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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MAY 9, 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, May 9, 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: Logan Phillips. 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 changes were requested:

- Add: Committee Reports Add: Personnel Committee
- Public Works: Add: BBC Quote
- City Administrator: Remove: MoDOT Sidewalk Project
 Add: Parks Update
- Treasurer: Remove: Both Reimbursement Requests

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

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, to the Board for approval. The following change was requested:

- Under Public Works, in Pool Update – Should read, goal next week “is”

Alderman Beckley moved to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2023 meeting with the correction, seconded by Alderwoman Lee. The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Beckley

ABSENT: Logan 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. The following brought forth:

- David Adams - Concerns due to ongoing flash flooding issues, and reimbursement request.

Ordinance

Bill No. 2023-07 re: First and second reading of an Ordinance authorizing execution of an agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to include the Transportation Enhancements Funds Program Agreement, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Logan Phillips

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Logan Phillips

Bill No. 2023-07 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 14.353.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Missouri Drive Street Extension.** Kelley reported that on May 8, 2023 the City received Pay Request #6 prepared by Anderson Engineering for work done by Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. on the Missouri Drive Street Extension, in the amount of \$295,689.53. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the City Administrator sign off on Pay Request #6 to Emery Sapp and Sons in the amount of \$295,689.53, seconded by Alderman Gramm.
- **Swimming Pool/Park Program.** Kelley informed the Board that on the list that was distributed with the packet is the summer employment roster for 2023. Kelley requested approval to hire the 74 individuals listed. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to hire the seasonal employees for the pool and park program for the 2023 season as per the roster, seconded by Alderman Lowell Phillips.
Motion passed.
- **City Hall.** Kelley reported to the Board that he is waiting on bids for the repair or replacement of the City Hall cooling unit. The current system uses R-22 refrigerant,

which the EPA no longer allows, and the plan is to have it completely phased out by 2030.

- **Park Update.** Kelley stated he met with Olsson Engineering on May 9, 2023 to discuss bid scheduling. The pre-bid meeting is set for June 1st at 10 am, and the bid opening is scheduled for June 22nd at 1pm. 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. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the April and May bills over \$5,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.
Motion passed.
- **March 2023 Treasurer's Report.** Weldy presented the March 2023 Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the March 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.
Motion passed.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **BBC Electric.** Davis requested approval to hire BBC Electric to tie in the three phase electric for the Moore Ranch Estates Phase 2 for \$6,200.00. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve payment of \$6,200.00 to BBC Electric for work on Hayward Drive. Seconded by Alderman Lowell Phillips.
Motion passed.
- **Seasonal Personnel.** Davis requested approval to hire Jeremy Sykes as seasonal help for the Parks Department, pending the results of the background check and drug screening. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to hire Jeremy Sykes seasonal help for the Parks Department pending the results from the drug test and background check, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.
Motion passed.
- **Parks Department – Chemical Purchase.** Davis requested approval to purchase Pulsar Chlorine from Westport Pools for \$5,000.00. Alderman Lowell Phillips moved to approve the purchase of the Pulsar Chlorine from Westport Pools \$5,000.00, seconded by Alderman Beckley.
Motion passed.
- **Pool Update.** Davis reported progress in moving quickly. The fence is currently being installed and should be done by Friday and all decking is poured. The deck and the pool are power washed so when the fence is up the pool can be filled. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **April 2023 Permit Report.** Moore presented the permit report for April 2023 and requested any question or discussion. None brought forth.
- **Re-plat Auston Weldy.** Moore stated that the public hearing was held, and Planning & Zoning approved the re-plat and recommended it to the Board. Moore stated the ordinance accepting the re-plat would be presented in New Business. Discussion was held.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Statistics for April 2023.** Hubert presented the statistics for April 2023 to the Board for review and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Old Business

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

Committee Reports

Alderman Fairchild, Chairman of the Personnel Committee presented the committee report. The committee met on May 9, 2023, and discussed a pay raise for Treasurer Shari Weldy. The committee recommended a pay raise for Shari Weldy in the amount of \$1.89 per hour. Alderwoman Lee moved to accept the Personnel Committee report as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Motion passed

New Business

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

- **Bill No. 2023-08 re:** First and second reading of an Ordinance approving and accepting the re-plat of Lot 14 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, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Logan Phillips

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Logan Phillips

Bill No. 2023-08 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 1.308.

Closed Session

Alderswoman Thrasher 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, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Logan Phillips

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 8:03 p.m.

Reconvene after Closed Session

Meeting reconvened at 8:10 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 8:10 p.m.



Jason Haymes, Mayor

5/23/23

Date



Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

5/23/2023

Date

