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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, 109 N Hickory Street, on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 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, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Logan Phillips, and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Terry Moore, Assistant Chief of Police Greg Griffith, Counselor Beth Crossland, and Treasurer/Intern City Clerk Shari Weldy. Absent Counselor Toni Hendricks, Public Works Director Dustin Davis, and Chief of Police Dave 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:

- Joe Kelley
Add: Purchase Transformer & Golf Course
- Assistant Chief of Police Greg Griffith
Add: Personnel

Alderman Lowell Phillips moved to approve the agenda with the aforementioned changes, seconded by Alderman Craig Nelson.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, to the Board for approval. Alderman Steve Fairchild moved to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2023, seconded by Alderman Scott Beckley. The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Logan Phillips,
Lee
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Haymes announced this portion of the meeting was set aside to receive input from those in attendance. None brought forth.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Kelley reported the sales tax for August is \$194,384.10, that is up \$3,651.18 from the previous year, and year to date sales tax is ahead \$39,483.21 from 2022. Use tax for June is \$20,564.12 that is up \$1,054.32 from 2022, and year to date use tax is ahead \$49,929.45 from 2022. Park tax for August is \$47,302.66 that is up \$631.87 from 2022, and year to date Park tax was up \$194,613.45 from 2022.
- **City Hall.** Kelley stated that the staff had reached out to Connelly Heating and Air for a quote on the preventive maintenance plan for City Hall. Kelley stated that they sent a quote for \$6,781.78 which will be a twice a year preventive maintenance. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the quote with Connelly Heating and Air for \$6,781.78 seconded by Alderman Lowell Phillips. Motion Passed
- **MoDot Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).** Kelley stated with the approval of Bill No. 2023-15, the MoDOT TAP project will begin the engineering/design phase, with OWN Inc., this project will be replacing sidewalks along Hickory Street south of the square.
- **SWMPEP.** Kelley stated that he will be attending the SWMPEP board meeting on September 29, 2023, in Branson, Missouri.
- **Electric Transformer Purchase.** Kelley stated that he received a quote from Sunbelt for a 300 KVA that is needed for the new Lawrence County Health Department for \$22,545.00. Alderman Beckley made a motion to purchase a 300 KVA transformer from Sunbelt for \$22,450.00 seconded by Alderman Logan Phillips. Motion passed.
- **Golf Course.** Kelley stated that the Golf Supervisor and the Public Works Director asked to close the course to reseed the course, spread topsoil and trim trees. The course will be closed from Monday, October 1, 2023, to October 6, 2023.
- 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 for September and October, to the Board for approval. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 for September and October, seconded by Alderman Nelson. Motion passed.

- **August 2023 Treasurer Report.** Weldy presented the August 2023 Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. Alderman Beckley moved to approve the August 2023 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Alderman Lowell Phillips. Motion passed.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **August 2023 Permits.** Moore presented the Permit Report for August 2023 and requested any questions or discussion. None brought forth.
- **Planning & Zoning.** Moore stated that the following was happening in the city.
 - Lawrence County Health Department to have bid opening on October 5, 2023
 - Clark Center is in design phase should have drawing ready in December with bid opening in January.
 - Moore Ranch, Schuchmann Development Group LLC has pulled permits to build 1 house in phase 1 and 3 lots in phase 2.
 - Mountain top homes extended the city sewer 200 feet to provide service to the new townhomes.
 - Satellite fire station has poured footings.

Police

Assistant Chief Griffith held discussion on the following items:

- **Personnel.** Would like to promote Officer Allen Campbell to Sergeant with a \$.50 raise. Alderwomen Lee made a motion to move Officer Allen Campbel to Sergeant with a \$.50 raise effective October 6, 2023, seconded by Alderman Fairchild. Motion passed.
- 911 Center will officially open at 1:00 PM Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

Old Business

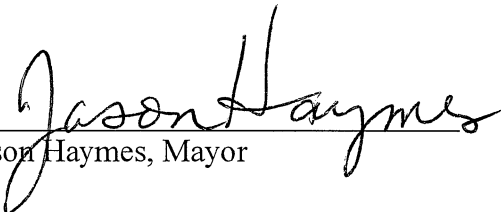
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New Business

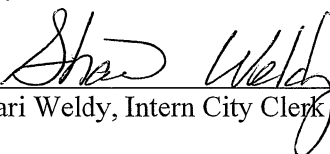
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Adjournment

Mayor Haymes announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.


 Jason Haymes, Mayor

10/10/23
 Date


 Shari Weldy, Intern City Clerk

10/10/23
 Date

