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## **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 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, June 28, 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, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. Absent: Lowell Phillips. 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:

- Police Department - Add: Personnel.

Alderwoman Gramm moved to approve the agenda with the noted change, seconded by Alderman Nelson.

Motion passed.

### Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2022 meeting as presented, 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:

- Michael McCullah – City employee in Public Works Department, wanted to thank the Board for the opportunity to attend the meeting and would like to find ways to get more citizens to attend Council meetings, in order to be aware of what City business is taking place.

### Ordinance

**Bill No. 2022-15 re:** An Ordinance amending Chapter 117 of the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, relative to victims of domestic or sexual violence leave; and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

## First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

## Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Bill No. 2022-15 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 1.298.

## Department Reports

### City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Missouri Drive Update.** Kelley reported that Anderson Engineering has finalized the design on the Missouri Drive project and bid documents are now available through Anderson Engineering. The bid opening is scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and will be held at City Hall. Discussion was held.
- **Golf Course .** Kelley stated that through a joint project between the Public Works Department and the Golf Course, a retaining wall was constructed on the #8 Tee and can be seen from the intersection of East Street and Highway 174. The Golf Course Supervisor has been in discussions with the Mt. Vernon High School Art Club about a painting a mural/sign on the wall, attached is the proposed design. The paint material cost for the project is \$325.00. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the painting of the presented design on the retaining wall, seconded by Alderman Gramm.
- **Moore Ranch Estates.** Kelley informed the Board that he met with the developer of the Moore Ranch Estates and received a cost estimate of \$13,260.00 for the detention area on Landrum Street. This estimate is only for the cost of the concrete and materials. The developer would cover all labor cost for the proposed joint project. This joint project would build a storm water detention basin in the Moore Ranch Estates and help regulate storm water entering Landrum Street. The proposal would be to reimburse the developer the cost of the concrete and materials, not to exceed \$13,260.00, and the sum to be paid upon the completion of the infrastructure. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the \$13,260.00 to assist with the Moore Ranch Estates development detention area, seconded by Alderwoman Lee. The following vote was recorded:

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

NOES: D. Gramm

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Motion passed.

- **Park Program Update.** Kelley updated the Board that 2022 Park Program started this week and had 55 attendees on the first day. The program will run for three weeks this year and runs from June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- **FYI -MJMEUC.** Weldy informed the Board that the attached bill for \$206,081.40 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, with the addition of the bill from T & R Electric in the amount of \$13,081.78 Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 including the T & R Electric bill for \$13,081.78, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Motion passed.

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

Motion passed.

#### Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Spirit of '76 Pool Update.** Davis reported that City crews have been doing an excellent job of demo on the pool despite weather, and taking care of their daily tasks. Davis stated communication with Westport Pools has been challenging but stated he has spoken with Chris DePaul and Chris stated he has a meeting with subcontractors to do saw cuts and work on zero entry, and dependent on how scheduling goes, may be coming down next week. Discussion was held.

#### Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **Planning & Zoning Report.** Moore stated on the Hurricane Bay car wash, that site plans will be going to Planning and Zoning on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Moore also reported the house on Market and Blaze with the tarp on it should be torn down by next week, and lastly, he reported that him and Joe graduated from the Gold Class on June 16<sup>th</sup>, he said it was a good class and they really enjoyed attending. Discussion was held.

#### Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Statistics for May 2022.** Hubert presented the statistics for May 2022 to the Board for review and requested any discussion. None brought forth.



- **Personnel.** Hubert stated that Officer Willcox had completed his probationary period satisfactorily and requested permission to make him a full-time officer. Alderman Fairchild moved to move Richard Willcox from probationary to full-time, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

#### Old Business

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

#### Closed Session

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

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 7:47 p.m.

#### Reconvene from Closed Session

Meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m. Mayor Haymes determined all Aldermen that were present for closed session adjournment had returned to the meeting.


#### New Business

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

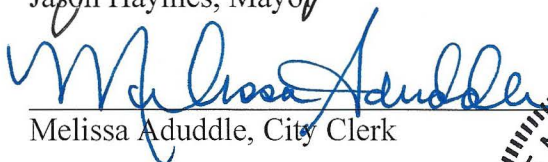
- In order to make closed session discussion official, Alderwoman Lee moved to hire Dustin Smith at \$22.50 per hour to the Electric Department, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.
- Alderman Gramm inquired about the sewer main at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Public Works Director Davis stated he is waiting to hear back from Trekk to camera the lines.

#### Adjournment

Acting Board President Phillips announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

  
Jason Haymes, Mayor

7/12/22  
Date

  
Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

7/12/2022  
Date

