

Minutes Approved Tuesday, July 11, 2019

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019.

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, June 25, 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, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. Absent: Jason Haymes and Lowell Phillips. 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 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 Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Thrasher made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

- Director of Public Works Report – Move Report to follow City Administrator Report

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the City Council minutes from June 11, 2019 meeting to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the minutes as presented. The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: McElveen, Lee

ABSENT: Haymes, Phillips

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 those in attendance and requested any discussion.

- Marda Gramm held discussion on sidewalks and her concern for safety due to condition of sidewalks in her area of town.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- 109 North Hickory Street. Springer reported contractors are nearing completion of the remodel project and requested the Board consider signage. Springer noted signage originally approved was “City Hall” and requested if the Board wished to include “Mount Vernon”. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with signage for 109 North Hickory Street to read “Mount

Vernon City Hall". With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Single-source Trash Service. Springer reported a bid packet for Residential Single Source Trash Service has been sent to six solid waste companies and a notice was placed in the Lawrence County Record. Springer noted bid opening is scheduled for August 2, 2019. Discussion was held.
- Transportation Policies. Springer reported staff is working on the federal transportation audit and presented policies for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve the Civil Rights Title VI plan and the ADA Procedures and Complaint Form as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Springer reported he included the city code for sidewalks in the meeting packets for the Board to review. Springer noted a sidewalk survey could be provided by Southwest Missouri Council of Governments (SMCOG) for a cost of approximately \$600. Springer noted SMCOG would utilize college students to conduct the survey. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden reported it was a consensus of the Board to proceed with a sidewalk survey provided by SMCOG.

Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Gibbs Park Stormwater Project Update. Kelley reported a fire hydrant was installed at Gibbs Park, located on Main Street for a cost of \$3,050.24, which will be presented in Treasurer Report for bills paid. Kelley noted he will have additional costs at the next meeting due to the discovery of contaminated soil, which has a strong odor of gas. Kelley added he is working with DNR and Anderson Engineering to decide on remediation of the soil. Discussion was held.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any questions. None brought forth.
- Bills over \$5,000. Weldy presented the bills over \$5,000 for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve bills over \$5,000 for payment. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- May Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the May Treasurer report to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the May Treasurer report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- Nuisances. Moore reported he has issued two summonses for nuisance violations and will continue monitoring other locations.

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- Public Hearing. Moore reported the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on July 2, 2019 to review proposed text change to City Code §405.450(B)(1)(k), regarding fencing height requirements for swimming pools. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Red, White and Boom. Hubert reported he has scheduled seven officers to assist with traffic for the event, scheduled for Friday, June 29, 2019. Discussion was held.

New Business.

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

- Alderwoman Lee invited the Board to attend a gathering on Monday, July 1, 2019 in front of the mural to meet Jimmy Novac, a veteran traveling the country to raise awareness for veterans who suffer PTSD/suicide. Discussion was held.
- Mayor Eden presented a thank you letter from Relay for Life thanking the city for assistance with the event. Discussion was held.
- Mayor Eden presented an invitation from the Missouri Prairie Foundation for dedication of the newest prairie acquisition in Lawrence County, . Discussion was held.

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 7:29 p.m.

Lowell Phillips, Acting President of the Board

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date