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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021.

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, July 13, 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, 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 Darlene Parrigon, and Police Chief David Hubert.

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. The following changes were requested:

- City Administrator – Add: Sewer at 600 North Main
Alderman Steve Fairchild moved to approve the agenda with the added changes, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

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

Ordinance

Bill No. 2021-19 re: First and second reading of an ordinance authorizing execution of a real estate purchase and sale agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, and Wilmoth Oil Company, LLC, was read twice, with the following roll call recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill NO: 2021-19 was passed by unanimous roll call and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance 14.338.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Springer stated the sales tax for July is up \$43,321.90 from the previous year, and year to date sales tax is ahead \$111,921.18 from 2020. Use tax is down from June of last year by \$2497.31, for the year use tax is also down \$264.32 from 2020.
- **Walnut Street Traffic Count.** Springer updated the Board on the traffic count conducted June 22nd to June 30th. There were 4554 total vehicles going through Brad's parking lot. Steve made a motion to accept Blevins option 1 to fix Walnut Street and Brad's Parking Lot at a cost of \$96,005.00 if they give the City a 21 foot easement from Walnut to the Business Loop. The motion was amended by Steve to change from option 1 to option 2 for a cost of \$75,050.00. Motion passed with the stipulation that they give the City the easement.

Motion passed.

- **Storm water study.** Alderwoman Sue Lee made a motion to accept Allgeier, Martin & Associates price to upgrade the 1990 storm water study of Sunset Heights Subdivision for a cost of \$7000.00 Alderwoman Marda Gramm second. Motion passed
- **2014/2016 COP refinancing.** Springer informed the Board McIney and Gilmore & Bell will have representatives here to finalize refinancing the 2014 & 2016 COPs on August 10, 2021. Once the refinancing is approved by ordinance McIney will market the issue.
- **Committee Appointments.** Alderwoman Sue Lee made a motion and Alderwoman Deanna McElveen second to approve the Mayor's appointments of Paula Brockwell to Planning & Zoning, Roger Brown as Airport Manager, Paul Brockman, James Dunn and Ann Garoutte to Enhanced Enterprise Zone. Motion passed

- **Utility poles.** Springer asked for authorization to purchase 36 utility poles 10-45ft. /10-35ft and 16-40 ft. cost is \$12446.00. This is a budgeted item. Alderwoman Deanna McElveen made a motion to purchase the utility poles second by Alderwoman Sherie Thrasher
Motion passed.
- **Other items of discussion.** Alderman Steve Fairchild made a motion and Alderwoman Deanna McElveen to repave the streets North of Highway 174 with 1.25 inches of asphalt for a cost \$169,400.00 and to milling and preparations of \$19,194.00. Motion carried with Alderwoman Gramm and Alderman Phillips abstaining.
- **Personnel Committee Minutes.** The board approves the \$1.85 rate increase for employees for 2022. Except for the new City Administrator and Lineman are not included. Correction to the minutes. Third paragraph 2nd sentence the date 01-01-2021 should be 01-01-2022. The minutes are presented to the Board as a first and second the motion passed.
- **Park & Airport Committee.** Minutes are presented to the Board as a first and second the motion passed
- **Sewer 600 N Main St.** Discussion held, working on two easements for new sewer lines and 3 wells.

Treasurer

- **Bills Paid.** Springer presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Bills over \$5,000.00.** Springer presented the Bills over \$5,000.00 for to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Thrasher moved to authorize payment for the bills over \$5000.00 as listed, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen.

Motion passed.

Director of Public Works

Code Enforcement

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Recommendation to re-Zone.** Alderwoman McElveen made a motion to Re-Zone parcel number 0870250000000027006 from “R-1” Single Family Residential to “A-R” Agriculture. Second by Alderman Beckley.
Motion passed.
- **Recommendation to approve annexation.** Public hearing held. Alderwoman Sue Lee made a motion to approve the annexation of Parcel number 099032000005002002 consisting of 49.28 acres into the City limits. Second by Alderwoman Deanna McElveen.
- Motion passed

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Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Statistics for June 2021.** Hubert presented the statistics for June 2021 to the Board for review, and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

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.

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 8:18 pm.

Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Respectfully Submitted By:

Toni Buttram

Date