

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 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 11, 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 and Steve Fairchild. Absent: 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 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 addition:

- Public Works Report – Add: Request approval to purchase AC Unit for the MARC

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the May 28, 2019 city council meeting to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve the minutes as presented. The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: McElveen

ABSENT: Martin, Lee

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.

- Wayne Wade, Master and JJ Waters, Past-Master of the Mount Vernon Masonic Lodge #99 AF & AM. presented a proposal from the Masonic Lodge to hold a Masonic dedication ceremony for the future City Hall, located at 109 N. Hickory St. Mr. Wade noted this is a very old custom of the Masons and will include the Grand Line Masons from the Jefferson City, Missouri area. Discussion was held with a consensus of all to schedule the dedication for Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge located at 102 W. Dallas Street.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2019-10 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of the first supplemental agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission regarding Transportation Alternatives Funds and Safe Routes to School Funds was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Martin, Lee

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Martin, Lee

Bill No. 2019-10 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2019-10 thus became Ordinance Number 14.306.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenue report and held discussion.
- Gibbs Storm Water Project. Springer requested approval of pipe and fittings to be used for the Gibbs Street Storm Water Project to help lower the water line. Springer also requested approval to purchase pipe to fix a sewer leak. Springer noted these were included in the original plan to fix, but needed approval of material for repair. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to purchase pipes and fittings for \$10,000.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Red Monkey Facility Electric Upgrade. Springer reported a feed manufacturing/distribution company is considering purchasing the Red Monkey facility. Springer noted they will be running a hammer mill for the feed, which requires a 1000 KW transformer. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with purchase of 1,000 kW transformer pending company purchasing the Red Monkey building. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Single-source Trash Service. Springer reported he is currently working on a bid packet for residential single-source trash service, but needed input from the Board on how many years for a contract, which includes choice of three (3) or five (5) years. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden noted it was a consensus of the Board to have a five (5) year contract. Springer noted he is setting the date for bids to be turned in by Friday, August 2, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.
- License Bureau. Springer reported the Community Foundation recently contacted him regarding renting out space at 319 E. Dallas Street for the License Bureau. Discussion

was held. Mayor Eden noted it was a consensus of the Board to not rent space at this time.

- 109 N. Hickory St. Update. Springer reported the remodel job on the facility is close to the end, but the bullet proof glass will not be delivered until the middle to late part of July. Discussion was held.
- I-44 Bridge Project – Railroad Drive. Springer reported he received an estimate of costs to put in utilities while rebuilding Railroad Drive Bridge for a total of \$446,210.77. Discussion was held with a consensus of all to postpone this project until a later date.

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 the Bills Over \$5,000 and requested approval. Alderwoman Thrasher made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Weldy presented a bid for a matured Certificate of Deposit at Old Missouri Bank for \$211,638.47. Weldy requested to add 361.53 from the Electric fund to the balance and invest \$212,000.00 with Simmons Bank for eighteen months at 3.39% interest rate. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve request for investment. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Employment (Street Department). Kelley recommended the Board approve employment for Michael McCullah for a vacancy in the Street Department. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to proceed with hiring Michael McCullah per passing of pre-employment screening and background. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Thrasher, Fairchild

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Phillips

ABSENT: Martin, Lee

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

- Storm Water (Street Department). Kelley reported the culverts located at Country Lane and Landrum Street are failing. Kelley recommended the Board allow city crews to install a wide, shallow culvert in its place for approximately \$7,000.00 versus \$9,000.00 for a precast concrete culvert. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve utilizing city resources and employees to replace culverts at Country Lane and Landrum Street. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Chemical Purchases (Parks/Aquatics). Kelley presented a request to purchase chemicals for the pool for \$6775.15. Kelley noted this order should carry the city thru the end of

pool season. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with purchase of chemicals for the pool as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Chemical Purchase (Golf Course). Kelley presented a request to purchase chemicals for the Golf Course for \$ 7,624.48. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve purchase of Golf Course Chemicals as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Lift Station at Wastewater Treatment Facility. Kelley reported the Department of Natural Resource (DNR) recently determined the lift station at the Wastewater Treatment Facility is inoperable. Kelley reported G & G Construction can pull the pump for \$2,900.00 per day, which includes equipment and labor used. Kelley noted this should not take over two days. Discussion was held. Alderwoman McElveen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to proceed with G & G Construction to pull lift station for up two days, at \$2,900.00 per day. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- The MARC. Kelley requested approval to purchase an air condition unit for the gym at the MARC for \$6,065.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to proceed with purchase of air condition unit for \$6,065.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- May Statistical Report. Moore presented the May Statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Commission Report. Moore reported he has been working on several nuisance complaints and ordinances for medical marijuana. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- May Statistic Report. Hubert presented the May Statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Employment. Hubert reported he received notice from Police Officer Chad Garoutte and requested permission to advertise for vacancy. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to proceed with advertisement for vacancy. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- 319 E. Dallas Street. Hubert requested the Board consider leaving the facility for the police use and Municipal Court and not renting out to the License Bureau. Hubert cited several reasons with lack of space being main reason. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

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

- Petrus held further discussion from the police report regarding use of 319 E. Dallas Street. Petrus noted Municipal Court will still be held at this location and also, to keep compliant with new laws, installation of fingerprinting and live scan must be completed soon. 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.

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.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date