

Minutes Approved Tuesday, September 22, 2020 with changes

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regular scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, 319 E Dallas Street, on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:08 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Haymes with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Deanna McElveen, Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm 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, City Clerk Shannon Neely, and Deputy City Clerk Melissa Aduddle.

Guests registering their attendance are listed on the sign in sheet attached to and made a part of the minutes.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Haymes presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made the motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the agenda with the following addition and correction:

- City Administrator: Add: Air Conditioning Unit at City Hall
- Change: Bill No. 2020-019 To: Bill No. 2020-020

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, August 25, 2020 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Phillips to approve the minutes with no corrections.

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

Mayoral Proclamation

Mayor Haymes presented a Mayoral Proclamation to Sandy Mason, Vice-Regent of the Elkhorn Prairie Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, acknowledging “Constitution Week”, which will be honored from September 17, 2020 thru September 23, 2020.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Haymes announced this portion of the meeting was set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion.

- David Adams addressed the Board with concerns about power outages, as him and his wife both work from home. Discussion was held.

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### Resolution

**Bill No. (R) 2020-02 re:** A resolution for the appointment of a representative to the Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District Council was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R) 2020-02 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R) 2020-02 thus became Bill No. (R) 2020-02.

### Ordinance

**Bill No. 2020-020 re:** an Ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, at:

Section 205.020, International Fire Code; and

Section 500.010, International Building Code; and

Section 500.020, International Residential Code for One and Two Family Dwellings; and

Section 500.030, National Electric Code; and

Section 500.040, International Mechanical Code; and

Section 500.050, International Plumbing Code; and

Section 500.060, International Fuel Gas Code; and

Section 500.070, International Property Maintenance Code was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call votes recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2020-020 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-020 thus became Ordinance Number 2.199.

## Department Reports

### City Administrator

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax.** Springer reported sales tax has continued to stay ahead of last year even through the COVID-19 pandemic. Use tax, however, is behind from last year. Discussion was held.
- **Skate Park & Restrooms.** Springer updated the Board, letting them know he is working on getting bids for rough dirt work for the skate park. Discussion was held. Springer

informed the Board that approval is needed on the work authorization contract from Anderson Engineering to begin designing construction documents for the restrooms at Spirit of '76 Park. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made the motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the work authorization contract from Anderson Engineering. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.

- **Main Street Sidewalk.** Springer presented seven bids that were received for the sidewalk project. The highest base bid was \$634,152.50 from R.L. Persons Construction, Inc. and the lowest base bid was \$333,903.00 from A.T. Urban, Inc. Springer stated Anderson will be putting together the contract document. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to accept the base bid from A.T. Urban, Inc. in the amount of \$333,903.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- **Air Conditioning Unit – City Hall.** Springer informed the Board that the air conditioning unit at City Hall is not working, because of an issue with the compressor. The HVAC technician believes the reed valves are not functioning properly, causing the oil limit switch to malfunction. We are currently awaiting a cost estimate to fix. Discussion was held.

#### Treasurer

Ms. Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- **Bills Paid.** Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. Alderman Fairchild inquired as to why there was a payment to the Sheriff's Retirement Fund. Weldy explained that is a fee mandated by the Lawrence County Circuit Court. No other questions were brought forth.
- **Bills Over \$5,000.00.** Weldy presented the Bills over \$5,000 report to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild made the motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve bills over \$5,000.00 for August and September as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.

#### Director of Public Works

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following item:

- **Golf Course – Chemical Purchase.** Kelley requested approval to purchase winter weed control and spring dead spot control for the golf course in the amount of \$7,468.80. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made the motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the purchase of the golf course chemicals in the amount of \$7,468.80. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- **Sewer Pretreat and Sewer Use Ordinance Discussion.** Kelley explained that the large document in the packet was the Notice of Intent to Approve Pretreatment Modification for the City of Mount Vernon for the Board to review. The modification will be brought back in Ordinance form for approval, and there will also be a sewer enforcement plan. These are needed updates so the City is compliant with current Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Natural Resource regulations. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **August Statistical Report.** Moore presented the August Statistical Report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Update on Nuisance/Dangerous Buildings.** Moore updated the Board of the following nuisance issues he was addressing:
  - The owners of 202 S. Vine were sent a certified letter on August 26, 2020. The letter received on August 31, 2020, stated that the building behind the main structure on the property has been declared a nuisance and must be repaired or demolished. The owners have 30 days to comply.
  - The owner of the property on the northeast corner of Vine and Center Street and the northwest corner of Vine and Water Street was sent a letter on September 8, 2020 stating he is in violation of Section 220.075 of the City Code Book, storage of motor vehicles. He has 30 days to remove all vehicles that are not licensed and operational. The owner was also notified that he is in violation of Section 220.150 of the City Code Book, weed, high grass or other vegetation. The code states after ten (10) days the City Administrator can schedule a hearing and if issue is not abated within five (5) days after the hearing, the City can do the work and lien the property for the cost. Discussion was held.

Police

Mr. Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Permission to Hire Doug More.** Hubert requested approval from the Board to hire Doug More for the Crossing Guard/Animal Control position. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made the motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve hiring Doug More. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.

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. Mr. Petrus requested discussion on proposed language for code revision on yard sales. Petrus inquired as to the number of garage sales allowed per year, as well as signage regulations. Petrus also informed the Board that since this is a zoning code change it will go to Planning & Zoning for a public hearing. Discussion was held.

Adjournment

Mayor Haymes announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Jason Haymes, Mayor

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Date

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Melissa Aduddle, Deputy City Clerk

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