

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018.

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, January 23, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Acting President of the Board Lowell Phillips with the following roll call recorded: J.N. Greene, Craig Nelson, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. Absent: Mayor David W. Eden. 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, Director of Public Works-in-training Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert, Assistant Fire Chief Grant Wheeler 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.

Acting President Phillips presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- Add: Mayoral Proclamation for Ronald McDonald House Week to follow presentation and approval of Minutes.
- Correction: Police Report: Change: "Police Change" to "Policy Change".

With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Minutes.

Acting President Phillips presented the minutes from the January 9, 2018 meeting to the Board for approval. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Greene

ABSENT: None

With all present members voting, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

Acting President Phillips announced this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested if anyone wished to address the Board. None brought forth.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2018-01 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and G & G Construction Company, Inc., a Missouri corporation, regarding equipment maintenance and repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Greene

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Greene

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2018-01 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2018-01 thus became Ordinance Number 14.283.

Bill No. 2018-02 re: An ordinance of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri creating the Tax Increment Financing Commission of the City, establishing procedures for soliciting bids and proposals for tax increment financing projects, and providing for amendment of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the city was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Greene

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Greene

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2018-02 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2018-02 thus became Ordinance Number 11.86.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax received report and held discussion.
- Restroom/Concession Stand Spirit of 76 Park. Springer requested the Board give direction if they wished to proceed on construction of the concession stand project at the Spirit of 76 Park. Discussion was held with no direction given by the Board. Springer requested if it was the Board's desire to proceed with Phase I renovation of the proposed City Hall, which included renovation of the outside façade and replacement/repair of the roof. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with Phase I of 109 N. Hickory Street building. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

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- Tornado Shelters. Springer reported he has received inquiries requesting city-provided storm shelters in the community and requested the Board consider holding a town hall meeting to discuss needs, options and locations with citizens. Acting President Phillips determined it was a consensus of the Board to proceed with holding a town hall meeting to receive input from citizens.
- Government Shutdown. Springer held discussion on the recent federal government shutdown and how it has affected the city.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Budget Amendments. Weldy requested the Board approve 2017 budget amendments and final adjustments from auditors as presented. Alderwoman Martin made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve budget amendments as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- December 2017 Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the December 2017 Treasurer report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Six-month Financial Statement. Weldy reported the six-month financial report will be published in the Lawrence County Record on Wednesday, January 24, 2018. Discussion was held.

Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Request to purchase vehicles. Kelley presented a bid tab for purchase of one truck for the Public Works Department and one truck for the Parks Department. Kelley noted after careful review of all bids, staff recommendation is to accept bid from Jimmy Michel Motors. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with notice of award and purchase of vehicles from Jimmy Michel Ford for a total purchase price of \$56,979.00. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Cold Weather. Kelley reported the Public Works Department has repaired seven (7) leaks and the Electric Department has had one (1) outage since January 1, 2018. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway noted he had nothing to report but welcomed any questions. Alderman Greene requested status of apiary discussion with the Planning and Zoning Commission. Conway reported the original public hearing scheduled for January 2, 2018 was cancelled due to lack of quorum, but is rescheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Discussion was held.

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Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Flu. Hubert reported his department has been hit hard by the flu outbreak. Discussion was held.
- Policy Change. Hubert reported police officers thanked the Board for the policy change approved at the January 2, 2018 meeting.

Fire.

Wheeler held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Wheeler reported the department has received six (6) calls since last report and are currently ten (10) calls ahead of last year statistics. Discussion was held.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Wheeler reported Engine #2 has been taken in for repairs, but at this time have not received an estimate for costs. Discussion was held.

New Business. Acting President Phillips requested any new business for discussion. Alderman Greene held discussion on radon and testing in homes.

Old Business.

Acting President Phillips requested any old business for discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment

Acting President Phillips announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date