

Minutes Approved Tuesday, February 23, 2021

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021.**

Public Hearing – Amendments to Zoning Regulations

Acting Board President Phillips announced this portion of the study session is set aside to receive public input from those in attendance regarding amendments made to zoning regulations during codification update. The public hearing was opened at 6:32 pm. Acting Board President Phillips requested any discussion. None brought forth. Acting Board President Phillips announced the closing of the public hearing at 6:36 pm.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, 319 E Dallas Street, on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 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, 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, 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 moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

Proclamation

Mayor Haymes presented a Mayoral Proclamation declaring February 8, 2021 through February 14, 2021 as “Ronald McDonald House Week”.

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. 2021-08 re:** First and seconding reading of an Ordinance authorizing execution of a private hangar/tie-down lease agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and AA Hotshot, LLC.

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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. 2021-08 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2021-08 thus became Ordinance Number 14.334.

**Bill No. 2021-09 re:** First and seconding reading of an Ordinance adopting and enacting a new code of ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon, County of Lawrence, State of Missouri; establishing the same; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; except as herein expressly provided; providing for the manner of amending such code of ordinances; providing penalty for the violation thereof; and providing when this ordinance shall become effective.

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. 2021-09 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2021-09 thus became Ordinance Number 1.284.

## **Department Reports**

### City Administrator

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Springer stated the sales tax and use tax numbers are still holding strong through the COVID-19 pandemic. The sales tax for February was up \$23,376.86 from the previous year. Use tax for February is up \$4,578.69 from last year.
- **Tire Bids.** Springer reported that the City advertised for tire bids receiving three bids, each of which did not meet the bid specifications. This is the second time the City has solicited for bids. Two bid packets were sent out with a letter specifying that the bids need to be submitted separately, one for City vehicles and one for the FTA taxis. Since

none of the bids met the bid documents, Springer recommended all bids be rejected. The City generally does not buy more than one set of tires at a time. He recommended for future purchases to get bids from area providers, choosing the lowest for that purchase. Discussion was held.

- **Ace Pipe.** Springer informed the Board that Ace Pipe Cleaning has cleaned the sewer mains at the bottom north of Schreiber Foods. The City had originally requested \$10,152.00 for 24 hours of cleaning time on December 19, 2019. They were unable to finish the job at that time. The job was finally finished in December of 2020; the total cost of the project was \$17,895.50 higher than originally estimated. This was due to the amount of material in the pipe that had to be removed. It required 51 more hours than originally planned, with a cost totaling \$28,047.50. The City is requesting approval of the additional \$17,895.50. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the \$17,895.50 for a total of \$28,047.50 to be paid to Ace Pipe Cleaning, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

#### 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 \$5,000.00 to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Thrasher moved to approve the bills over \$5000.00 for January and so far of February, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

- **Investments.** Weldy requested the Board approve investment of two matured certificate of deposits which matured on February 4, 2021, since several have been cashed out and added to the checking account recently. Weldy noted the matured amounts result would in a total investment of \$438,167.60. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve investment of \$438,167.60 with Old Missouri Bank (CDARS) at 0.60% for twelve (12) months, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Write-Offs.** Weldy requested approval of the writing off \$6,367.24 in our system and sending it to Online Collections, and requested any discussion. None brought forth. Alderwoman Lee made the moved to approve the write offs as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Motion passed.

- **Other Items of Discussion.** Weldy informed the Board that the FTA passed a mask mandate, so masks are required on the taxis at all times. Discussion was held.

#### Director of Public Works

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Golf Course – Spring Chemical Purchase.** Kelley requested approval to purchase seven different items for grass treatment in the spring. He stated the total cost for the items was

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\$11,346.60. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the purchase of the chemicals for the golf course in the amount of \$11,346.60, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **Permit Report for January 2021.** Moore presented the Permit Report for January 2021 and requested any questions or discussion. None brought forth
- **Dangerous Buildings Report.** Moore reported updates on several dangerous buildings throughout the City, and welcomed any questions. Discussion was held.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following item:

- **Statistics for January 2021.** Hubert presented the statistics report for January and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Employment.** Hubert informed the Board that Officer Meyers has accepted a position with the Barry County Sheriff's Department. His termination date would be February 14, 2021. Discussion was held. Hubert requested approval to advertise for employment of a new officer. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve advertising for employment of a new officer, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

Old Business

Mayor Haymes requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. Alderwoman Lee reported that those involved in raising fund for the skatepark would like input on naming the new skatepark at Gibbs Park. Lee stated any suggestions can be given to Tracy Bradshaw at Keen Bean. 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 7:33 p.m.

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Jason Haymes, Mayor

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Date

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Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

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Date