

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.

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, January 14, 2020 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 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 consideration. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- City Administrator Report: *Add:* KMO internet services
Residential Trash Service
Remove: City Hall Discussion
- Treasurer Report: *Add:* November Treasurer Report

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 for consideration. 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 Input.

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.

Cemetery Request.

Judy Russell requested the Board consider allowing her to place her daughter Jade Curry's ashes in a family plot, Block 76, Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8 and registered under Norris and Patty Cornell. Petrus noted the city would require consent from all family members to allow the request. Additional family members in attendance were Patti Stanton, who stated she represented older brother and sister of the family, and they did not want the lots disturbed. Discussion was held. Kimberly Simkins noted that it could be possible that it is her family plot directly west of the Cornell's plot, but would have to verify it with family members. Gene Stanton suggested the city take more information when processing cemetery deeds. Aletha Goodman noted she takes names, addresses and phone numbers when issuing cemetery deeds. Alderman Phillips noted he also takes names, addresses and telephone numbers when processing cemetery deeds. Mayor Eden directed Petrus to conduct research on cemetery policies and options and report to the Board at the January 28, 2020 meeting.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2020-01 re: An ordinance authorizing executions of a private hangar/tie down lease agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and Jason Haymes was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Haymes

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

Noes: None

ABSTAIN: Haymes

ABSENT: None

Bill NO. 2020-01 was considered passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-01 thus became Ordinance Number 14.312.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenue report to the Board and held discussion.
- Summer Work Program. Springer reported the city has previously allowed Preferred Employment Services to use the MARC as a training site for program participants. Springer noted Preferred Employment Services is the employer of record and will be responsible for providing wages, taxes, and workers comp to each participant. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen authorizing City Administrator to sign agreement for use of the MARC by Preferred Employment Services. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Pay Request #4 – Main Street Sidewalk TAP Project. Springer requested authority to sign-off on Pay Request #4 for engineering services for \$5,878.47. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley granting the City Administrator authority to sign-off on pay request #4 as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Gibbs Park Storm Water Project Closeout. Springer requested authority to sign-off on final pay request for contractor at \$39,228.00 and engineering for \$918.94 for a total final payment of \$40,146.94. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher authorizing City Administrator to sign-off for final payment as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- 175th Anniversary. Springer reported County Commissioner Bob Senninger has been in contact regarding partnering with the county in celebrating 175 years incorporated. Springer noted the county is requesting a proclamation from Governor Parson. Discussion was held.

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- Governor's Cost Share Program – Hayward Drive. Springer reported the application for the city to participate in the Governor's Cost Share Program to help pave Hayward Drive was not selected. Discussion was held.
- Update Wastewater Treatment Facility. Springer reported the city has received Department of Natural Resources Notice of Violation and are in the process of trying to correct any remaining issues. Springer noted an issue that needs to be addressed would require approval from the Board to have Ace Pipe Cleaning clean a main line going into the wastewater plant that is halfway filled with sand and rocks for a cost of \$10,152.00. Springer also requested approval to repair and replace equipment which includes YSI 282 Analyzer and attachments, Ethernet switch, sludge basin level control, Effluent flowmeter, time and materials to work on SCADA system for a cost of \$19,594.00. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve both requests as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request for Personnel Committee Meeting. Springer requested Alderwoman Thrasher schedule a Personnel Committee meeting to review resumes for City Clerk. Alderwoman Thrasher scheduled the Personnel Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.
- Fiber Optic/Internet Services. Springer requested authorization from the Board to sign a five (5) year agreement for internet service with KPowerNet for 109 N. Hickory Street. Discussion was held. Alderwoman McElveen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to authorize City Administrator to sign agreement with KPowerNet for internet services at 109 N. Hickory Street. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Residential Trash Service. Springer presented amendments to the Residential Single Source Trash policy and requested the Board consider adopting. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve section in red, and number 4, 5, and 6 on current residential single source trash. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Yearly Audit. Springer presented an agreement with KPM CPA's to conduct the 2019 yearly audit. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to authorize city administrator to sign agreement with KPM CPA's. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Treasure.

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. Weldy presented Bills over \$5,000.00 report to the Board for consideration. Weldy requested the Board remove payment of Southwest Tree Service from this request. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve payment of bills over \$5,000.00 with the exception of Southwest Tree Service. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Weldy requests the Board approve investment of two matured certificate of deposits which matured on December 29, 2019. Weldy noted additional funds from the city in addition to matured amounts resulted in a total investment of \$267,000.00. Discussion

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was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve investment of \$267,000.00 with Great Southern Bank (CDARS) for 1.71% for twelve (12) months. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- November Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the November Treasurer Report for approval. Alderwoman Thrasher made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve the November Treasurer Report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Kelley thanked the Board for approval of the wastewater items as it will help with accuracy of reports. Kelley noted he had nothing further to report but welcomed any questions. None brought forth.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- December Statistical Report. Moore presented the December Statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning. Moore reported the Commission is reviewing mixed use zoning at 600 N. Main Street. Discussion was held. Moore reported he attended Floodplain Management training.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Taser Certification. Hubert reported officers participated in Taser certification and active shooter training. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

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

- Aletha Goodman requested status of the Alms Building on Patterson Street. Petrus noted he has not received any additional information on the status.
- Springer reported he has been researching vertical zoning for 600 N. Main Street facility, which could flow into the downtown district. Discussion was held.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business 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, meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date