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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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, November 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, 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: Water Line at Airport
Last Meeting in November and December
- Public Works - Add: Electric Department – Inventory Replacement

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

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, to the Board for approval. The following change was requested:

- In Department Reports - City Administrator, last bulleted item, replace zero (0) in part-time with a hyphen (-).

Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the minutes with the one correction, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

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.

- Linda Moran – Ms. Moran spoke to the Board about trespassing issues.

Resolution

Bill No. (R)2021-04 re: A Resolution for the appointment of a representative to the Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District Council, was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2021-04 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Resolution number (R)2021-04.

Bill No. (R)2021-05 re: A Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri approving the continued use of a private road recorded on the Final Plat of the Round Edge Subdivision under “Plat Notes” number 13 and providing for maintenance assurances, was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2021-05 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Resolution number (R)2021-05.

Ordinance

Bill No. 2021-33 re: An Ordinance calling for the General Election in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, for a term of two years and one Alderman from each of the four Wards, each for a term of two years, 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

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Bill No. 2021-33 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 5.189.

Bill No. 2021-34 re: An Ordinance declaring the results of the Special Park Sales Tax Election held in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, on November 2, 2021, 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. 2021-34 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 5.190.

Bill No. 2021-35 re: An Ordinance authorizing execution of a Municipal Advisory Agreement, by and between, the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and McLIney and Company, 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. 2021-35 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 14.342.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Springer reported the sales tax for November is up \$8,712.49 from the previous year, and year to date sales tax is ahead \$166,220.77 from 2020. Use tax is

down from November of last year by \$1,549.72, for the year though, use tax is up \$9,092.33 from 2020.

- **Relocation of Water Line – TA Project.** Springer stated the water line that was installed for Orscheln Farm & Home has to be moved for the new TA Truck Stop. The City has been working with the Wilmoth's on cost-sharing to move the line. The City is going to provide the pipe and their contractor will install the pipe according to the City's specifications. The cost to purchase 800 feet of the 12 inch pipe and fittings is \$31,000.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved have the City purchase the water pipe for the TA project at a cost of \$31,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Missouri Drive Engineering Contract.** Springer informed the Board that Anderson Engineering has been working with the City on Missouri Drive, providing estimates for the engineering, construction, and administration of the project. The City is requesting approval to hire Anderson as project engineer so they can begin getting construction documents ready for requesting bids. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips moved to hire Anderson Engineering as project engineer for the Missouri Drive project, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **Update on Pool & Park Project.** Springer reported the following updates:
 1. The RFP for the Pool Renovation has been advertised and they are due by December 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.
 2. The RFQ for the Park Expansion – Phase One has been advertised and they are also due on December 10, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.
 3. Financing POS will be presented on December 14th by McLiney & Gilmore Bell. There may have to be a resolution for any money spent prior to the selling of the certificates.

- **Employee Health Insurance 2022.** Springer reported the City had received the quotes for employee health insurance for 2022. The City's current policy is an 80/20 split policy with a \$1,500.00 deductible and \$4,000.00 out-of-pocket. The premiums for this policy are increasing 13 percent for 2022. The City currently pays \$691.35 per employee with the increase it would go to \$781.05 per employee. The total increase is \$37,219.00. There are options to increase the deductible and out-of-pocket to reduce premiums. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to have the City pay the additional \$37,219.00 to keep the employee insurance policy the same as last year, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **2022 Proposed Budget.** Springer presented the 2022 Proposed Budget Summary, with an overview of different sections and requested any discussion. Discussion was held.
- **Water Line at Airport.** Springer notified the Board that the University of Missouri has given permission to replace the water line at the airport. They are also permitting the City to use their trencher for the project. The City will provide labor and materials. The

material cost is \$6,246.11. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to spend \$6,246.11 for a new water line at the airport, seconded by Alderman Nelson.

Motion passed.

- **Last Meeting of November & December.** Springer inquired if the Board wanted to meet on November 23rd and December 28th due to the holidays. Discussion was held, and with unanimous consent it was decided to cancel the November 23rd meeting and December 28th meeting unless it is imperative to have the meeting.

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, and requested to add a payment to Zima Corporation for \$10,572.83 for an auger, to the October bills over \$5,000.00, and the SRF payment for \$104,814.38 to the December bills over \$5,000.00. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the bills over \$5000.00 including the auger and SRF payment, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Electric Department – Inventory Replacement.** Kelley requested to purchase eighteen (18) 25KVA Pole Mount Transformers at \$722.00 each, totaling \$12,996.00, to replace used inventory for the Electric Department. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the \$12,996.00 for inventory replacement in the Electric Department, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen.

Motion passed.

- **Electric Department – Inventory Replacement.** Kelley requested to purchase one pallet of LED streetlights, which contains fifty-six (56) streetlights, for \$7,000.00, to replace used inventory for the Electric Department. Alderman Fairchild moved to the City spend \$7,000.00 to get the new LED lights, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **October 2021 Permit Report.** Moore presented the Permit Report for October 2021 and requested any questions or discussion. None brought forth.
- **Public Hearing Notification – 107 NE Meadow Drive.** Moore reported that a Petition for Annexation has been filed for 107 NE Meadow Drive, and a Public Hearing has been scheduled. Moore requested any questions or discussion. None brought forth.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Statistics for October 2021.** Hubert presented the statistics for October 2021 to the Board for review and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Permission to Equip New Patrol Car.** Hubert requested permission to equip the new patrol car. Hubert stated due to delays in receiving the new vehicle, the quoted price to equip the car had increased by \$902.00 for a new total of \$10,402.37. Discussion was held. Alderwoman McElveen moved to spend \$10,402.37 to equip the new patrol car, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

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. 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 7:54 p.m.

Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

Date