permission from the Board to proceed with soliciting for bids for replacement of five-ton air conditioning unit complete with new tubing set, air handling unit and secondary drain pan at Fire Station. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed to solicit for bids as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board Appointment. Springer requested the Board consider the following recommendations to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board:
 - Bill Alexander – Lawrence County Board for the Developmentally Disabled
 - Nathan Schoen – R-5 School District

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Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to accept recommendations for vacancies on Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Additional Items of Discussion. Springer reported all tires have been removed from 995 Daniel Drive for a cost of approximately \$24,000.00. 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.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Mayor Eden requested a report of the Transportation Conference in which Weldy had attended earlier in the day. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden requested discussion of Taxi Driver Ronnie Wright and status of broken toes. Discussion was held.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Request to fill vacancy (Streets Department). Stanton reported he has advertised for a vacant position in the Street Department for three weeks and has received four applications. Stanton recommended the Board fill the vacancy with Steve Evatt who currently is a seasonal laborer in the Parks Department. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept recommendation to hire Steve Evatt to fill vacancy in the Street Department. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Stanton reported monthly storm siren testing will be held on Wednesday, August 09, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- July Statistical Report. Conway presented the July statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Commission Report. Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission met on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. and held the following discussions:
 - Received an application to rezone a section of property north of Country Manor from R-2 Single-family to R-3 Multi-family from Hamilton Properties for a proposed housing complex. Discussion was held.
 - Commission discussed a request to allow bee-keeping inside the city limits.
 - Commission held a public hearing regarding the process to revoke conditional use permits. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- July Statistical Report. Hubert presented the July statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

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- National Night Out. Hubert reported the National Night Out event, held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at the Spirit of 76 Park, had approximately 250 in attendance. Discussion was held.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received three calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported maintenance has been performed on equipment and vehicles.
- Training. DeLay reported regular training is scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 2017.
- Community Events. DeLay reported the department will be participating in the following community events:
 - August 12 – Community Day at Wal-Mart
 - August 16 – Back-to-School Bash at First Baptist Church
- Miscellaneous. DeLay reported the department has installed a total of seventy-four (74) smoke detectors in thirty-seven (37) homes.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion.

- Alderman Haymes reported a constituent requested the Board to not remove center parking on the square. Discussion was held.

New Business.

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

Closed Session.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021 (2) Real Estate Issues and RSMo, Section 610.021(3) Personnel Issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, 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 7:31 p.m.

Reconvene.

Mayor Eden called the meeting back to order at 7:57 p.m. with all Aldermen present. Mayor Eden requested any additional discussion. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to move Joe Kelley from probation status to full-time employee status with benefits. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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Adjourn.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date