

Minutes Approved Tuesday, July 14, 2020

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 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, Police Department, located at 319 E. Dallas Street, on Tuesday, June 23, 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, 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/Planning Administrator Terry Moore, Assistant Chief of Police Jason Lacey, 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. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- City Administrator Report. Remove: Park Employee
Add: Request for Bank Card
Landrum Street Flooding Issue
- Director or Public Works Report: Request for Two (2) Seasonal Employees

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Haymes presented the Board of Aldermen minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 to the Board for consideration. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

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

- Kenneth Walsh requested discussion regarding dangerous dog laws and enforcement. Mr. Walsh noted he is willing to volunteer to help make the city a safer community for citizens. Discussion was held.

Mayoral Committee Appointments.

Mayor Haymes appointed the following committees for Aldermen to service:

- Airport: Phillips, Nelson, Beckley
- Finance: Lee, McElveen, Gramm
- Parks and Recreation: Phillips, Thrasher, Nelson
- Personnel: Fairchild, Beckley, Gramm
- Public Works/Streets: Phillips, Beckley, Fairchild
- The MARC: Thrasher, Lee, Gramm

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Mayor Haymes suggested members of committees select the chairman of their choice within each committee.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2020-018 re: An ordinance acknowledging change in position of Mayor and authorizing Jason Haymes to execute a deed for 600 N. Main and all documents necessary for the conveyance was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote 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. 2020-018 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2020-018 thus became Ordinance Number 14.322.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- 600 N. Main St. Springer reported the closing date is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at WACO Title Company in Mount Vernon.
- Lawrence County Historical Society. Springer presented a request from the Lawrence County Historical Society for a donation of surplus dining chairs at 600 N. Main Street before the closing date for the sale of the property. Discussion was held. Alderwoman McElveen made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to proceed with donation of one hundred fifty (150) chairs to the Lawrence County Historical Society. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- COVID-19. Springer reported a seasonal pool employee has tested positive for COVID-19 virus and has been placed on probation. Springer noted the employee is asymptomatic. Springer added a family member of the employee has tested negative for COVID, and will be required to provide an additional test to return to work. Discussion was held.
- Electric Transformers. Springer reported the school district will be upgrading electric service at the Elementary School and will require seven (7) transformers at a cost of \$11,174.00 for equipment purchase and shipping costs. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion seconded by Alderman Fairchild to proceed with purchase of transformers for Elementary School electric service upgrade project for a total cost of \$11,174.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- Electric Upgrade. Springer reported city crews have upgraded Schreiber Foods by installing a bank of capacitors, which have helped, but plans include replacing main transformer bank with a larger 2500 kVA transformer. Discussion was held. Springer also

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noted staff recently met with Reyco-Granning to discuss upgrading the #2 substation by adding a circuit to the low side bank. Springer added that crews are scheduling a time which to shut down the substation and wire in the new circuit. Discussion was held.

- Request for Bank Card. Springer requested permission to obtain a Simmons Bank bank card for simple purchases. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to proceed with obtaining a bank card from Simmons Bank for simple purchases. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- Landrum Street Storm Water Issues. Springer reported city crews are still working on the culvert on Landrum Street and are having issues with obtaining concrete due to work on Interstate 44. Springer also noted that Anderson Engineer has proposed options for relieving some flooding issues. Discussion was held.
- Other Items of Discussion. Mayor Haymes requested an Airport committee meeting. Discussion was held. Mayor Haymes announced the Airport committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at 319 E. Dallas Street.

Treasurer.

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. Weldy presented the bills over \$5,000.00 for the Board's consideration. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to approve the bills over \$5,000 as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes reported the motion approved.
- May Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the May Treasurer report for the Board's consideration. Alderwoman McElveen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the May Treasurer report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- Other Items of Discussion. Weldy requested the Board open a new checking account for Municipal Court which is a requirement by the Missouri Association of Court Administration through the Show-Me Court system and cannot commingle with other city accounts. Weldy requested the following names as signature on the account: Toni Buttram Court Clerk; Shari Weldy, Treasurer; and Shannon Neely, City Clerk. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm to approve Municipal Court checking account at Simmons Bank with Toni Buttram, Municipal Court Clerk, Shari Weldy, Treasurer and Shannon Neely, City Clerk as signatures for account. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Electric Department Inventory Purchase. Kelley requested permission to purchase ten (10) transformers for inventory replacement for a cost of \$9,931.50. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to proceed with purchase of ten (10) transformers for inventory replacement at \$9,931.50. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.

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- Golf Course Mower Purchase. Kelley presented three (3) bids for two (2) mowers for the municipal golf course. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with purchase of two (2) 329 Grasshopper 61” with Briggs and Stratton engine, for \$20,050.00, less \$5,200.00 trade-in for a total purchase cost of \$14,850.00. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with purchase of two (2) grasshopper mowers from Town & Country Power for a total cost of \$14,850.00. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: Phillips

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

- The MARC Air Conditioner Unit. Kelley presented a request to purchase a new air conditioning unit for the MARC as the current unit is not working. Kelley noted this purchase is a budgeted item, but not sure of actual cost which include compressor, drier, labor and materials but could cost up to \$5,000.00. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with purchase of a new air conditioning unit for the MARC Community Center for up to \$5,000.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.
- Other Items of Discussion. Kelley reported a part-time employee is on temporary leave due to ill health and is not sure of return date. Kelley requested permission to proceed to hire a Penmac employee until part-time Park employee is able to return. Kelley also requested a penmac employee for the Golf Course due to a vacancy. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with utilizing Penmac staff to fill vacancies in Park and Golf Departments as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Haymes declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- Planning and Zoning Commission Report.
 - Moore reported he has scheduled a contractor’s meeting on Thursday, July 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., located in the council chambers at 319 E. Dallas Street. Moore noted he will review upgrading from 2006 International Building Codes to the 2012 International Building Codes. Moore noted he hopes all contactors attend.
 - Moore reported house on Sloan Avenue that was damaged by a large tree during the last storm will be repaired instead of demolished. Discussion was held.
 - Moore reported 422 S. Hickory Street burnout has been a slow process for cleanup and may proceed with deeming it a dangerous building. Discussion was held.
 - Moore reported burnout on Patterson Street is in the process of demolition, but a very slow process.
 - Discussion was held regarding several locations that need to be addressed as nuisance properties.

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Police.

Lacey held discussion on the following items:

- Introduction New Officer. Lacey introduced new police officer James Myers to the Board.
- Red, White and Boom. Lacey reported the department is ready for the Red, White and Boom event, scheduled for Friday, July 3, 2020. Lacey noted live music begins at 6:00 p.m. and fireworks display at dusk. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

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

- Alderwoman Gramm requested discussion on sidewalks study from Drury. Springer noted the study was completed and he added the city will be working on a sidewalk project this year by utilizing a sidewalk grant. 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 to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date