

Minutes Approved Tuesday, May 14, 2019

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019.

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, April 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Deanna McElveen, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. The following city personnel was also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Moore, 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 the Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- City Administrator Report – Add: Change order for 109 N. Hickory Street

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the council meeting held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen 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 any discussion.

- J.N. Greene noted he disagreed with the approval vote of spending \$25,000.00 toward a monument at the April 9, 2019 meeting. Mr. Greene noted he would much rather the money be used to fund the skate park. Mr. Greene also requested the Board consider spending money on a water tower and paint it to look like an apple.

Committee Appointments.

Mayor Eden recommended the following committee appointments, with first name listed to serve as chairman of that committee:

Airport: **Haymes**, Phillips, Lee
Finance: **Lee**, McElveen, Martin
Parks & Recreation: **Phillips**, Thrasher, Beckley
Personnel: **Martin**, Thrasher, Fairchild
Public Works/Streets: **Phillips**, Beckley, Fairchild
The MARC: **Thrasher**, Fairchild, Lee

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Alderswoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderswoman Thrasher to accept Mayor's recommendation for committee appointments. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2019-02 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with the city of Monett regarding dispatching services through September 30, 2019 was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2019-02 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2019-02 thus became Resolution number (R)2019-02.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Wastewater Treatment Facility Repairs. Springer presented Change Order Number 3 to replace the bushing on rotor #5, new pulleys, bushings and renovation of motor plate on rotor #4 and replacement of chains & grip-eyes for the mixers in the two (2) ditches. Springer presented Change Order Number 4 to replace the torque tube and blades for rotor #2. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve Change Order #3 and #4 from G & G Construction Co., Inc. for \$50,247.15. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Veterans' Administration Contract. Springer reported the final walk-thru inspection with V.A. representatives was conducted on Thursday, April 18, 2019. Springer noted all paperwork ending the agreement for use of the facility was signed. Discussion was held.
- 600 N. Main Street Facility. Springer requested direction on request received from meeting held on April 9, 2019 requesting permission to allow walkers at the 600 N. Main Street facility. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to keep the facility secure and disallow walkers. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Springer reported bids have been sent out for mowing services at the facility. Bids are due on May 1, 2019. Springer noted he has direct-solicited five (5) security companies to provide mobile patrol security of the grounds. Springer noted an auction will be held in May or June to sell furniture, some tools and equipment, but will need to consider a separate auction for the large equipment. Discussion was held.
- 109 N. Hickory St. Springer presented two proposals to address the damage caused by heavy rains leaking into the facility resulting in ruined carpet and wallpaper. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderswoman Thrasher to proceed with replacement of damaged carpet, tear-down wallpaper and skim paint walls. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Bills Paid Over \$5,000. Weldy presented bills over the \$5,000.00 limit and requested approval for payment. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve bills over \$5,000.00 as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- March Treasure Report. Weldy presented the March Treasurer Report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the March Treasurer Report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Bad Debt. Weldy presented outstanding accounts to the Board. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to transfer utility accounts totaling \$2,008.63 to bad debt. With all present members voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Weldy noted she has sent out notification of unpaid balances to eleven (11) accounts, totaling \$4,192.65. Discussion was held.
- Budget Amendments. Weldy presented a budget amendment report and recommended amendments to the Budget. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve budget amendments as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Spring Clean Up. Kelley reminded the Board of the Spring Clean-up event scheduled for Friday, April 26, 2019 and Saturday, April 27, 2019.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following item:

- Protest Petition Received – Lot 76 Stemmons’ Subdivision. Moore presented a protest petition received in the office of the City Clerk for concern of a rezone request for Lot 76, Stemmons’ Addition. Moore reported the petition consisted of eight (8) signatures, with three being ineligible due to spouse status and of those three, one unregistered voter. Moore noted this left a total of five (5) valid signatures. A lengthy discussion was held, which included Eric Johnson, a resident in the neighborhood. Moore reported the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing to receive input, but the Commission recommended the rezoning to the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with rezoning change from R-1 Single-family Residential District to R-2 Two-family Residential District. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Active Shooter Training. Hubert reported the police department was included in Active Shooter training at 600 N. Main Street facility. Hubert noted the training was sponsored by the Missouri Highway Patrol.

New Business.

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

- Mayor Eden questioned if anyone would be attending the mental health seminar. Springer reported the following employees would be attending the seminar: Max Springer, Shari Weldy, Joe Kelley, Terry Moore, David Hubert and Shannon Neely.

Old Business.

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

Mayor Eden complimented maintenance and paint work on water towers. Discussion was held.

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 8:00 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date