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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JULY 27, 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 27, 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 Bill Petrus, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Public Works Director Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Terry Moore, 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: City Administrator position
- Public Works – Add: Waste water collection update
- Police Department – Add: Old patrol car

Alderman Phillips moved to approve the agenda with the added changes, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

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 brought forth

Ordinance

**Bill No. 2021-20 re:** First and second reading of an ordinance changing zoning designation of one (1) tract of real estate from R-1 Single-Family Residential District to A-R Agricultural-

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Residential District and directing change to be indicated on the district map, as adopted by the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2021-20 was passed by unanimous roll call and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance 2.203

Ordinance

**Bill No. 2021-21 re:** First and second reading of an ordinance annexing real property into the City limits of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2021-21 was passed by unanimous roll call and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance 1.287

Ordinance

**Bill No. 2021-22 re:** First and second reading of an ordinance annexing real property into the City limits of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2021-22 was passed by unanimous roll call and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance 1.288

## **Department Reports**

### City Administrator

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Authorization to pay final pay request on the Restroom Project.** The final Sprouls Construction has submitted their final pay request to close out the 76 Park restroom project. The amount of \$11939.02 includes retaining and any other monies due at completion of the project. Need a motion to approve final payment and to authorize the payment. Alderman Fairchild made a motion to pay the final payment and Alderwoman Gramm second. Motion passed.
- **Waste Water Treatment Plant.** Springer informed the Board about the #5 rotor on the south ditch shelled the bearings over the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup>. Both bearings and the seals will need to be replaced. We also have two blowers that need to be replaced on sludge tank #2. We would like to have HDR Engineering to put together a project to get both things fixed. I do not have a quote from them yet. One of their representatives will be here Wednesday to take a look at the equipment. We should have a Task Order for the Council to look at the first meeting in August.
- **SWMPEP Electric Bill:** Currently our electric bill from SWMPEP comes prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. This bill is an estimate that gets trued up the following month. Monett has requested that MJMEUC change the timeline of our billing to be actual amounts only, no estimates or true-ups each month. In order for this to work for us we would need authorization from the Council to pay after the first meeting and prior to the second meeting and by ACH. Alderwoman Lee made a motion to pay by ACH and pay the bill after the first meeting and prior to the second meeting. Alderwoman Thrasher second. Motion passed.
- **Gold Class.** Missouri State University has a leadership course for community leaders. We have sent several of our staff members over the years. The cost is \$795.00, would the Council be interested in sending one or two of our newer Department Directors(Joe,

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Terry or Melissa)? Classes begin in October and run through June. They meet once a month. Alderwoman Lee made a moved to send two employees to the Gold Class seconded by Alderwoman McElveen.

Motion passed.

- **Spirit of '76 Park.** One of the representatives from McLiney & Company will be in attendance at our August 10, 2021 Council Meeting to discuss our plans if any to move forward with the project. Discussion held.
- **Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board Appointment.** Danny Bowling has accepted a position on the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board representing the Mount Vernon Fire District. Alderwoman Lee moved to accept the appointment of Danny Bowling, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Motion Passed.

- **City Administrator Position.** Personnel Committee will go through and pick the top applicants. Proceed with Council doing interviews.

### Treasurer

- **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 for to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Thrasher moved to authorize payment for the bills over \$5000.00 as listed, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

### Director of Public Works

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Waste Water Treatment Plant.** Kelley requested approval to purchase a six (6) inch Flow Meter. Cost would be \$8700.00 for the Flow Meter and installation. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the cost \$8700.00 for the purchase and seconded by Alderman Phillips. Motion passed.
- **Waste Water Collections update.** Kelley gave the Board an update on Waste Water collections.

### Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **June 2021 Permit Report.** Moore presented the Permit Report for June 2021 and requested any questions or discussion. None brought forth.

### Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.** Hubert reported the Police Department received \$1200.00 in grant money.
- **Old Patrol Car.** The Mayor suggested instead of auctioning off the old patrol car, to consider consider using it as a courtesy car at the airport. Discussion held.

### Old Business

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Mayor Haymes requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion.  
Alderman Nelson asked about a previously mentioned driving range. Discussion was held.

New Business

Mayor Haymes requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion.  
Community Betterment asked the Board if the City would like to pay \$25.00 to hang the Christmas wreath. Alderman Beckley moved to pay the \$25.00 to hang the wreath, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

Closed Session

Alderman Phillips moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to RSMo, § Section 610.021(3) Personnel, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 7:46 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m. Mayor Haymes determined all Aldermen that were present for closed session adjournment had returned to the meeting. Mayor Haymes requested any other 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 8:09 pm.

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Jason Haymes, Mayor

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Date

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Toni Buttram

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