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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, 109 N Hickory Street, on Tuesday, April 11, 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, Counselor Toni Hendricks, Treasurer Shari Weldy, 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 change was requested:

- Public Works – 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 28, 2023, to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2023 meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm. The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, D. Gramm, L.W.Phillips, Fairchild, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Nelson, Thrasher, Lee

ABSENT: M. 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:

- Steve Chapman with the Lawrence County Record introduced Ethan Gray. Mr. Chapman stated that Mr. Gray would be taking over his position with the Record as he has accepted a position with the Monett Times.

Ordinance

Bill No. 2023-05 re: First and second reading of an Ordinance declaring the results of the Marijuana Sales Tax at the General Municipal Election held in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, on April 4, 2023, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:
First Reading:

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

Second Reading:

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

Bill No. 2023-05 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 5.194.

Old Business

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

Ordinance

Bill No. 2023-06 re: First and second reading of an Ordinance declaring the results of the General Election held in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, on April 4, 2023, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

Second Reading:

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

Bill No. 2023-06 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 5.195.

Adjourn Sine Die

Mayor Haymes announced there being no further old business to conduct, the meeting is adjourned Sine Die. Meeting adjourned Sine Die at 7:06 pm.

Oath of Office

City Clerk Aduddle conducted Oath of Office and Certificates of Election to the following:

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| • Ward One - | Two Year Term | Scott Beckley |
| • Ward Two - | Two Year Term | Sherie Thrasher |
| • Ward Three - | Two Year Term | Logan C. Phillips |
| • Ward Four - | Two Year Term | Craig A. Nelson |

Reconvene Meeting

Mayor Haymes called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm, with the following roll recorded:

AYES: Beckley, D. Gramm, Nelson, L.W.Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, L.C.Phillips, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Acting President of the Board

Mayor Haymes requested the Board consider appointing an Acting President of the Board for the Mayor during absences. Discussion was held. Alderman Nelson moved to nominate Alderman L.W.Phillips as Acting President of the Board, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Kelley reported the sales tax for March is \$275,320.51, that is up \$100,528.44 from the previous year due in large part to the addition of the local park tax, and year to date sales tax is ahead \$174,546.54 from 2022. Use tax for March is \$18,702.13 that is up \$1,095.82 from last year, and year to date use tax is ahead \$21,399.29 from 2022.
- **Missouri Drive.** Kelley informed the Board that on April 4th the City received Pay Request #5, prepared by Anderson Engineering for work done by Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. on the Missouri Drive Street Extension. Alderwoman Lee moved to authorize the City Administrator to sign the Pay Request #5 to Emery Sapp & Sons in the amount of \$51,661.03 for work on Missouri Drive, seconded by Alderman L.W. Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **Pool Deck.** Kelley requested to extend the Northeast section of the pool deck and realign the fence. This change will eliminate an area that was not easily visible for patrolling officers Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to authorize the City Administrator to sign the change order from Westport Pools for \$10,209.00 to extend the Northeast section of the pool deck and realign the fence, seconded by Alderman L.C.Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **Pool Fees.** Kelley stated there have been several inquiries about the fees for the pool. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to keep the pool fees the same for individuals and families, including the season passes, and increase the “All Areas” pool rental fee to \$200.00, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

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, including the premium for Missouri Employers Mutual for \$52,294.00. Alderwoman Thrasher moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 including the premium for Missouri Employers Mutual for \$52,294.00, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

- **Reimbursement Request 14 – Spirit of '76 Park.** Weldy presented Reimbursement Request 14 for the Spirit of '76 Park in the amount of \$425,545.00, and requested approval for the City Administrator to sign off on the request. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the City Administrator sign off on Reimbursement Request 14 for \$425,545.00, seconded by Alderman L.W.Phillips.

Motion passed

- **Reimbursement Request 13 – Missouri Drive.** Weldy presented Reimbursement Request 13 for the Missouri Drive in the amount of \$185,982.70, and requested approval for the City Administrator to sign off on the request. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the City Administrator sign off on Reimbursement Request 13 for Missouri Drive for \$185,982.70, seconded by Alderman L.W.Phillips.

Motion passed

- **January & February 2023 Treasurer's Report.** Weldy presented the January and February 2023 Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. Alderman Beckley moved to approve the January and February 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Motion passed.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Personnel.** Davis requested approval to hire Shayla Stinson as seasonal help for the Parks Department, pending the results of the background check and drug screening. Discussion was held. Alderman L.C.Phillips moved to hire Shayla Stinson seasonal help for the Parks Department pending the results from the drug test and background check, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

- **Street Department – Future Project.** Davis stated the Street Department is looking to improve the Pleasant Street and Market Street intersection by installing 15 inch concrete

culverts across Pleasant Street, on the East side of Market Street. The street grade on Pleasant will be brought up to grade with Market Street. The curb and gutter will be flared for water run-off. Discussion was held.

- **Spring Clean-Up 2023.** Davis informed the Board that annual Spring Clean-Up will be held from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Friday, May 12th and from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, May 13th at the Public Works Maintenance Area. Discussion was held.
- **Pool Update.** Davis reported there has been a huge change in the appearance of the pool since last time. The pool deck is almost complete as well as the pool liner. There will be more shade structures and play features installed this month. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore did not have any agenda items, but asked for any questions or discussion. None brought forth.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Body Camera Fee Scale.** Hubert requested permission to change the fee scale for body camera footage requests to \$25.00 in the fee schedule. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to change the fee schedule for police reports requests for body camera footage to \$25.00 and written reports are \$3.00 per request, seconded by Alderman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Personnel.** Hubert informed the Board that Officer Willcox has tendered his resignation with the Mount Vernon Police Department and has accepted a position with the Duquesne Police Department. Hubert requested permission to advertise for the position. Alderman L.W.Phillips moved to allow the Chief to advertise wherever he can for the open position, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

New Business

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

Closed Session

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

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, L.W.Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, L.C.Phillips, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 7:41 p.m.

Reconvene after Closed Session

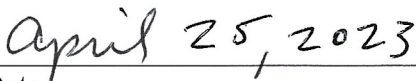
Meeting reconvened at 8:27 p.m. Mayor Haymes determined all Aldermen that were present for closed session adjournment had returned to the meeting.

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 8:27 p.m.



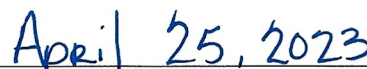
Jason Haymes, Mayor



Date



Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk



Date

