



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022.

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 22, 2022, 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 Joe Kelley, Counselor Darlene Parrigon, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Code Enforcement 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 Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, to the Board for approval. There were three grammatical errors that were noted during the study session. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the minutes with the aforementioned changes, seconded by Alderman Beckley. The following vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Thrasher

ABSENT: None

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. The following brought forth:

- David Adams – Concerns about power outages and electric infrastructure maintenance.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Kelley reported the sales tax for January is \$177,803.29, that is up \$43,049.90 from the previous year, and year to date sales tax is ahead the same amount from 2021. Use tax is \$42, 023.49, that is up from January of last year by \$28,435.92 and for the year use tax is also up the same amount from 2021.
- **Electric Department – Personnel.** Kelley informed the Board that Bailey McCann completed this three month probationary period. Kelley requested authorization to move Mr. McCann to full time status. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to bring Bailey McCann to full time status, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **Highway 39 Easement.** Kelley stated that in January of 2021 discussion began with Hogan Companies (Mt. Vernon Investments, LLC) about the possibility of an access easement across property owned by the City. This property is located on the east side of Highway 39, just northeast of the wastewater treatment plant entrance road. Each party's legal counsel has been working to finalize a Joint Use Agreement to allow access across the property. One area currently being reviewed is that the City shouldn't incur any development cost without knowledge and commitment of future development. Discussion was held.
- **Southwest Missouri Public Energy Pool (SWMPEP) Resolution.** Kelley updated the Board that the original SWMPEP Resolution was written with employees, by name, as the representatives. There is a new Resolution in New Business that lists the representatives by position; City Administrator, Director of Public Works, and Electric Department Supervisor.
- **Police Department Server.** Kelley told the Board that last week the server at the Police Department failed. The City's I.T. provider, DaZZee I.T. Services, set up a temporary server. DaZZee also provided a quote to rebuild the server, if possible, for \$4,981.30 or purchase a new Dell server, with a three year warranty, and installation for \$6,298.70. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to spend \$6,298.70 on a new server for the Police Department, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Power Outage – February 16, 2022.** Kelley confirmed that on the morning of February 16th, high winds damaged a power line at the Highway 39 substation. This line ran from inside the substation out to the distribution system. When the line broke, it contacted several items in the substation. As a result, a fuse was blown on the Liberty side and a recloser was damaged on the City's system. Citizens were reporting partial loss of power (brown out) and then eventually full power loss while repairs were conducted. The total time of the outage was approximately one hour and ten minutes. Discussion was held.
- **Pool/Park Update.** Kelley reported that representatives from Olsson visited the City on February 22nd to discuss the scope of the plan for the park expansion phase one, and the meeting that was scheduled with Westport Pools on February 23rd, to discuss the pool and pool house renovation was rescheduled to February 28th due to impending weather. Discussion was held.

Treasurer

Minutes approved with changes March 8, 2022

Ms. Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- **Bills Paid.** Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **FYI – MJMEUC.** Weldy informed the Board that the attached bill for \$389,802.08 was the actual charge on the MJMEUC Bill. Discussion was held.
- **Bills over \$5,000.00.** Weldy then presented the Bills over \$5,000.00 to the Board for approval. Alderwoman McElveen moved to approve the payment of the bills over \$5,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.
Motion passed.
- **Auditors.** Weldy reported that since the auditors from KPM CPAs were at City Hall all week finishing up she was not able to get the information she needed for the January 2022 Treasurer's Report.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Electric Department – Inventory.** Davis requested to purchase one three phase style recloser to replace the one in inventory that was used during the power outage on February 16, 2022. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the purchase of the three phase recloser for \$23,150.00, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.
Motion passed.
- **Electric Department.** Davis also requested to purchase two three phase pad mount transformers, for the TA Truck Stop project. One is 500 KVA for \$24,722.00 and the other is 1,500 KVA for \$42,888.00 for a total of \$67,010.00. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the purchase of the two transformers for the TA project in the amount of \$67,010.00, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen.
Motion passed.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **Rezoning of Parcel 099031003018001000.** Moore presented to the Board the Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation to rezone Parcel 099031003018001000 from current zoning of R-2 to R-1 and 0.92 acres to B-3, in the Southeast corner of the parcel, at the corner of Hickory Street and Hayward Drive. Discussion was held. Moore stated an Ordinance would be brought back to the next meeting to be voted on.

Police

Chief Hubert didn't have any agenda items to discussed but requested any discussion or questions. 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. The following was brought forth:

Bill No. R2022-01 re: A Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri appointing representatives to the Southwest Missouri Public Energy Pool, 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. R2022-01 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Resolution number R2022-01.

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.

Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

Date