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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE  
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the new regular place of meeting, 109 N Hickory Street, on Tuesday, March 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, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm and Sue Lee. Absent: Sherie Thrasher. 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. The following changes were requested:

- Public Works: Add: Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs
- Police: Request to take Agenda out of order, and go after Administrator

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

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, to the Board for approval. The following corrections were requested:

- Title of Minutes: Add: "r" in February
- City Administrator: Add: "week" in Park Update

Alderman Phillips moved to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2023 meeting with the aforementioned changes, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

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:

- **Sales Tax/Use tax.** Kelley reported the sales tax for February is \$198,712.48, that is up \$31,839.02 from the previous year due in large part to the addition of the local park tax and the year-to-date sales tax is \$418,694.85, that is up \$74,018.10 from 2022. Use tax for February is \$62,070.43, that is up \$36,212.87 from last year, and year-to-date use tax is \$88,184.52, that is up \$20,303.47 from 2022.
- **Ratify Email Vote.** Kelley stated that on March 2, 2023, an email was sent to the Board requesting authorization to purchase three single phase pad mount 25KVA 2400V transformers for the Moore Ranch Estates development, from T & R Electric for \$5,888.00 each. Kelley requested to ratify this email vote. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips moved to ratify the email vote on March 2 2023, authorizing the purchase of three pad mount 25KVA 2400V transformers from T & R Electric for \$17,664.00 for Phase 1 of the Moore Ranch Estates, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

- **Missouri Drive Street Extension.** Kelley informed the Board that Pay Request No. 4 was received from Anderson Engineering for work done by Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc on the Missouri Drive street extension, and requested authorization to sign Pay Request No. 4. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to authorize the City Administrator sign Pay Request #4 to Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. for \$134,321.67, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

### Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Body Cameras.** Hubert informed the Board that he has been researching body cameras and has been in talks with LensLock about purchasing body camera for each officer, for \$5,394.00. Hubert stated the that is the price for the annual contract, and it includes, all replacement and service, and cloud storage. Training to use the cameras is also included. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the purchase of body cameras for each officer for \$5,394.00 annual expense, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

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. . Alderwoman Gramm moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

- **FYI – Treasurer Report.** Weldy updated the Board that when she receives the auditor's adjustments, she will be able to do the Treasurer's Report.

#### Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Electric Department – Equipment Purchase.** Davis requested approval to purchase a 2573X EMD/ID/U3 locator for \$7,650.00. Davis stated this is to replace the unit that was damaged during a storm on March 7, 2023. Discussion was held. Alderman Gramm moved to approve the purchase of 2573X EMS/ID/U3 locator for \$7,650.00, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs.** The following items were discussed:

- **Rotor Repair.** Davis stated that in 2022 a direct solicitation was made to ten vendors requesting bids to repair the rotors at the wastewater treatment plant. Of those ten, five did not bid, three were different designs, and one was only parts. The bid from Copperstate (subcontractor for Veolia) was the only bid that fully addressed what was requested and integrated a more efficient design that replicates our system. As of March 2023, rotors 5 and 6 need a full overhaul replacing, both rotor shafts are sheered and dipping into the ditch. Rotor 1 has a bent shaft and is unbalanced, and rotor 2 is currently functioning as designed, but needs to be upgraded to have a fully functioning oxidation ditch. Davis requested approval to use APRA funds to replace rotors 1, 2, 5, and, 6 for an estimated \$730,783.80. Also, the usable parts from rotors 1 and 2, will be used to maintain rotors 3 and 4. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve using ARPA funds to replace rotors 1, 2, 5, and, 6 for \$730,783.80, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Lift Station Repair.** Davis informed the Board that currently the lift station at the wastewater treatment plant needs a Flygt pump replaced. The replacement pump will cost \$19,100.00. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to use ARPA funds in the amount of \$19,100.00 to replace the Flygt pump in the lift station at the wastewater treatment plant, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **Pool Update.** Davis gave a detailed update on the progress of the pool and bathhouse renovation. Among the items Davis covered, he stated that the concrete floor has been poured, area drains for the pool deck are being installed, and the climbing wall will be delivered Tuesday. Discussion was held.

#### Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **February Permits.** Moore presented the permit report for February 2023 and requested any question or discussion. None brought forth.
- **Rezoning Parcel 9001 & Vacated Road.** Moore informed the Board that a public hearing was held, and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the rezoning

be presented to the Board for approval and passage of an ordinance. Moore stated ordinance will be presented New Business. Discussion was held.

- **Re-plat of Country Corner Block “B” Subdivision.** Moore informed the Board that a public hearing was held, and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the re-plat of Country Corner Block “B” be presented to the Board for approval and passage of an ordinance. Moore stated ordinance will be presented New Business. Discussion was held.

#### Committee Reports

Mr. Kelley presented the Parks Committee report for Alderman Phillips, Chairman of the Parks Committee. The committee met on March 9, 2023, and discussed the Golf Course memberships and the Spirit of '76 Park baseball fields. Alderman Phillips moved to accept the Parks Committee report as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

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. The following items were brought up for discussion:

- **Parks Committee.** The Parks Committee recommended adopting the policy change, to make all Golf Course memberships due in May in Committee Reports. Alderwoman Lee moved to adopt the policy change making Golf memberships due in May and that past and future fees will be prorated, seconded by Alderman Nelson.

Motion passed.

- **Bill No. 2023-03 re:** An Ordinance changing zoning designation for B-3 General Commercial District to R-3 Multi-Family Dwelling District and directing change to be indicated on the District Map, as adopted by the City of Mount Vernon, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Thrasher

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Thrasher

Bill No. 2023-03 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 2.207.



- **Bill No. 2023-04 re:** An Ordinance approving and accepting the re-plat of Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, and 16 of the Country Corner Addition, Block "B" and part of the South Half of Lot 2 of the Southwest Fractional Quarter of Section 19, Township 28 North, Range 26 West, Lawrence County, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Thrasher

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Thrasher

Bill No. 2023-04 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 1.306.

#### Closed Session

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Thrasher

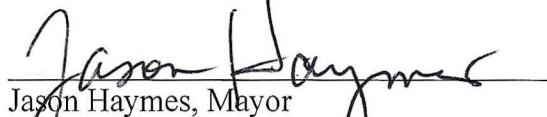
Motion passed. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 8:04 p.m.

#### Reconvene from Closed Session

Meeting reconvened at 8:22 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 8:23 p.m.

  
Jason Haymes, Mayor

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Date

  
Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

3/28/2023

