



109 N Hickory St  
PO Box 70  
Mount Vernon, MO 65712  
Phone: 417.466.2122  
Fax: 417.466.2513

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE  
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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, September 27, 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, Craig Nelson, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. Absent: 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

Mayor Haymes presented the agenda to the Board for approval. The following changes were requested:

- Treasurer: Add: Reimbursement Requests & Bills over \$5,000.00

Alderman Beckley moved to approve the agenda with the noted changes, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, to the Board for approval. The following change was requested:

- Under Public Works, Fall Clean Up – Replace Kelley with Davis.

Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting with the change, seconded by Alderman Beckley. The following vote was recorded:

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

### Closed Session

Aldерwoman Thrasher moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(2) Real Estate ad (14) Contract Negotiations, RSMo. 2018, seconded by Aldерwoman Gramm. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 7:04 p.m.

### Reconvene after Closed Session

Meeting reconvened at 7:53 p.m. Mayor Haymes determined all Aldermen that were present for closed session adjournment had returned to the meeting.

### Ordinance

**Bill No. 2022-21 re:** An Ordinance accepting the Final Plat to create Highlands of Mount Vernon, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, D. Gramm, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, D. Gramm, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Bill No. 2022-21 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 1.300.

### Department Reports

#### City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Kelley reported the sales tax for August is \$237,403.71, that is up \$28,225.30 from the previous year, and year to date sales tax is ahead \$281,615.60 from 2021. Use tax for August is \$19,509.80, that is up \$4,222.97 from last year, and year to date use tax is ahead \$77,758.21 from 2021.
- **Police Department – Roof Replacement.** Kelley stated shingles have been seen around the building, and upon inspection it was determined the roof had sustained some storm damage. Kelley stated he has been working with the insurance company to get it replaced. The current roof uses a 3-tab shingle, which is covered by the insurance. The contractor that did the inspection, recommends an architectural shingle. The architectural

shingle has a better warranty, and higher wind rating. The cost difference to upgrade the type of shingle is \$5,900.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to authorize the City to spend \$5,900.00 to upgrade the shingles on the police department roof replacement, seconded by Alderman Gramm.

- **Missouri Drive.** Kelley informed the Board that Anderson Engineering is working with the contractor in finalizing the paperwork on the project. Anderson will schedule a preconstruction meeting after all the information is received. Discussion was held.
- **417 Athletics.** Kelley reported that 417 Athletics is hosting a 5K and 6.5K endurance run on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The run will start at the Spirit of '76 and end at 417 Athletics. Discussion was held.

#### 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 \$5,000.00 to the Board for approval, including the Fletcher-Reinhart bill for \$12,010.00 and Westport Pools for \$304,735.00. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 including the Fletcher-Reinhart and Westport Pools bills, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **August 2022 Treasurer's Report.** Weldy presented the August 2022 Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Thrasher moved to approve the August 2022 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Utility Write-Offs.** Weldy requested approval to write off a total of \$9,633.35 in bad debt in utilities. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Gramm moved to approve the utility write offs and move \$8,681.18 in write-offs to collections, seconded by Alderman Beckley.
- **Past Due Letters.** Weldy informed the Board that letters for past due utility bills had been mailed to customers in the amount of \$10,667.12. Discussion was held.
- **Reimbursement Requests.** Weldy informed the Board that she is requesting approval for the City Administrator to sign off on Reimbursement Request 3 for Missouri Drive in the amount of \$31,126.56, and Reimbursement Request 4 for the Spirit of '76 Park in the amount of \$323,773.00. Alderwoman Lee moved to authorize the City Administrator to sign the reimbursement requests, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Motion passed.

#### Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Fall Clean Up.** Davis reminded the Board that Fall Clean-Up is set for Friday, September 30, 2022 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Davis stated there were quite a few people on the list for pick up and the dumpsters had arrived at the Public Works shop. Discussion was held.



- **Pool Update.** Davis gave an update on the progress of the Spirit of '76 Pool renovation, stating that when he was at the jobsite the day prior it looked like most of the plumbing for the lazy river was installed, as well as, some drains and a couple pumps. Discussion was held.

#### Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **August 2022 Permit Report.** Moore presented the Permit Report for August 2022 and requested any questions or discussion. None brought forth.
- **Planning & Zoning Report.** Moore gave a quick update of items of discussion in Planning and Zoning including administrative warrants, public hearing for Fire Protection District, Mountaintop Homes update, and contacting SMOG to update Comprehensive Plan. Discussion was held.

#### Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Personnel.** Hubert reported that Dawlton Pittman has tendered his resignation with the City of Mount Vernon. Pittman worked for the City just over a year. Hubert requested approval to advertise for the open position. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to permit Chief Hubert to advertise for the open position, seconded by Alderman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Training Update.** Hubert reported that the Police Department has received "Stop the Bleed" training put on by Mercy. Discussion was held.

#### Old Business

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

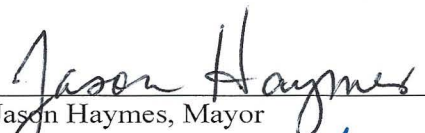
- Alderman Gramm – Continued discussion about concerns at the Public Works facility.

#### New Business

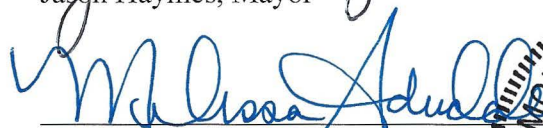
Mayor Haymes requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

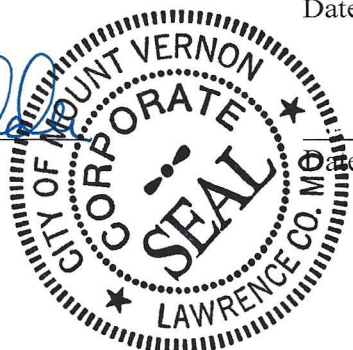
#### Adjournment

Mayor Haymes announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

  
Jason Haymes, Mayor

10/11/22  
Date

  
Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk



10/11/2022  
Date