

Minutes Approved Tuesday, July 28, 2020 with corrections

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JULY 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, Council Chambers at Police Department, located at 319 E. Dallas Street, on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Haymes with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Deanna McElveen, Craig Nelson, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm and Sue Lee. Absent: Lowell Phillips. 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/Planning Administrator Terry Moore, Chief of Police David Hubert, City Clerk in Training Melissa Aduddle 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 Haymes presented the agenda to the Board for consideration. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve the agenda with the following addition:

- City Administrator Report – Add: Airport

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 to the Board for consideration. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm to approve the minutes with the following correction:

- Code Enforcement Report. Planning and Zoning Commission Report. First Bullet: Change contractor's meeting date from July 7, 2020 to June 25, 2020.

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

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Hayme reported this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Employee Probation.

Mayor Haymes reported Melissa Aduddle has reached the end of her probation and requested the Board proceed with moving her to a full-time position. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Gramm made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to move Melissa Aduddle to full-time employee status. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.

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Mayoral Appointments.

Mayor Haymes recommended the following staff appointments be made:

One Year Appointments:

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| Chief of Police David Hubert | Director of Public Works Joe Kelley |
| Treasurer Shari Weldy | City Clerk Shannon Neely |
| City Collector Jason Patten | Deputy Clerk Melissa Aduddle |
| Prosecuting Attorney William Petrus, Jr. | Counselor William Petrus, Jr. |

Two Year Appointment:

Municipal Court Judge Randee Stemmons

Alderswoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve Mayoral recommendation for staff appointments as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenue report to the Board. Discussion was held.
- 600 N. Main. Springer reported the following activities relating to the facility occurred:
 - Closing on the sale of the property was held on July 2, 2020. Springer noted the property sold to Mount Vernon Investments, LLC for \$600,000.00, but after expenses (realtor commission and closing costs) the net sale amount was \$447,450.00.
 - Springer reported electric, water and sewer service has been separated from the facility for the nine (9) cottages. Springer noted city crew's pressure tested the water lines on July 13, 2020 with positive results.
 - Springer presented a request from Tim Hogan to have city crews continue to mow the facility, once a month, for the remaining of the 2020 mowing season. Discussion was held. Mayor Haymes reported it was a consensus of the Board instructing Springer to compile a report of costs to the city to have crews continue to mow. Springer noted he will have report at the next meeting.
 - Springer requested the Board consider two projects which could be funded by the proceeds of the sale of the property. Springer noted it could be used for bathrooms at the Spirit of 76 Park and skate park at Gibbs Park. Discussion was held.
- Sidewalk N. Main Update. Springer reported Anderson Engineering has sent final revisions on the construction document to Missouri Highway Department, per their recommendations. Springer noted bids will be let by the end of the month. Discussion was held.
- Wastewater Treatment Facility. Springer reported parts and materials are beginning to be invoiced for the re-build of the sand filter, previously approved by the Board February 25, 2020, and repairs are scheduled to begin the end of this month. Springer noted money from the utility reserve funds, including the electric

reserves fund will be used to pay for expenses. Springer added it will be cheaper for the city to borrow from its own funds than from an entity. Discussion was held.

- Mount Vernon School District. Springer reported the School District has requested the city consider restricting to construction traffic only the alley between Blaze Road and Division Street and to temporarily change Lynn Street from one-way traffic to two-way traffic through spring of 2021. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to restrict alley to construction traffic and temporarily change Lynn Street to accommodate two-way traffic during construction. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- CARE Grant Agreement. Springer requested authorization to sign Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Securities Act (CARES) grant, which allows entities who have endured an economic hardship due to the spread of COVID-19. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley authorizing City Administrator to sign CARES Act grant agreement. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- Holiday Wreaths on Hickory Street. Springer reported the Mount Vernon Community Betterment are raising funds to purchase holiday wreaths to hang on poles on Hickory Street and requested if the Board wished to purchase any. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm to purchase one four-foot wreath for \$118.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- Mandatory Mask Order. Springer reported he has received several inquiries from citizens regarding a mandatory mask order due to the COVID-19 pandemic and requested the Board provide input if they wish the city to mandate or not. Springer noted he is advising all inquiries that the city is following all recommendations of Lawrence County Health Department at this time.
- Mount Vernon Dog Obedience Training. Springer presented a request from the Mount Vernon Dog Club Obedience Club to use an area in the park to conduct training classes. Discussion was held. Mayor Haymes noted it was a consensus of the Board to permit use of Ewing Park is used by the Mount Vernon Dog Obedience club for dog training. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- Airport. Springer reported Roger Brown has contacted Springer to volunteer his services as manager of the Mount Vernon Municipal Airport. Springer noted Mr. Brown managed the airport in the 90's, but was then employed by Carthage, Missouri to manage their airport. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to appoint Roger Brown to serve on a volunteer basis as airport manager for a six-month term and for the Board to review the position at that time. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.

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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 \$5,000.00 and requested the Board approve payment. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm to approve bills over \$5,000.00 as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- Other Items of Discussion. Alderman Fairchild requested how the Southwest Missouri Power Pool is working for the city. Springer stated it is working well and we should be receiving reports from the power pool. Discussion was held.

Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Inventory Replacement – Electric Department. Kelley requested approval for purchase of wires, cross-arms and hardware for inventory replacement in the Electric Department. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with purchase of inventory replacement as presented for \$6,055.73. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- Other Items of Discussion. Alderman Fairchild requested discussion on recent power outages. Kelley noted recent outages were due to heat stress. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- June Statistical Report. Moore presented the June Statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Report. Moore reported the commission discussed the following items:
 - International Building Codes. Moore noted the Board tabled the discussion until more information regarding ISO rating could be obtained. Moore also noted the Commission would like to see more clarity on some specific language for codes. Discussion was held.
 - 101 N. Vine Street. Moore reported he has been in contact with the owner of the location regarding cleaning up the property. Moore noted he discussed issuing a nuisance citation to the owner if it is not cleaned up in a timely manner.
 - 422 S. Hickory Street. Moore reported demolition of the burn-out building located at 422 South Hickory Street began on Monday, July 13, 2020 and is almost complete. Discussion was held.

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Police Department.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- June Statistical Report. Hubert presented the June Statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Hubert reported range qualifications for shotgun and handguns are scheduled for Saturday, July 18, 2020. Hubert reported all police officer will participate in the qualifications and invited the Board to attend if they wished. Mayor Haymes requested if Hubert knew approximately how many attendees for the Red, White and Boom event. Hubert stated he was unsure of the attendance due to early show due to the storms versus late arrivals. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

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

New Business.

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

Closed Session.

Alderman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thrasher to adjourn to close a portion of the meeting pursuant to RSMo, § 610.021(3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting a particular employee. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Motion approved. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 8:01 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m. Mayor Haymes determined all Aldermen that were present for closed session adjournment had returned to the meeting. Mayor Haymes requested any other business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

Mayor Haymes announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date