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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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, February 25, 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 Marda Gramm. Absent: Sue Lee. The following city staff was also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement/Planning Administrator 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 Alderwoman McElveen to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- City Administrator Report. Add: 109 N. Hickory Street
- Director of Public Works. Add: Pretreatment

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, February 11, 2020 to the Board for consideration. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve minutes as presented.

The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Haymes

ABSENT: 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. None brought forth.

Public Hearing Transportation Grant 5311.

At 7:01 p.m., Mayor Eden announced the opening of the Public Hearing regarding Transportation Grant 5311. Weldy reported the grant will assist with funds for operation of the transportation system. Weldy noted since inception of the Transportation Department in 1992, it has been utilized by 393,340 passengers Weldy noted the following breakdown for funding:

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Total Operating Budget	\$155,282.40
Request for Federal Funds	\$76,282.22
City Share of Funds	\$79,540.18

Mayor Eden requested any questions or discussion from those in attendance. None brought forth. Mayor Eden announced the ending time for the Public Hearing to be 7:03 p.m.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2020-03 re: An ordinance authorizing the City Clerk to issue special tax assessments for costs of nuisance property and record assessments as a lien on the real property was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill No. 2020-03 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-03 thus became Ordinance Number 11.87.

Bill No. 2020-04 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a State Aviation Trust Fund Project Consultant agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation and Olsson, Inc. was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill No. 2020-04 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-04 thus became Ordinance Number 14.314.

Bill No. 2020-05 re: An ordinance to authorize the Mayor to apply for federal financial assistance on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon and to execute any contract(s) resulting from such application for any grants between the City of Mount Vernon and the Missouri Highways and

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Transportation Commission providing capital, operating, and/or marketing assistance, comprised of federal funds to be expended for commission-approved transit projects was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill No. 2020-05 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-05 thus became Ordinance Number 14.315.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sand Filters. Springer reported two sand filters at WWTP are currently operating at fifteen to twenty percent normal capacity and requested the Board consider restoring filters to original condition for approximately \$396,279.00 or other option is to upgrade to an Aqua Diamond filter system at a cost of approximately one million dollars. Discussion was held. Springer noted money would come from the utility reserve fund, which can be paid back at the end of the year. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with Aqua-Aerobics to inspect and restore filters to original condition for \$396,279.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Springer also reported the sand filters have four shear-gate valves that must be replaced. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to proceed with purchase of replacement valves from Fluid Equipment for \$2,860.00 and Hillhouse Services for labor to remove old valves and replace with new valves for a cost of \$5,280.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Sludge Tank #1. Springer reported the sludge tank has several frozen valves in need of repair. Springer noted Hillhouse Services submitted a quote to replace valves, but noted Hillhouse will tear the existing valves apart to see if any can be repaired prior to ordering new ones. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with purchase of new valves and labor for up to \$28,767.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Rotor #4 and #5. Springer requested approval to proceed with purchase of a gearbox replacement for Rotor #4 and new shaft seals and plats for both #4 and #5 rotors. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with purchase as requested from MRO Supply for \$5,335.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Clarifiers. Springer reported an upcoming project will require replacement of skimmers, scrapper rakes inspected and the scum trough fixed in two clarifiers. Springer noted this is simply FYI at this point. Springer reported two Department of Natural Resources representatives were at the plant due to a complaint regarding spreading of sludge on private properties. Springer noted the representatives of DNR watched the trucks filling, traveling and spreading and found no discrepancies in the service and was found to be in compliance with laws. Discussion was held.
- Street Paving 2020. Springer presented the following streets for chip & sealing for 2020. Project One includes: High Street, North Main (174 to City Limits), Hastings, Johnson, Patterson, Misty Creek, Meadow View, Tyler Court, Tracy Lane to Todd Lane, Tripper Court, Shady Lane, Oak Hill, Elder Court and Farm Road 1112 to City limits. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded Alderman Haymes to proceed with 2020 paving, project one with Blevins Asphalt for \$171,252.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Springer presented a bid tab for pavement patching and overlay on McVey Street. Springer recommended the Board accept bid from Blevins Asphalt to patch and overlay McVey Street for \$275,039.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Springer noted with approved projects, this would leave approximately \$128,748.00 in the budget and recommended the Board approve using it to patch and repair Railroad Drive. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with patching and repairing Railroad Drive with remaining balance in General Fund reserves. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Municipal Court. Springer requested discussion from the Board on the value and cost of keeping the Municipal Court or turn it over to Lawrence County. A lengthy discussion was held. Mayor Eden announced it was a consensus of the Board to wait to make a decision until receive more information.
- Tri-County Pregnancy Center Fund Raiser. Springer presented a request from Tri-County Pregnancy Center requesting the city to donate a yearly golf membership to a fundraiser. Discussion was held with no motion rendered.
- Airport Hangar Electricity. Springer reported the Airport Committee met to discuss the increasing cost of supplying electricity to the hangar as part of the lease agreement. Springer noted city costs for electricity is approximately \$27.50 per hangar. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes, chairman of the committee reported the committee recommended as of April 1, 2020 the city requires each lease holder to pay for their own electricity. Mayor Eden noted the recommendation stood as a motion, seconded by Beckley. With all present members voting in favor, motion approved.
- 109 N. Hickory Street. Springer reported plans are underway to move City Hall at the end of March, but will need to remove a large amount of furniture, decorations, and other items and requested what the Board would like to do with the surplus furniture. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden announced it was a consensus of the Board to have a sale for surplus furniture at 109 N. Hickory Street.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

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- Bills Over \$5,000. Weldy presented the Bills over \$5,000 for the Board's consideration. Alderwoman Thrasher made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve bills over \$5,000.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the January 2020 Treasurer Report to the Board for consideration. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the January 2020 Treasurer Report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Seasonal Employment. Kelley requested permission to hire back regular seasonal employees and to have permission to utilize Penmac throughout the season for additional needed employees. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to grant request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- SCADA System. Kelley reported the Board had previously approved purchase of a flowmeter in January, but found out the company that makes the equipment is no longer in business and must purchase from a different company at a higher cost with the difference being \$3,184.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve total purchase price of \$9,473.00 with R.E. Pedrotti Company, Inc. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Pretreatment Endorsement. Kelley presented a request for an endorsement from the city for the Mount Vernon Pretreatment Program. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to pledge the city's continued financial and administrative support of the pretreatment program and recognizing the needed updates. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Alderman Haymes requested if the city employees would again be utilized for upkeep of the grounds at 600 N. Main Street. Kelley noted they will continue to maintain the grounds. Springer reported the facility was broken into over the weekend and staff will take steps to secure the doors and windows. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- Planning and Zoning Report. Moore reported all parties which have a vested interest in 155 W. Patterson were notified of being in violation of dangerous building. Moore noted work must commence within thirty days of February 18, 2020, which was the date of notification. Discussion was held. Moore noted the burnout at 1422 S. Hickory Street has been sold to Mark Duffy. Moore noted Mr. Duffy has been made aware of his responsibility to begin work in a timely manner. Moore noted the burnout at 422 S. Hickory Street is going to be sold to an adjoining property owner who plans to demolish the building. Moore reported he is currently researching property located at 1004 S. Market Street due to conditions of the structure. Discussion was held.

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Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- January Statistical Report. Hubert presented the January Statistic report to the Board. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

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

- Mayor Eden requested if Petrus has had any new information on 155 W. Patterson Street burnout. Discussion was held.

New Business.

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

Closed Session.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to adjourn to close a portion of the meeting pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Motion approved. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 8:22 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened at 8:38 p.m. Mayor Eden determined all Aldermen that were present for closed session had returned to the meeting. Mayor Eden requested any other 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 was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date