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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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, October 26, 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, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Public Works Director 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. The following changes were requested:

- City Administrator – Add: Hire Part-Time Janitor
Contract with McLiney & Co.
FYI - Election
- New Business - Add: Sewer Dedication Ordinance

Alderman Phillips moved to approve the agenda with the aforementioned changes, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, to the Board for approval. The following correction was requested:

- Police Department - Under E-tickets withing should be within.

Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the minutes with the noted change, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen.

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. 2021-31 re: First and second reading of an Ordinance authorizing Mayor to execute agreement regarding Low Income Household Water Assistance program supplier agreement between Missouri Department of Social Services Family Support Division and water/wastewater suppliers on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon , 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. 2021-31 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 14.340.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Appoint Joe as SMOG Rep.** Springer requested the Board appoint Joe Kelley as the City's representative to the Southwest Missouri Council of Governments. Alderman Fairchild moved to appoint Joe Kelley as the City's representative for the Southwest Council on Governments, seconded by Alderman Phillips

Motion passed.

- **Appoint Rep to District N Waste.** . Springer requested the appoint Joe Kelley as the City's representative to the Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District N. Alderman Fairchild moved to appoint Joe Kelley as the City's representative to the Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District N, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **Water Department Retirement.** Springer stated that Danny Cordova has informed the City he will be retiring in September 2022. Springer requested to move Jonathan Waters from Streets to the Water Department and finish training to take the position on he has passed his certification test. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to move

Jonathan Waters from Streets to Water Department to replace Danny Cordova upon passing certification, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Request to Hire Part-Time Janitor.** Springer requested permission to advertise for a part-time janitor and maintenance employee to clean the Police Department and be the relief maintenance employee at the MARC and will eventually be the janitor for City Hall. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to grant permission to advertise to hire a part-time janitor employee, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Motion passed.

- **Park Tax Issue.** Springer reminded the Board that the voting for Proposition P would happen on the following Tuesday. Discussion was held.
- **Missouri Drive.** Springer informed the Board that the Emergency Services Board has submitted a site plan and building schematic as required by the City's contract with them. Springer stated they are planning to get started soon, so the City will need to get Missouri Drive roughed in and the utilities put in fairly quickly, so the engineers will need to get working on the project. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to hire an engineer on Missouri Drive for upcoming construction in that area, seconded by Alderman Nelson.

Motion passed.

- **Contract with McLiney & Co.** Springer stated as per the conversation in the work session with Ed McLiney. His firm is requesting to be named a municipal advisor for the City, with an Ordinance to be drafted upon approval. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to hire McLiney & Co. as a municipal advisor, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

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 for to the Board for approval. Alderwoman McElveen moved to approve the bills over \$5000.00 as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

- **September 2021 Treasurer's Report.** Weldy presented the September 2021 Treasurer's Report for to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Thrasher moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed

Director of Public Works

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Electric Department – New Hire.** Kelley reported that the City od down one lineman and received four applications, after going through them, the City would like approval to hire Bailey McCann. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to hire Bailey McCann to the Electric Department pending drug test and background check, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- Moore did not have any agenda items. Moore stated INS Manufacturing, manufacture nutraceutical gummy bears, thinks they will be having a a grand opening in December. Moore requested any discussion, none brought forth.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Drug Take Back.** Hubert reported the Police Department delivered 140 pounds of prescription medication to the DEA on National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Discussion was held.

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. The following was brought forth:

- **Bill No. 2021-32 re:** First and second reading of an Ordinance accepting the sanitary sewer easement and dedication agreement from Mount Vernon Investments, LLC, was read twice, in full, 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. 2021-32 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 13.113.

Minutes Approved Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Closed Session

Alderman Phillips moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to RSMo, § Section 610.021(3) Personnel, seconded by Alderman Beckley. 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 7:33 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened at 7:42 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 7:42 pm.

Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

Date