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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Haymes with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. Absent: Dallas Gramm 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, Officer Greg Griffith, 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. 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, October 11, 2022, to the Board for approval. The following change was requested:

- Police Department Report: Add: Board of Aldermen before approved in first item.

Alderman Phillips moved to approve the minutes with the aforementioned change, 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:

- Officer Ed Evatt – S.T.A.T. Club – Officer Evatt spoke to the Board on the S.T.A.T. (Students Taking Actions Together) Club, a club at Mount Vernon High School that was formed by himself and Michelle Rust. The focus of the club is distracted driving and internet safety. Officer Evatt informed the Board that the BUPD (Buckle Up Phone Down) signs that can be seen around town were placed by the club members.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Kelley reported the sales tax for September is \$213,052.47, that is up \$49,804.69 from the previous year, and year to date sales tax is \$331,420.29 from 2021. Use tax for September is \$12,934.20, that is up \$439.07 from last year, and year to date use tax is ahead \$78,197.28 from 2021.
- **WWTP Contract.** Kelley stated that on December 10, 2019, the City contracted the services of Frantz Water Solutions, LLC., to operate the WWTP in compliance with the City's MoDNR operation permit. The original contract, that was for three (3) years, will end on December 10, 2022. Frantz Water Solutions has been operating the plant in a professional manner, therefore, later in the meeting an ordinance will be presented to extend the contract for a further two (2) years. Discussion was held.
- **Pending Ordinances.** Kelley informed the Board that in the near future the following ordinances will be on the agenda:
 - **SWMPEP PURPA Ordinance.** This ordinance will allow Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility (MJMEUC) Commission, doing business as, the Missouri Electric Commission (MEC), to file a waiver on behalf of the City, for the purchase requirements from qualifying facilities greater than 5 MW, under the Public Utilities Regulatory Act of 1978 (PURPA) and adopting rules for compliance with Federal Regulatory Commission (FERC) PURPA regulations. Through the City's Power Purchase Agreement, MEC currently regulates power generated above 100 kw. Discussion was held.
 - **Liberty Substation Ordinance.** This ordinance will establish and update the easement for the electrical substation located in the Northeast corner of Spirit of '76 Park, along East Street. This will include the existing substation and a new parking areas for service vehicles. 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. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.
Motion passed.
- **Investments.** Weldy informed the Board that bids were sent out for the \$227,134.51 Electric Fund CD as it has matured. Simmon's Bank, Mid-Missouri Bank and Old Missouri Bank submitted bids. Weldy recommended closing the CD at Old Missouri Bank and moving it to Simmon's Bank 4.05% interest. Alderwoman Lee moved to close the Electric Fund CD at Old Missouri Bank and move it to Simmon's Bank at 18-months with 4.05% interest, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.
Motion passed.

- **Reimbursement Request 5 – Spirit of '76 Park.** Weldy informed the Board that she is requesting approval for the City Administrator to sign off on Reimbursement Request 5 for Spirit of '76 Park. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the City Administrator sign off on Reimbursement Request 5 for Spirit of '76 Park for \$233,858.00, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Golf Course – Chemical Purchase.** Davis requested approval to purchase chemicals for spring start-up for the Gold Course for \$21,856.00. Davis stated making the commitment now to approve the chemical purchase would lock in the price, but the City would not be billed until July 2023. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the \$21,856.00 for the spring start-up chemicals for the golf course, 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. He stated footings have been poured, pool lights are wired and grouted and the rebar for the lazy river was installed. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **September 2022 Permit Report.** Moore presented the Permit Report of September 2022 and requested any questions or discussion. None brought forth.
- **Planning & Zoning Report.** Moore gave an update on items being discussed on Planning and Zoning including public hearings, an annexation, and changes to the building permit application. Discussion was held.

Police

Officer Griffith held discussion on the following items:

- **Personnel.** Griffith reported to the Board that Officer Harris had completed his probationary period successfully and requested to move him to full-time status. Alderman Phillips moved to move Officer Harris from probationary to full-time status, seconded by Alderman Beckley.
- **Update on Patrol Cars.** Griffith informed the Board that the City has been put on the list for two vehicles with Republic Ford. Their fleet manager is confident he will get them in 2023. Discussion was held.

Closed Session

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: D. Gramm

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 7:34 p.m.

Reconvene from Closed Session

Meeting reconvened at 8:24 p.m. Mayor Haymes determined all Aldermen that were present for closed session adjournment had returned to the meeting.

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. The following items were presented:

- **Bill No. 2022-23 re:** An Ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and Frantz Water Solutions, LLC a limited liability company, for the operation of the wastewater treatment facility, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: D. Gramm

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: D. Gramm

Bill No. 2022-23 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 14.351.

- **Bill No. 2022-24 re:** An Ordinance annexing real property into the city limits of Mount Vernon, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: D. Gramm

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: D. Gramm

Bill No. 2022-24 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 1.301.

- **City Attorney.** Alderman Fairchild moved to hire James J Randall as City Attorney, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Fairchild, M. Gramm

NOES: Beckley, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Lee

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: D. Gramm

Motion failed.

Alderman Nelson moved to hire Toni Hendricks as City Attorney, seconded by Alderman Beckley. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Lee

NOES: Fairchild, M. Gramm

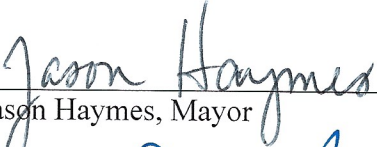
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: D. Gramm

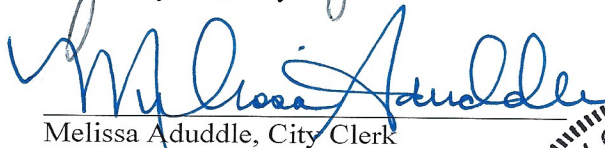
Motion passed.

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 8:30 p.m.


Jason Haymes, Mayor

11/8/22
Date


Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

11/8/2022
Date

