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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022.**

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, May 24, 2022, 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, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Joe Kelley, Counselor Darlene Parrigon, 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:

- City Administrator - Add: City Website and Spirit of '76 Pool.

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, May 10, 2022, to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Phillips. The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: D. Gramm, Phillips, Lee

ABSENT:

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.** Kelley reported the sales tax for April is \$167,614.11, that is up \$22,197.93 from the previous year, and year to date sales tax is ahead \$117,945.60 from 2021. Use tax for April is \$16,061.83, that is up \$6,304.79 from last year, and year to date use tax is ahead \$52,859.37 from 2021.
- **Personnel.** Kelley stated Gregory 'Shane' Angus has accepted the position of Electric Department Supervisor and requested approval to move Mr. Angus to this position effective May 11th. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips moved to approve moving Shane Angus to Electric Department Supervisor May 11th as presented in the May 10th closed session, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **Survey Request Extension.** Kelley updated the Board that Empire District Electric Company (EDC) had requested permission to enter and cross land owned by the City on March 8, 2022, to conduct a soil survey. This project is to upgrade the electrical switch station located on the northeast portion of the Spirit of '76 Park. Due to weather conditions and equipment scheduling EDC has request an additional 60-day extension. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to authorize the 60 day extension to Empire District Electric Company for surveying, seconded by Alderman Beckley.
- **Taxi Service.** Kelley informed the Board the due to the unavailability of drivers, and in an effort to maintain a consistent service, the City taxi service will be reduced to three days a week, until further notice. The taxi service will continue to operate on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday starting June 7th. City staff has contacted the state transportation agency and a reduction in service, under these circumstances is allowable with our transportation grant. The City Taxi service has 3 vehicles, and normally operates 2 vehicles daily and when fully staffed has 5 part-time drivers. The taxi service is currently down 2 drivers. Discussion was held.
- **Spirit of '76 Park Bathhouse Renovation.** Kelley advised that in the packet as well as being passed around are two concept drawings for the proposed bathhouse renovations. The contractor has provided drawings for review and discussion, the drawings contain demolition plans and final layout for both proposals. Once a concept can be selected, the contractor will continue to prepare cost estimates. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips moved to approve floorplan 'B' for the renovation of the bathhouse, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

- **City Website.** Kelley stated the City received three quotes to update the approximately 20 year old website. Based on cost, staff recommends Revize Software Systems to update the website. If approved a contract ordinance will be brought back to the next meeting. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Gramm moved to approve the Revize Software Systems contract to update the website, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Motion passed.

- **Spirit of '76 Pool.** Kelley explained the City of Pierce City reached out to the City after hearing our pool was to be remodeled and inquired about several pool fixtures, including

the donation of the pool slide. The slide was placed into service approximately 10 years ago and is still in good condition. Pierce City stated they would assist in disassembly, removal, and transportation to relocate the slide. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to donate the pool slide to the City of Pierce City, 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.
- **FYI – MJMEUC.** Weldy informed the Board that the attached bill for \$196,838.15 was the actual charge on the MJMEUC Bill. Discussion was held.
- **Bills over \$5,000.00.** Weldy then presented the bills over \$5,000.00 to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 for May and June as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **April 2022 Treasurer's Report.** Weldy presented the April 2022 Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. Alderman Beckley moved to approve the April 2022 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Motion passed.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Advertise for Journeyman Lineman.** Davis requested approval to advertise for a Journeyman Lineman. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve advertisement for the Journeyman Lineman position for the electric department, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **Electric Department Purchase.** Davis informed the Board that the cost of the two transformers that were approved on February 22nd has increased \$3,380.00, and is requested approval of the additional funds. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the additional \$3,380.00 for the TA transformers, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Purchase.** Davis requested approval to purchase UV replacement parts, so they are available for the next preventative maintenance visit, at a cost of \$6,890.40. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the purchase of the replacement parts for \$6,890.40, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **Nuisances Affecting Health.** Moore gave an update of tall grass and nuisance notifications that have been sent out. Discussion was held.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Reserve Officer.** Hubert stated a former officer has shown interest in being a possible reserve officer for the Police Department, and that he is doing research and will bring back more information on a reserve officer program. Discussion was held.

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 were brought forth:

- Various residences with nuisances were discussed.

Adjournment

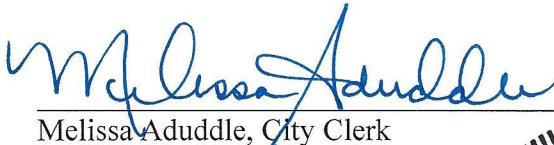
Mayor Haymes announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Lowell Phillips, Acting Board President

6/14/2022

Date



Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

6/14/2022

Date

