

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 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, April 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 (via teleconference), Sherie Thrasher (via teleconference), Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer (via teleconference), Counselor William Petrus, Jr (via teleconference), Treasurer Shari Weldy (via teleconference), Director of Public Works Joe Kelley (via teleconference), Code Enforcement/Planning Administrator Terry Moore (via teleconference), Chief of Police David Hubert (via teleconference) and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

With the Lawrence County Commissioners Court Order #1769 declaring a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak, no guests were in attendance to the meeting, but were allowed to join by teleconference. Steve Chapman with the Lawrence County Record utilized this service.

Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for consideration. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm to approve the agenda as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from Tuesday, March 24, 2020 meeting to the Board for consideration. Alderman Beckley 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.

KPM CPA's Audit Presentation.

Rebecca Friedrich presented the 2019 audit to the Board. Ms. Friedrich reported the city has received an "unmodified" or "clean opinion" by KPM CPA's audit. Discussion was held.

Mayoral Proclamation.

Mayor Eden presented a mayoral proclamation in recognition of Line workers' Appreciation Week which is April 13, 2020 through April 17, 2020.

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.

At this point, Alderwoman Thrasher left the meeting.

- Railroad Drive Paving. Springer reminded the Board they had previously approved an email vote to approve a change order from Blevins Asphalt for the asphalt bid on McVey Street

and for the overlay on Railroad Drive. Springer noted the final cost for both projects was less \$30,914.35 than original bid amount. Springer added staff is currently discussing how to limit truck traffic on Railroad Drive to save wear and tear. Discussion was held.

- New Hangar. Springer reported he has received a request from Derek Stokes to build a new hangar at the Airport approximately in the area the restaurant was located. Springer noted he contacted the Airport Consultants of the request and was advised they saw no issues with the location for placement. Springer added Mr. Stokes would like to have the agreement extended to thirty years before it revert back to the City. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden requested Petrus present a resolution at the next meeting.
- Sewer Plant Update. Springer reported issues at the Wastewater Treatment Facility include the traveling backwash bridge which has jumped the track when the limit switch malfunctioned. Springer noted staff is working to keep sand filter functioning until it gets repaired in July. Springer noted the oxidations ditch is empty, cleaned out, and is awaiting parts for rotors number 4 and 5.
- 600 N. Main Update. Springer reported city crews are currently working to get cottages removed from the facility's utility system and connect to city utilities. Springer also discussed that the State of Missouri Emergency Management has contacted the City for possible use of the facility for COVID-19 outbreak if required.
- COVID-19 Update. Springer reported the city continues to follow Governor Parson's pandemic outline for the COVID-19 outbreak. Discussion was held.
- 109 N. Hickory Street Update. Springer reported the construction contract has been closed out for the building, but still have a couple of issues the contractors will complete. The phone system and servers are being installed the week of April 20, 2020. Discussion was held.

#### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report to the Board. Discussion was held.
- Bills Over \$5,000. Weldy presented the bills over \$5,000 report to the Board for consideration. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve payment of bills over \$5,000 as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

#### Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Electric Department Inventory (Replacement Transformer) .Kelley presented a request to purchase a transformer and hardware that was used for the 417 buildup. Kelley noted the cost of transformer was \$11,503.80 and hardware \$7,867.42. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm to proceed with purchase of replacement as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Golf Course Chemical Purchase. Kelley requested approval of chemical purchase for fertilizer and fungicide for greens and course. Discussion was held. Alderwoman McElveen made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with purchase of fertilizer and fungicide for \$6,397.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Wastewater UV Service Contract and Repair. Kelley recommended the Board renew the contract with Widigo for an additional year at \$6,910.00 for maintenance and service repair of the UV service. Kelley also presented a request to repair components associated with the UV that no longer works, which includes the communication link in the lab, UV unit and changing the ground wire for a cost of \$10,837.64. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Gramm made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to proceed with contract renewal and repairs in the amount of \$17,747.64. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Wastewater Pretreatment Program. Kelley presented a public notice for pretreatment program modifications for the Wastewater Treatment Facility and which include a revised Enforcement Response Plan. Discussion was held. Alderman Beckley made a motion, seconded Alderwoman McElveen to hereby endorse the modifications and updates to the Sewer Use Ordinance, Local Limit Report and Enforcement response plan. The City of Mount Vernon acknowledges our continued support, supervision, and funding of the Pretreatment Program. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

### Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- February Statistical Report. Moore presented the March statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Report. Moore presented the following items in which the Planning and Zoning Commission held discussion:

Moore reported 155 W. Patterson's owner has been notified of the conditions on the property for demolition. Moore noted the conditions were attached to and will be required to sign before a permit will be issued.

Moore reported he will be proposing text change for multi-district zoning at a Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing, scheduled for April 28, 2020. 417 Athletic Facility will be pouring first slab of concrete on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. Discussion was held.

### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Search Warrants. Hubert reported the police department has served four search warrants in the last few weeks. Hubert noted warrants included cyber-crime for child pornography, fourteen (14) pounds of methamphetamine and approximately \$5,000.00 in cash. Discussion was held.

### Old Business.

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

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New Business.

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

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business on the agenda to come before the Board that the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Date

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Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

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