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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 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, June 27, 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, Steve Fairchild, and Sue Lee. Absent: Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Logan Phillips. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Joe Kelley, Counselor Toni Hendricks, Public Works Director Dustin Davis, 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:

- Public Works: Add: BBC Electric
- City Administrator: Add: Lawrence County Jail
Add: Pool Opening
- New Business: Add: Open letter from Logan Phillips

Alderman Steve Fairchild 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, June 13, 2023, to the Board for approval. Alderman Beckley moved to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2023 meeting as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Lee. The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Fairchild, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Gramm

ABSENT: Lowell Phillips, Thrasher, 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. 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 May is \$217,702.11, that is up \$23,801.74 from the previous year due in large part to the addition of the local park tax, and year to date sales tax is ahead \$235,981.86 from 2022. Use tax for May is \$17,727.33 that is down \$5,438.43 from last year, and year to date use tax is ahead \$11,861.69 from 2022.
- **MML Annual Conference.** Kelley informed the Board that this year's MML Conference will be held in Kansas City from September 10th through September 13th at Crown Center. Kelley stated to contact the City Clerk to get registered, early registration begins July 7th. Discussion was held. City Clerk will email out information on conference.
- **City Hall - Employment.** Kelley stated that Teresa Hoover has tendered her resignation with her final day being July 7th. Kelley requested authorization to hire for the Utility Billing Clerk vacancy. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve authorization to advertise for a Utility Billing Clerk, seconded by Alderwoman Lee
Motion passed.
- **Lawrence County Jail.** Kelley said the Board that the Lawrence County Law Enforcement Center has installed 450 feet of sewer line and two manholes to service the facility. The City has been working with the County's engineering firm to dedicate this section of sewer to the City. Discussion was held. Alderman Gramm moved to authorize the City Administrator and Public Works Director to sign the required paperwork to dedicate the sewer main located at the Lawrence County Law Enforcement Center, seconded by Alderman Beckley.
Motion passed.
- **Pool Opening.** Kelley stated that the pool would be opening at 11:00am June 30th for Red, White, & BOOM, and the Mount Vernon Area Chamber of Commerce will be there for a grand opening and ribbon cutting for the Spirit of '76 Pool, and invited everyone to attend. Discussion was held.
- **Spirit of '76 Park Expansion.** Kelley informed the Board that on June 22nd Olsson Engineering held a bid opening for the Phase 1 expansion project at the Spirit of '76 Park. The City received four bids for the project, the base bids ranged from \$3.6 million to \$4.29 million. Kelley stated there were alternates to each bid and that once Olsson is done reviewing the bids, they will provide their recommendations. 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 for June and July to the Board for approval. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 for June and July, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.
Motion passed.
- **May 2023 Treasurer's Report.** Weldy presented the May 2023 Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the May 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **Budget Amendments.** Weldy presented the Budget Amendments for approval. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the amendments to the budget, seconded by Alderman Gramm.

Motion passed

Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Electric Department – BBC.** Davis requested authorization to hire BBC to replace a damaged double circuit three phase utility pole for \$6,400.00. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to accept the BBC Electric quote for \$6,400.00 to replace the damaged double circuit three phase utility pole, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.
Motion passed.
- **Pool Update.** Davis updated the Board that the average attendance daily for the pool has been about 200 people and on weekends it is about 500 people. The workers stated the feedback had been very positive. The zipline is being shipped and Westport will coordinate to install. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore did not have any agenda items, and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Personnel.** Hubert requested to take Bruce Agbayani from probationary status to full-time status. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to take Bruce Agbayani from probationary officer to full-time officer, seconded by Alderman Beckley.
- **DigiTICKET Software.** Hubert requested approval to purchase from DigiTICKET to reconfigure the software for redaction purposes at a cost of \$1,250.00. Discussion was

held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve purchase of the DigiTICKET module to reconfigure the current software for redaction purposes, seconded by Alderman Gramm.

Motion passed.

Old Business

Mayor Haymes requested any new 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 was brought forth:

- Alderman Nelson read an open letter to the Board and attendees, on behalf of Alderman Logan Phillips to clarify his recent absence.

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 7:58 p.m.



Lowell Phillips, Acting Board President

7-11-23

Date


Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

7/11/2023

Date

