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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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, October 11, 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, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Joe Kelley, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Public Works Director Dustin Davis, Chief of Police David Hubert, and City Clerk Melissa Aduddle. Absent: Counselor Darlene Parrigon and Code Enforcement Terry Moore.

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:

- Public Works: Add: Pool Update

Alderman Phillips moved to approve the agenda with the addition change, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the minutes from the September 27th meeting as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm. The following vote was recorded:

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

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:

- Juston Davidson, Pastor at First Baptist Church – Brought gifts for the Police Department as a token of appreciation for their service to the community.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Missouri Drive.** Kelley reported that on Monday, October 10th, Anderson Engineering held a preconstruction meeting at City Hall. Representatives from Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. and the City of Mount Vernon executed the Notice to Proceed prepared by Anderson Engineering. The Notice to Proceed had a project start date of October 10, 2022 and a completion date of April 8, 2023. Discussion was held.
- **Sidewalk Grant.** Kelley stated that on September 30th MoDOT announced the award of the 2022 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects. The City of Mount Vernon was selected and will receive \$406,719.38 in funds to complete a \$542,292.50 sidewalk improvement project along Hickory Street. Anderson Engineering will be assisting on the project and the City should soon be receiving the official project award documentation for MoDOT. Discussion was held.
- **Spirit of '76 Park.** Kelley informed the Board that Olsson Engineering has been finalizing construction documents for the expansion project at the Spirit of '76 Park. Once the review process is completed, Olsson will begin preparing the documents for bid. Discussion was held.
- **Apple Butter Makin' Days.** Kelley stated that now that the 2022 Apple Butter Makin' Days is over he would like to thank everyone who participated. The beautiful weather helped bring a magnificent crowd and he is looking forward to next year's event.
- **Personnel.** Kelley had the following personnel items to discuss:
 - City Attorney – On October 4, 2022, the Personnel Committee met to discuss the position of City Attorney/Prosecutor and to review resumes. Due to the lack of applicants the RFQ has been extended to October 17, 2022. Discussion was held. A Personnel Committee meeting was set for Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 6:00 pm to review resumes.
 - Golf Course Supervisor – Chad Short was promoted to the position of Golf Course Supervisor in April 2022, with a probationary period of six months. Mr. Short has demonstrated his ability to professionally manage the golf course and club house during this period. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to remove Chad Short from probationary status, seconded by Alderman 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 \$5,000.00 to the Board for approval. Alderman Beckley moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.
- Motion passed.

- **Taxi Driver.** Weldy requested approval to hire LeeAnn Day as a part-time taxi driver pending the outcome of her background check and drug screening. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve hiring LeeAnn Day pending the outcome of drug screening and background check, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.
Motion passed.
- **Polar Vortex.** Weldy updated the Board that the bill from the polar vortex that was paid from reserve funds is about halfway paid, and at the rate it's going it should be paid in full in the beginning of 2024. Discussion was held.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Electric Department – Equipment Purchase.** Davis requested approval to purchase three single phase pad mount 75 KVA transformers for the Mountaintop Homes project for a total up to \$27,893.25. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the \$27,893.25 for the three single phase pad mount 75 KVA transformers for the Mountaintop Homes project, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.
Motion passed.
- **Parks Department – Equipment Purchase.** Davis requested approval to purchase four square ADA table pedestal inground mount picnic tables and seven six foot benches with backs for a total of \$11,160.00 . Discussion was held. Alderwoman Gramm moved the City spend \$11,160.00 to purchase four square ADA table pedestal inground mount picnic tables and seven six foot benches with backs, seconded by Alderman Nelson.
Motion passed.
- **Pool Update.** Davis gave an update on the progress of the Spirit of '76 Pool renovation, stating that things are moving right along, and that the owner of Westport Pools would be here on Thursday. Davis encouraged Board members to visit the jobsite to see the progress. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore did not have any items for discussion.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Update on Patrol Cars.** Hubert reported that on March 8, 2022 the approved purchase of two 2022 Ford Interceptors from Jimmy Mitchell Motors. Last Monday, he received a call from Dave Allen and he said they cannot get the cars, and they are probably looking at 2024. Hubert also called Joe Machen Ford and asked if they have anything and they said no as well, and they had a meeting with Ford and they are 15,000 units over bid. Discussion was held.
- **Personnel.** Hubert informed the Board that Officer Sappington has tendered his resignation with the City of Mount Vernon and has accepted a position as bailiff with the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department. Hubert stated Sappington was employed by the City for three years. Discussion was held.

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

Old Business

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

New Business

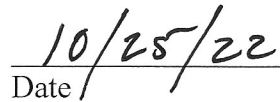
Mayor Haymes requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

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 7:31 p.m.



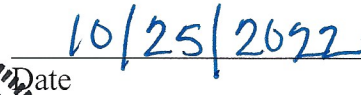
Jason Haymes, Mayor



Date



Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk



Date

