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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 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, April 26, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Haymes with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Dallas Gramm, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. Absent: Craig Nelson. 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, Assistant Chief of Police Jason Lacey, and City Clerk Melissa Aduddle. Absent: Chief of Police 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:

- Treasurer – Add: Bills over \$5000 – Anderson Engineering \$36,990.13 and Fletcher-Reinhardt \$23,365.00.
- City Administrator – Add: COP Payment request \$134, 252.25
- Public Works – Add: Repair request for gearbox at Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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, April 12, 2022, to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm. The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm, Lee
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: D. Gramm
ABSENT: Nelson

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:

- Bruce Conway – Concerns about collapsing culvert on a property he owns.
- Clifford Loftis – Concerns about backyard flooding at his residence.

Presentation of the Audit – KPM CPAs

Rebecca Baker presented the 2021 audit to the Board. Ms. Baker reported the City has received an “unmodified” or “clean opinion” by KPM on the 2021 audit, which is the best you can get. Discussion was held.

Mayoral Committee Appointments

Mayor Haymes appointed the following committees for Aldermen to service:

- **Airport:** Phillips, Nelson, Beckley
- **Finance:** Lee, M. Gramm, D. Gramm
- **Parks and Recreation:** Phillips, Thrasher, Nelson
- **Personnel:** Fairchild, Beckley, M. Gramm
- **Public Works/Streets:** Phillips, Beckley, Fairchild
- **The MARC:** Thrasher, Lee, M. Gramm

Mayor Haymes suggested members of committees select the chairman of their choice within each committee.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Employee Recognition.** Kelley informed the Board that in March, Public Works Supervisor Roger Owens has been with the City for 30 years. Kelley wanted to recognize Owens and thank him for his service. Discussion was held.
- **Personnel.** Kelley reported on the following personnel items:
 - Kelley stated Teresa Hoover has completed her three month probationary period and requested approval to move Ms. Hoover to full-time status. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve moving Teresa Hoover from probationary to full-time, seconded by Alderman Phillips.
Motion passed.
 - Kelley reported that on April 13th Chad Short accepted the offer for Golf Course Supervisor. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to move Chad Short to Golf Course Supervisor as discussed during the April 12th closed session, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.
Motion passed.

- **Spirit of '76 Park.** Kelley stated that on Wednesday, April 13th, members of the Board, City staff, and representatives of area sports groups met with Olsson Engineering to discuss the expansion and improvements at the park. Discussion was held.
- **Sale of Certificates of Participation (COP).** Kelley updated the Board that on Tuesday, April 19th, McLiney and Company offered the sale of the Capital Projects Series 2022 COP with an anticipated interest rate of 3.44% and not to exceed a rate of 4.00%. The COP was purchased by Robert W. Baird and Co., Inc. out of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with an interest rate of 3.56%. Kelley requested approval to pay the cost of issuance payment of \$134, 252.25 and sign needed documents. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve making the COP payment of \$134, 252.25 and signing the documents, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

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.
- **FYI – MJMEUC.** Weldy informed the Board that the attached bill for \$315,350.43 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, including Anderson Engineering for \$36,990.13 and Fletcher-Reinhardt for \$23,365.00, to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Thrasher moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 including Anderson Engineering and Fletcher Reinhardt, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **March 2022 Treasurer's Report.** Weldy presented the March 2022 Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the march 2022 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Electric Substation Purchase.** Davis requested approval to purchase a KME4DPA Form 4D Control for Substation in the amount of \$5,162.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips moved to approve purchase of the substation controller for \$5,162.00, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

- **Electric Department – Inventory Replacement.** Davis requested approval to purchase 100 electric meters of varying sizes, some of which will be used at developments and the rest will go into inventory for future use. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the purchase of electric meters for \$11,340.00, seconded by Alderman Gramm

Motion passed.

- **Taxi Driver Candidate.** Davis informed the Board they had an interview scheduled with

Mr. Moya on Wednesday, and pending the outcome of his interview, background check, and drug screening would like approval to hire him as a part-time taxi driver. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to hire Mr. Moya provided he passes the interview, background check, and drug screening, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **WWTP Repair.** Davis requested approval to hire Evans Enterprises to rehab a gearbox from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the \$7,150.00 for Evans Enterprises to rehab the gearbox, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore did not have any agenda items, however he did give a brief overview of upcoming items for Planning & Zoning and requested any questions or discussions. None brought forth.

Police

Assistant Chief Lacey held discussion on the following items:

- **Patrol Car Update.** Lacey stated that new patrol car is striped and outfitted and on the road. Discussion was held.
- **Missouri Police Chiefs Conference.** Lacey reported that him and Chief Hubert would be attending the Missouri Police Chiefs Conference in Osage Beach on May 1st to May 5th. Discussion was held.

Old Business

Mayor Haymes requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. The following item was brought forth:

- Alderwoman Lee discussed stormwater flow and the City's role in helping citizens.

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 8.26 p.m.

Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

Date