

Minutes Approved Tuesday, February 11, 2020

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 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 28, 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/Planning Administrator Terry Moore and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Chief of Police David Hubert.

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 addition:

- Treasurer Report. Add: Investments

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the Board of Aldermen minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve the minutes with the following corrections:

Cemetery Request. Correction to sixth and seventh sentence.

Aletha Goodman noted when issuing deeds for a private cemetery that she is associated with, she takes names, addresses and phone numbers. Alderman Phillips also noted that when he is issuing deeds for Campground Cemetery, he takes names, addresses and telephone numbers.

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

Mayor Appointment.

Mayor Eden recommended the Board consider Marda Gramm to fill the vacancy left in Ward Three for the remaining term until April 7, 2020 General Election. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to accept Mayoral recommendation for vacancy in Ward Three to be filled by Marda Gramm. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

At this point, Marda Gramm was sworn in by City Clerk Neely and then took her seat with the Board.

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Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting was set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Mayoral Proclamation.

Mayor Eden presented the following Mayoral proclamations:

- Thank a Farmer Week – Accepted by Jim Shephard and Cade Shephard
- Ronald McDonald Week

Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2020-02 re:** An ordinance authorizing a first amendment to 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 the Mayor to sign all documents necessary for conveyance was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call rote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElven, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2020-02 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-02 thus became Ordinance Number 14.313.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

- Wastewater Treatment Facility Update. Springer reviewed items that are awaiting repair at the WWTF and also reported status of sludge removal. Springer reported McClanahan Construction will be sending a bid on repairs needed. Discussion was held.
- 600 N. Main Street Update. Springer reported Tim Hogan has inquired if the nine (9) homes at 600 N. Main Street could be separated from the facility for city utilities. Springer noted Mr. Hogan has agreed to increase his offer by \$25,000.00 for the separation. Springer reported the Missouri Highway Patrol will be using the facility again this year for Active Shooter training.
- 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Springer requested if anyone would like to assist with the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City of Mount Vernon. Alderwoman Lee and Alderwoman McElveen volunteered to assist Springer with the anniversary planning.
- Airport Committee Meeting. Springer requested a committee meeting for the Airport Committee to discuss the layout plan and several other issues. Alderman Haymes scheduled the meeting for Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

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- 109 N. Hickory Street Update. Springer reported he is working on getting the contract with Base closed out. Springer noted window replacement should begin this week. Discussion was held.
- Spirit of 76 Bathroom. Springer requested if the Board wished to proceed with construction of women's bathroom at Spirit of 76 Park. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to proceed with soliciting bids for the women's bathrooms.
- Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet. Springer reported the annual banquet will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at The MARC. Springer requested Board members RSVP if they wish to attend.
- Personnel Committee Meeting. Springer requested a Personnel committee meeting to discuss applicants for the City Clerk position. Alderwoman Thrasher scheduled the meeting for Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

### 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. Weldy presented the bills over \$5,000 report for Board consideration. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve the bills over \$5,000 as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Budget Amendments. Weldy presented a report of budget amendments and requested the Board approve. Alderman Fairchild 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.
- December 2019 Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the December 2019 Treasurer report to the Board for consideration. Alderwoman McElveen made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Six-month Financial. Weldy reported the semi-annual financial statement would be published in the Lawrence County Record on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 as required by City Code, Chapter 110, Section 110.100.
- Bad Debt. Weldy presented a report of unpaid accounts and requested the Board to transfer to bad debt. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Weldy presented two matured CDARS at Old Missouri Bank and recommended keeping at Old Missouri Bank CDARS account for twelve months at an interest rate of 1.76%. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve investment as recommended. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Inventory Purchase – Electric Department. Kelley requested approval for inventory purchase for replacement of street lights and metering rack. Discussion was held.

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Alderman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve purchase of inventory items for a total cost \$12,265.00. With all present voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Chemical Purchase – Golf Course. Kelley requested approval to purchase chemicals for the Golf Course. Discussion was held. Alderman Beckley made a motion, seconded by Alderman McElveen to proceed with purchase of chemicals for Golf Course for a cost of \$9,591.60. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Alderman McElveen reported she has received a complaint of sewer back-up issue from a constituent who has had problems before. Kelley reported he would make contact with the homeowner on Wednesday regarding the issue.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- Planning & Zoning Report. Moore reported the Planning and Zoning Commission discussed a dangerous building located at 1420 S. Hickory Street. Moore noted he is now including on the hard copy permits an expiration date to allow tracking of permits with unoccupied residences for trash collection purposes. Discussion was held.

Police.

With the absence of Hubert, no report was discussed.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

- Mayor Eden requested the Board consider appointment of Brett Simkins to fill a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission Board. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman McElveen to approve appointment of Brett Simkins on the Planning and Zoning Commission. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

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