

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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, September 25, 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, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. Absent: Steve Fairchild. 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, Chief of Police David Hubert 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 Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Treasurer Report – move Treasurer Report to follow Director of Public Works Report
remove: Request to transfer bad debt
- City Administrator Report – add: Update on Nuisance Abatements
add: Discussion on drilled wells

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, September 11, 2018 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes with the following correction:

- Committee Report. Change first paragraph to read: Max Springer presented the minutes from the Personnel Committee, which was held on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, McElveene, Phillips, Thrasher, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Haymes, Lee

ABSENT: Fairchild

With all members of the Board voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Citizen Input.

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.

Dogs At Large.

Carrie Sapp requested discussion on the inconsistencies with the “animal at large” enforcement and costs. Carol Darter noted a situation in her neighborhood of a specific dog. Discussion was held.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2018-024 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and Anderson Engineering, Inc. for engineering services related to Gibbs Park street and storm water improvements including demolition of amphitheater was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

Bill No. 2018-024 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2018-024 thus became Ordinance Number 14.294.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Code Enforcement/Zoning Administrator. Springer reported he has received notification from Conway that he plans to retire at the end of the year and requested the Board approve advertisement for the position. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with advertisement for Code Enforcement/Zoning Administrator. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Personnel Committee. Springer requested a personnel committee to continue discussion of budget for 2019 and scheduled it for Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Discussion was held.
- Finance Committee. Springer presented the following schedule for Finance Committee meetings for budget review are as follows:
 - Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
- Nuisance Abatements Updates. Springer reported nuisance abatement for 616 King Street was finalized on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 with crews filling two (2) large roll-off dumpsters. Springer reported 905 Fillmore was also abated resulting in two (2) pickup trucks being towed. Discussion was held.

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- Private Water Wells. Springer reported the city currently does not have any ordinances that would prevent drilling wells inside the city limits but feels it would benefit the city to prevent well drilling. Discussion was held.

Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following item:

- Golf Course Equipment. Kelley requested approval to proceed with repair of the Cushman Truckster engine at the Golf Course. Kelley noted he had received a quote for repair for approximately \$10,500.00 but would like to increase that amount in case of any additional parts, labor or equipment which may be needed. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with replacement of engine for up to \$11,000.00. 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.
- Bills Over \$5,000. Weldy presented bills over \$5,000.00 and requested permission to pay. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with payment of bills over \$5,000.00 as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- August Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the August Treasurer report for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve the August Treasurer report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Budget Amendments. Weldy presented a report of budget amendments, to be included with the minutes, and requested approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the budget amendments as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Conway noted he had nothing to report but welcomed any questions. None brought forth.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Resignation Animal Control. Hubert reported he had received a letter of resignation from Ryan Newkirk, Animal Control Officer and requested permission to proceed with advertisement for vacancy. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with advertisement for vacancy. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Petrus held additional discussion on animals at large and community relationship with the public. Discussion was held.

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New Business.

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

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 was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date