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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023.**

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, January 10, 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, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Joe Kelley, Counselor Toni Hendricks, 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. 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, December 13, 2022, to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2022 meeting as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

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:

- Tony Daniels – Update on progress of softball field dugouts.

Ordinance

Bill No. 2023-01 re: An Ordinance approving and accepting the re-plat of Lot 7, Block 1, in Sloan's 1st Addition, a subdivision to the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2023-01 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 1.306.

Bill No. 2023-02 re: An Ordinance authorizing execution of a substation easement and temporary easement between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, and the Empire District Electric Company, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2023-02 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 13.115.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Pay Request 3 – Missouri Drive.** Kelley reported that on January 9, 2023 the City received Pay Request #3, prepared by Anderson Engineering, for work done by Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc., on the Missouri Drive Street Extension. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Gramm moved to authorize the City Administrator to sign the Pay Request #3 in the amount of \$145,588.78 for work on the Missouri Drive Street Extension, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **Ratify Email Vote.** Kelley stated that on December 27, 2022, via email, the City Administrator requested authorization to sign the Change Order #2 from Westport Pools for the bathhouse renovations for \$313,568.00. Alderwoman Gramm moved to ratify the email vote on December 27, 2022, authorizing the City Administrator to sign Change Order #2 from Westport Pools for the bathhouse renovations in the amount of \$313,568.00, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

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.
- **Ratify Email Vote.** Weldy requested ratification of the email vote taken on December 27, 2022 for the City Administrator to sign off on Reimbursement Request 9 – Westport Pools. Alderman Gramm moved to ratify the email vote for the City Administrator to sign off on Reimbursement Request 9 for the pool renovation in the amount of \$264,196.00, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

Weldy also requested ratification of the email vote on December 27, 2022 for the bills over \$5,000.00. Alderman Fairchild moved to ratify the email vote on December 27, 2022 to approve the bills over \$5,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Motion passed.

- **Bills over \$5,000.00.** Weldy then presented the bills over \$5,000.00 to the Board for approval. Alderman Gramm moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 for December and January, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

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

Motion passed.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Water Department – Equipment Purchase.** Davis stated that solicitations were made but only one responded. Davis requested to purchase the hydro-excavator, a budgeted item, from Ditch Witch for \$89,622.21. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve \$89,622.21 to Ditch Witch for a hydro-excavator and for the Treasurer to write the check, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

- **Pool Update.** Davis reported after talking with the site foreman that everything was *going* swimmingly. There has been a little change to the plan due to some unexpected underground utilities. Demo on the bathhouse has begun and weather permitting they will be doing some of the concrete pours for the shade structures.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **December 2022 Permit Report.** Moore presented the Permit Report for December 2022 and requested any questions or discussion. None brought forth.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Update on Uniforms.** Hubert reported that everything is in for the new uniforms, except the Chief's uniform. Hubert stated they planned to switch over to the new uniforms February 1st. Discussion was held.
- **Promotion of Greg Griffith.** Hubert informed the Board that Officer Griffith has been with the City of Mount Vernon for 15 years, and he is a genuine person who cares about the community. Hubert requested to promote Officer Griffith to Assistant Chief of Police. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips moved to promote Greg Griffith to Assistant Chief of Police, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Motion passed.

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. None brought forth.

Closed Session

Alderman Phillips moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Section 610.021 (2) Real Estate, (3) Personnel, and (12) Contract Negotiations, RSMo. 2018, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 7:41 p.m.

Reconvene from Closed Session


Meeting reconvened at 8:04 p.m. Mayor Haymes determined all Aldermen that were present for closed session adjournment had returned to the meeting.

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 8:04 p.m.


Jason Haymes, Mayor

1/24/23
Date


Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

1/24/2023
Date

