

Minutes Approved Tuesday, November 12, 2019

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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, Shari Thrasher, Darrell Lester 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 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. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- City Administrator Report. Add: Sales Tax
- Director of Public Works Report. : Delete: Inventory Purchase – Electric Department
- New Business: Add: Personnel Committee Report.

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

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from October 8, 2019 Board of Aldermen meeting to the Board and requested approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve 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. None brought forth.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2018-016 re: An ordinance annexing portions of six (6) roadways into the city limits of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Lester, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

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Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Lester, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

Bill No. 2019-016 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2019-016 thus became Ordinance Number 1.280.

Bill No. 2019-017 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and Kelsey and Kathryn Rutledge for sale of real property by the city, and authorizing the Mayor to sign all documents necessary for the conveyance, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Lester, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Lester, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

Bill No. 2019-017 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill NO. 2019-017 thus became Ordinance Number 14.309.

Bill No. 2019-018 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and Timothy S. Hogan for sale of real property by the city, and authorizing Mayor to sign all documents necessary for conveyance was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Lester, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Lester, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

Bill No. 2019-018 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2019-018 thus became Ordinance Number 14.310.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Request for transformers. Springer requested permission to purchase two (2) 500 KVA step-down transformers for inventory replacement for transformers damaged by waste-disposal truck at Reyco. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with purchase of two (2) 500 KVA transformers for inventory replacement for \$16,690.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- 417 Athletics Sewer Main. Springer requested approval of an agreement with HDR Engineering to design construction documents, apply for DNR permitting and supervise installation of approximately 500 ft. sewer main from Landrum Street to the edge of 417 Athletics property. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by McElveen to approve agreement with HDR Engineering as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Bucket Truck. Springer requested authorization to purchase a 2020 Altec AM55 truck for the Electric Department. Springer noted this was originally put in the budget to purchase in 2020, but received notification of availability of a new truck which will be delivered to Springfield in December. Springer noted the truck could be paid out of electrical reserves from current year budget funds. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with purchase through the Missouri State Purchasing program for a 2020 Altec AM55 truck and an 18-ft. trailer for up to \$194,050.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- WWTF Plant Management Contract. Springer requested permission to proceed with solicitation for proposals for operation and management of the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with solicitation for proposal for management and operation of Wastewater Treatment Facility. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Sampling Meter WWTF. Springer reported an obsolete sampling meter has quit working at the Wastewater Treatment Facility UV building. Springer requested permission to proceed with purchase of a replacement sampling meter at a cost of \$5,227.00 from USA Blue Book. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with purchase of sampling meter for \$5,227.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request for survey. Springer requested permission to proceed with Anderson Engineering to perform a survey on 6.59 acres for a cost of \$1,500.00. Springer noted the survey is for land recently approved by the Board to sell to Kelsey Rutledge. Springer noted he had contacted Aaron Austin, Anderson Engineering and Sam Goodman. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with Anderson Engineering for land survey for 6.5 acres for up to \$1,500.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Bills Over \$5,000.00. Weldy presented the bills over \$5,000.00 report to the Board for consideration. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen 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.
- September Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the September 2019 Treasurer report to the Board for consideration. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to approve September 2019 Treasurer Report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Budget Amendments. Weldy presented a list of budget amendments and requested the Board consider approval of. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the budget amendments as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Weldy presented an investments bid tab to the Board for two certificates of deposit which have matured in the Edward Jones Light Fund. Weldy noted the bucket truck will be purchase with a portion of the electric reserve, with remaining \$220,000.00 available for investment. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve investment of \$220,000.00 with Great Southern Bank at 1.97% interest for eighteen (18) months. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Kelley announced he had nothing on his report to discuss, but welcomed any questions. None brought forth.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- Planning and Zoning Commission report.
 - Moore reported 417 Athletics have submitted a site plan for the new facility, but his office has not received the electrical drawings to review.
 - Moore noted Fidel Gomes, property owner of 1025 South Market Street, has responded to notification of failure to clean up property and has assured Moore that clean-up of property will be complete in thirty (30) days. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Statistical Report. Hubert presented the September Statistical Report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Hubert reported Officer Benitez is in labor at the hospital with baby expected soon. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

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

- Petrus noted he has received notification from attorney regarding the burnout on Patterson Street that an individual will be maintaining the property until action taken by insurance company. Petrus noted maintenance consists of mowing the property. Discussion was held.
- Alderwoman Lee noted the Veterans' Way March on November 11, 2019 will meet at the mural and will march to the Veterans' Home with entertainment and lunch ending the event. Discussion was held.

New Business.

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

- Springer presented a recommendation from the Personnel Committee to raise employee wages, except for City Administrator and Electric Linemen and Linemen Apprentice. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden accepted the recommendation from the Personnel Committee as a motion to raise wages up by \$0.85 per hour. Alderman Haymes amended the motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to include City Administrator for wage increase of \$0.85 per hour. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Springer reported he has received an invitation for the city to attend a celebration of the Missouri Veterans' Home in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Discussion was held.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board that the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date