

Minutes Approved Tuesday, December 8, 2020

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 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, November 24, 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 (teleconference), Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm (teleconference), 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, Assistant Chief of Police Jason Lacey, and 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 no additions or removals.

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, November 10, 2020 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made the motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve the minutes with no corrections.

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

Citizen Participation

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

Ordinance

Bill No. 2020-028 re: First and seconding reading of an Ordinance changing zoning designation from M-2 industrial to B-3 general commercial district and directing change to be indicated on the district map, as adopted by the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri.

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

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Bill No. 2020-028 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-028 thus became Ordinance Number 2.201.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Update on Spirit of '76 Park.** Springer informed the Board that solicitation for bids for the project went out Friday, and must be submitted by December 9, 2020 at 10:00 am. At this time, Anderson Engineering will review the bids and submit a recommendation to the Board on December 22, 2020. Discussion was held.
- **Update on Skate Park.** Springer reported the solicitation for bids on the skatepark went out Friday, as well. Bids must be submitted to by December 18, 2020 at 1:00pm. At that time, they will be opened and read aloud. After review, a recommendation will be submitted to the Board on December 22, 2020. Springer mentioned that extra time was given to submit bids on this project due to the nature of the work, and that a lot of companies are out of state. Discussion was held.
- **Update on Wynn Park.** Springer stated that the work being done at Wynn Park was just about complete. There are some finishing touches that need to be done, such as landscaping. He recommended that if any Board members were out to stop by and walk through the park, and see what a tremendous job the crew has done. He said there have been several compliments already, and if anyone should see the guys out there to let them know, job well done. Discussion was held.
- **Emergency Dispatch Center.** Springer indicated the Lawrence County Emergency Service Board has asked about locating the new Dispatch Center across the road from the proposed new Sheriff's Office on Missouri Drive. Springer said he will be meeting them at the potential site on Thursday, December 3rd at 11:00 am. He invited Board members to come to the meeting if they are available. Discussion was held.

Treasurer

Ms. Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- **Bills Paid.** Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Bills Over \$5,000.00.** Weldy presented the Bills over \$5,000 report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee made the motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve bills over \$5,000.00 as presented.
With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- **Budget Amendments to Date.** Weldy presented the budget amendments to date to the Board. Weldy explained some of the amendments were due to not getting a part-time employee at the MARC that was budgeted, as well as, some departments brought in more revenue than expected. Weldy welcomed any questions. None brought forth.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Kelley had no items for the agenda, but welcomed any questions. None brought forth.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **Planning & Zoning Report.** Moore presented the planning and zoning report where he discussed 1004 S Market. Moore stated that a Notice of Foreclosure has been filed and he has been trying to get in contact with the owners to find out plans for the residence. Discussion was held. Moore also informed the Board that he had taken a series of webinars on the International Building Codes. He stated they were very informative and he planned to continue the series.

Police

Mr. Lacey held discussion on the following item:

- **Statistics for October 2020.** Lacey presented the statistics report for October and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Permission to Hire Jennifer Reibe.** Lacey requested approval to hire Jennifer Reibe after she has completed all of her POST certifications. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman to Lee to approve hiring Jennifer Reibe after she has completed all of her certifications.

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

Committee Reports

- **Personnel Committee**
 - Alderman Fairchild presented the minutes from the Personnel Committee meeting held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 to the Board for approval. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made the motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the minutes from the Personnel Committee meeting, and to increase the City Clerk's wages by \$2808.00 per year, effective January 1, 2021.

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

- Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to amend the previous motion to include an increase the City Clerk's wages by \$0.50 per hour, to start retroactively from date of appointment.

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

- Alderman Fairchild stated the City Administrator requested the raise that was granted to him at the meeting on November 10, 2020, be rescinded. Alderman Fairchild made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to rescind the City Administrator's wage raise for 2021. The following vote was recorded:

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

NOES: Thrasher

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

With a majority of members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.

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Old Business

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

- **2021 Budget.** Mr. Springer presented a review of the revenues and expenditures for the 2021 Budget. Discussion was held.

New Business

Mayor Haymes requested any new 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 is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Lowell Phillips, Acting Board President

Date

Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

Date