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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 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 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, Lowell Phillips, Steve Fairchild, and Marda Gramm. Absent: Craig Nelson, Sue Lee, and Sherie Thrasher. The following city personnel were also in attendance: 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. Absent: City Administrator Joe Kelley.

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:

- Police: Add: Personnel

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

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, to the Board for approval as presented. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the minutes from the March 14, 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. The following brought forth:

- Brittnei Bates – New Director of the Chamber of Commerce introduced herself to the Board and stated she looks forward to continuing to foster a good relationship between the Chamber and the City.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley did not have any agenda items due to absence.

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. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Gramm moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

- **Destruction of Records.** Weldy presented a list of records to the Board that have met the requirements of the Missouri Secretary of State General Retention Schedule, and requested approval to destroy the records. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the destruction of the listed records, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Seasonal Personnel.** Davis requested approval to bring back seasonal employees Jessie Burton, John Freitag, Carter Meirick, and Landon Janes, at the supervisor's discretion pending drug test results. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve rehiring Jessie Burton, John Freitag, Carter Meirick, and Landon Janes, starting at the supervisor's discretion pending drug test results, seconded by Alderman Beckley.
- **Electric Department – Equipment Purchase.** Davis requested approval to purchase 2,330 feet of 1/0 underground wire for the 911 Call Center project for a total of \$20,678.75. Discussion was held. Alderman Beckley moved to approve the purchase of 2,330 feet of 1/0 underground wire for the 911 Call Center project for a total of \$20,678.75, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **Golf Course – Chemical Purchase.** Davis requested approval to purchase the liquid chemicals for the golf course for \$6,544.50. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the purchase of the liquid chemicals for the golf course for \$6,544.50, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **Golf Course – Seasonal New Hires.** Davis requested approval to hire Michael Faucett and Jared West for the golf course, as seasonal employees, to start at the supervisor's discretion, pending their background check and drug test results. Discussion was held. Alderman Beckley moved to approve hiring Michael Faucett and Jared West for the golf course, as seasonal employees, to start at the supervisor's discretion, pending their background check and drug test results, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Street Department – Chemical Purchase.** Davis requested approval to purchase the four 55 gallon drums of weed killer for \$5,500.00. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the purchase of four 55 gallon drums of weed killer for \$5,500.00, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **Street Department – Project Revision.**

- Davis requested to reallocate \$100,000 from a street project on South 39 Highway to a street repave project for the following locations:

Hazel Street from West Blaze Road to West Sloan Street

South West Street form West Blaze Road to West Sloan Street

Carl Allen Street from Division Street to First Street

Dallas Street from South Vine Street to South McCanse Street

Discussion was held. Alderman Beckley moved to reallocate \$100,000 from a street project on South 39 Highway to a street repave project for the following locations, Hazel Street from West Blaze Road to West Sloan Street, South West Street form West Blaze Road to West Sloan Street, Carl Allen Street from Division Street to First Street, Dallas Street from South Vine Street to South McCanse Street, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- Davis also requested approval to accept the contract from Blevins Asphalt to repave the aforementioned streets in the amount of \$112,897.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the contract with Blevins Asphalt to repave the aforementioned streets for \$112,897.00, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- Davis gave a quick update that the Street Department will be doing some work on the South bank of William's Creek that has eroded.
- **Pool Update.** Davis stated the pool project is still on schedule to open tentatively by this Memorial Day, however, the pool house may not be completed at that time. Davis said they are looking into temporary options to not delay opening day of the pool. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **Planning & Zoning Report.** Moore stated he didn't have anything to report, but requested any questions or discussion. None brought forth.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following item:

- **Personnel.** Hubert requested to hire Bruce Agbayani as a patrol officer. Hubert stated Agbayani is from Springfield and has EMT experience. Discussion was held. Alderman

Phillips moved to hire Bruce Agbayani for the Police Department pending drug test results, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

Closed Session

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson, Thrasher, Lee

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 7:21 p.m.

Reconvene from Closed Session

Meeting reconvened at 7:41 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

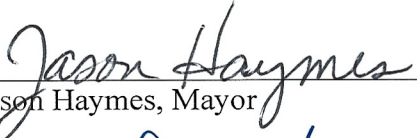
Mayor Haymes requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. The following items were brought up for discussion:

- **Other Items of Discussion.** Public Works Director Dustin Davis requested to promote Bailey McCann to Electric Department Supervisor, at \$38.00 per hour retroactive to January 11, 2023. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips moved to promote Bailey McCann to Electric Department Supervisor, at \$38.00 per hour retroactive to January 11, 2023, seconded by Alderman Gramm.


Motion passed.

Adjournment

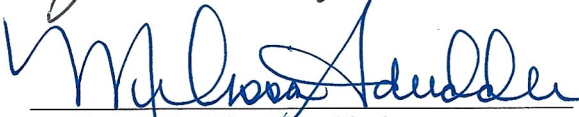
Mayor Haymes announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Jason Haymes, Mayor



Date



Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk



Date

