



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MARCH 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, March 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Counselor Parrigon started the meeting by stating that due to the absence of the Mayor and Acting Board President, we will need a motion to amend the agenda to include the appointment of a temporary Acting Board President. Alderwoman Gramm moved to amend the agenda to include the appointment of a temporary Acting Board President, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

Alderwoman Lee moved to appoint Alderman Fairchild as the temporary Acting Board President, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Motion passed.

The meeting was called to order by temporary Acting Board President Fairchild with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Craig Nelson, Deanna McElveen, Sherie Thrasher, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. Absent: Jason Haymes and Lowell Phillips. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Joe Kelley, Counselor Darlene Parrigon, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Public Works Director Dustin Davis, 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

Acting Board President Fairchild presented the agenda to the Board for approval. No changes were requested other than the prior amendment.

Alderman Beckley moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Minutes approved Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Acting Board President Fairchild presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, to the Board for approval.

Alderman Phillips moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Lee. The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: McElveen

ABSENT: Phillips

Motion passed.

Citizen Participation

Acting Board President Fairchild 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. 2022-04 re: An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to apply for federal financial assistance on behalf of the City of Mt Vernon and to execute any contract(s) resulting from such application for any grants between the City of Mt Vernon and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating, and/or marketing assistance, comprised of federal funds to be expended for commission-approved transit projects, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Bill No. 2022-04 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Acting Board President for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 14.343.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Kelley reported the sales tax for February is up \$8,077.02 from the previous year, and year to date sales tax is ahead \$51,126.92 from 2021. Use tax is up from February of last year by \$12,846.20, for the year use tax is also up \$41,282.12 from 2021.

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- **WWTP – Equipment Purchase.** Kelley stated on March 18th the wastewater treatment plant operator informed City staff that a rotor gearbox on the South oxidation ditch had failed. Evans Enterprises of Springfield can replace it for a cost of \$7,150.00. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve purchase of the gearbox for \$7,150.00 from Evans Enterprises, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen.

Motion passed.

- **Golf Course - Personnel.** Kelley informed the Board that there is a vacancy in the Golf Course with departure of the current supervisor, and would like to request authorization to advertise for the Golf Course Supervisor position. Discussion was held. Alderwoman McElveen moved to approve the request to advertise for a Golf Course Supervisor, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **Electric Department – New Service.** Kelley updated the Board that three-phase electric will need to be extended out to the new truck stop/auto plaza. Kelley requested to hire BBC Electric to assist with the project, as they have specialized equipment needed for installation. Discussion was held. Alderwoman McElveen moved to hire BBC Electric for services for \$25,500.00, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

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 then presented the Bills over \$5,000 to the Board for approval. Alderman Beckley moved to approve payment of the bills over \$5,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.
- **FYI – MJMEUC.** Weldy informed the Board that the attached bill for \$296,029.40 was the actual charge on the MJMEUC Bill. Discussion was held.
- **Advertise for Taxi Driver.** Weldy requested approval to advertise to hire a part-time taxi driver. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve authorization to advertise for a taxi driver, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Golf Course – Chemical Purchase.** Davis requested authorization to purchase the chemicals the golf course will use during the summer. Discussion was held. Alderman Beckley moved to approve purchase of the summer chemicals for golf course, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen.

Motion passed.

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- **Spring Clean-Up 2022.** Davis informed the Board that annual Spring Clean-Up will be held from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Friday, April 22nd and from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm of April 23rd at the Public Works Maintenance Area. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore did not have any agenda items, but asked for any questions or discussion. None brought forth.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Statistics for February 2022.** Hubert presented the statistics for February 2022 to the Board for review and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Old Business

Acting Board President Fairchild requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

New Business

Acting Board President Fairchild requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment

Acting Board President Fairchild announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

Date