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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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, February 14, 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, and Sue Lee. Absent: Marda Gramm. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Joe Kelley, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Public Works Director Dustin Davis, Code Enforcement Terry Moore, Chief of Police David Hubert, and City Clerk Melissa Aduddle. Absent: Counselor Toni Hendricks.

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:

- City Administrator: Add: Wastewater Treatment Plant & SWMPEP

Alderman Phillips moved to approve the agenda with the aforementioned changes, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2023 meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Fairchild. The following vote was recorded:

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

Motion passed.

Mayoral Proclamation

Mayor Haymes presented a Mayoral Proclamation declaring February 13th through February 19th, 2023 as "Ronald McDonald House Week".

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:

- Wally Long – Speak on the Tri-County Pregnancy Resource Center, and to invite the Board to the fundraising gala being held at the MARC on Saturday.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Kelley reported the sales tax for January is \$219,982.37, that is up \$42,179.08 from the previous year, due in large part to the addition of the local park tax, and year-to-date sales tax is the same. Use tax for December is \$26,114.09, that is down \$15,909.40 from last year, and year-to-date use tax is the same.
- **Park Update.** Kelley informed the Board that the final draft of the park plan from Olsson was received. After review, it was determined there are several items that will need to be discussed with Olsson before the project goes out for bid.
- **Parks Committee.** Kelley requested to schedule a Parks Committee meeting to discuss pool staffing and bathhouse finishes for the renovation. The meeting was set for Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:00 pm, before the regularly scheduled Board of Alderman meeting.
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant.** Kelley stated last week the tail shift bearing on rotor #4 was found to be failing. The rotor was shut down to prevent further damage. Kelley requested authorization to accept the quote that was received from Veolia Water Technologies to replace the bearing for \$11,315.69. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approving hiring Veolia Water Technologies, Inc. to replace the rotor bearing at the wastewater treatment plant for \$11,315.69, and for the City Administrator to sign the documents, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **SWMPEP.** Kelley informed the Board that on Friday, February 10, 2023 MPUA informed SWMPEP members that the Liberty invoice for December contained an error. Liberty underbilled the SWMPEP account approximately \$540,000. MPUA has reviewed the billing error and asked them to split the cost over a three month period. The City will see an approximate increase of \$60,000 over the next three months. 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 an additional bill from MJMEUC for \$498,012.43. Alderwoman Lee

moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 including the MJMEUC bill for \$498,012.43, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Treasurer's Report – December 2022.** Weldy presented the December 2022 Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. Alderman Thrasher moved to approve the December 2022 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **Write-off Bad Debt.** Weldy requested to write off bad debt in the amount of \$4,589.94. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve writing off \$4,589.94 in bad debt, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **Reimbursement Request 10 and 11.** Weldy presented Reimbursement Request 10 for Missouri Drive in the amount of \$145,588.78 and Reimbursement Request 11 for the Spirit of '76 Park for \$262,200.00, and requested approval for the City Administrator sign off on them. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the City Administrator sign off on Reimbursement Request 11 for \$262,200.00 and Reimbursement Request 10 for \$145,588.78, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

- **Six Month Financials.** Weldy informed the Board that the six month financials ran in the February 8th addition of the Lawrence County Record.
- **Polar Vortex.** Weldy stated that so far \$527,718.19 of the polar vortex electric bill has been paid, and stated she believes the remainder could be paid off by early 2024.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Golf Course – Chemical Purchase.** Davis requested approval to purchase granular chemicals for the golf course in the amount of \$12,375.60. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the purchase of the granular chemicals for the golf course in the amount of \$12,375.60, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **Pool Update.** Davis gave an update on the progress of the pool and bathhouse renovation.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **January 2023 Permit Report.** Moore presented the Permit Report for January 2023 and requested any questions or discussions. None brought forth.
- **Planning & Zoning Report.** Moore informed the Board that the January planning & zoning meeting had been cancelled due to lack of agenda items, and gave an update on other projects.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Statistics for January 2023.** Hubert presented the statistics for January 2023 to the Board for review and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Officers Old Badges.** Hubert stated that new badges had been budgeted for 2023 and ordered. Hubert stated the officers asked if they could keep their old badges. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to give the old badges to the current officers, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Old Business

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

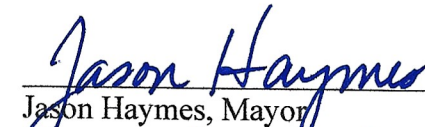
New Business

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

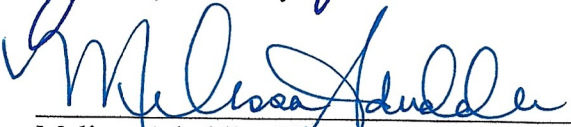
- **Board of Alderman Meeting Location.** Alderman Gramm brought up discussion on the regular meeting place of future Board of Alderman meetings, and stated he would like to see the location moved to the new City Hall location, 109 N Hickory St, in the downstairs atrium. Discussion was held. Mayor Haymes stated it was agreed upon by unanimous consent that the meeting location for future Board of Alderman meetings will be City Hall, 109 N Hickory St in the downstairs atrium, starting March 14, 2023.

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 7:41 p.m.


Jason Haymes, Mayor

2/28/23
Date


Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

2/28/2023

