

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 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, August 28, 2018 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, Deanna McElveen, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Police Officer Edwin Evatt and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Chief of Police David Hubert.

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 Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee 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 City Council meeting held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin 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 input from those in attendance and requested if anyone wished to address the Board. None brought forth.

Skate Park Citizen Committee.

Garrett Witmer and Sam Palmquist, Representatives of the Skate Park Citizen Committee, presented a video and held discussion with those in attendance to show their passion for skateboarding and requesting the Board approve a location for the park. Also speaking on behalf of the committee were the following citizens:

Tracy Bradshaw
Brian George
Jendel Wolfe
Darlene Heikkila

Jolene Palmquist
Pam Dudley
David Nordyke

Mayor Appointment.

Mayor Eden recommended the appointment of Alderwoman McElveen as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee and to serve as a regular member on the Public Works/Streets Committee. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to accept recommendation for committee appointments. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Resolutions.

Bill No. (R)2018-04 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the city to apply for STIP grant funds regarding airport layout design, was read once, by title only, with the following voice vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2018-04 was declared approved and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2018-04 thus became Bill No. (R)2018-04.

Bill No. (R)2018-05 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the City to apply for TAP grant funds regarding sidewalks was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2018-05 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2018-05 thus became Bill No. (R)2018-05.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Gibbs Park.** Springer requested the Board consider approval for engineering services for repair of storm water pipe, which has caused the ground to collapse resulting in a large hole. Springer reported his concern for safety for children playing near or around the hole. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with engineering services for replacement of storm water pipe under the intersection of Market/South Street/Dallas Street basin and to include engineering services to locate the skate park within Gibbs Park. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- **Personnel Committee.** Springer requested a personnel committee meeting be scheduled to review budgetary items and employee issues. Alderwoman Martin, chairperson of the committee, scheduled the personnel committee to meet on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
- **Additional Items of Discussion.** Springer reported the sidewalk on Center Street has been installed and crews are working on the retaining wall. Discussion was held.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Bills Over \$5,000. Weldy presented bills over \$5,000 limit and requested approval for payment. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- July Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the July Treasurer Report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved
- Bad Debt Write-off. Weldy presented a report of unpaid utility accounts and requested the Board approve transferring the accounts to bad debt. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve transferring unpaid accounts totaling \$6,672.95 to bad debt. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Fall Clean-up. Kelley reported the annual Fall Cleanup event is scheduled for Friday, October 5, 2018 and Saturday, October 6, 2018 at the Public Works Shop. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

- Conway noted he had nothing to report but welcomed any questions. Mayor Eden requested the status of the burn-out building located at 155 W. Patterson Street. Petrus noted a sunshine request was received and completed regarding city records for this address, but have received no additional information as to the status of the investigation. Discussion was held.

Police.

Evatt held discussion on the following item:

- Employee Probation. Evatt reported Police Officer Brenden Richardson has successfully completed his three month probation and recommends the Board move his status to full-time employment with an increase of fifty cents. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to accept recommendation to move Mr. Richardson to full-time status with fifty cent increase. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

New Business.

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

- Mayor Eden reported he had received a citizen request to see if the city would allow “Mt’Neer Country” on the water tower located at 600 N. Main Street. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to allow

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painting the logo on the water tower located at 600 N. Main Street. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Old Business.

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

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Lowell Phillips, Acting President of the Board

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date