February 9, 2023, the City of Lockwood passed an ordinance to join SWMPEP. If MEC gives their approval at their meeting scheduled for March 9, 2023, the City of Lockwood would be a SWMPEP member, with power supply starting in June 2025. Discussion was held.

• **Park Update.** Kelley reported that the comments on the final park plans have been submitted to Olsson Engineering, these items will be reviewed prior to releasing the project for bid. Kelley also stated that the Parks Committee met earlier this week and held a general discussion on the pool and bathhouse. 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 Doty Trash for \$17,963.79. Alderwoman Gramm moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 to include the Doty Trash bill for \$17,963.79, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

• **Reimbursement Request 12 – Spirit of '76 Park.** Weldy presented Reimbursement Request 12 for the Spirit of '76 Park in the amount of \$277,905.00, and requested approval for the City Administrator to sign off on the request. Alderwoman Gramm moved to approve the City Administrator sign off on Reimbursement Request 12 for \$277,905.00, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

• **Bad Debt Letters.** Weldy informed the Board that letters for Bad Debt totaling \$4,257.20 have been mailed out. Discussion was held.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- Electric Groundman. Davis requested approval to hire Dalton Cooper for the Electric Department Groundman vacancy pending the results of the background check and drug screening. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to hire Dalton Cooper pending the results from the drug test and background check, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm. Motion passed.
- **Parks Seasonal Employment.** Davis requested approval to bring back seasonal parks employee Larry Boxx for the season. Alderman Fairchild moved to bring back Larry Boxx at the supervisor's discretion, pending the results of his background check and drug test, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

• **Golf Course Seasonal.** Davis also requested approval to bring back seasonal golf course employee Madalyn Cook for the season. Aldermen Beckley moved to bring back Madalyn Cook at the supervisor's discretion, pending the results of her background and drug test, seconded by Alderman Phillips.



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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 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 28, 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 Marda Gramm. Sue Lee entered at 7:08 p.m. 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, February 14, 2023, to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2023 meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

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. None brought forth.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Chamber.** Kelley updated the Board that the Mt. Vernon Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual Member Banquet at Southern Charm Estate on Saturday, March 4, 2023. The theme for this year is "Boots & Bling". Discussion was held.
- **SWMPEP.** Kelley informed the Board that on Friday, March 3, 2023, the Southwest Missouri Public Energy Pool (SWMPEP) committee will make a recommendation to the Missouri Electric Commission (MEC), for the City of Lockwood to join SWMPEP. On

Motion passed.

• **Personnel – Seasonal Advertisement.** Davis requested approval to advertise for additional seasonal positions at the golf course and parks department, as well as, using Penmac Staffing as needed. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve advertising for seasonal positions at the golf course and parks department and to use Penmac Staffing, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher

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:

• Planning & Zoning Report. Moore gave the Board a planning and zoning update, including public hearings on a re-plat and zoning change, progress on the dugout project, and new builds at the Moore Ranch Estates. Discussion was held.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

• **Safety Grant Compensation.** Hubert requested to remove this agenda item, and requested time to do further research.

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:

• **Parks Committee.** Discussion was held about Golf Course memberships and the Spirit of '76 Park baseball fields, and it was decided a Parks Committee meeting to discuss further was needed. Therefore, a Parks Committee was scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm at City Hall.

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 7:34 p.m.

 $\frac{3/14/23}{Date}$ n Haymes, Mayor Melissa Aduddle, City