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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JULY 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, July 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Acting Board President Lowell Phillips with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Dallas Gramm, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, and Sue Lee. Absent: Jason Haymes, Craig Nelson, and 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

Acting Board President Lowell Phillips presented the agenda to the Board for approval. The following change was requested:

- City Administrator: Add: SWMPEP

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

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Acting Board President Lowell Phillips presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, to the Board for approval. Alderman Beckley moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Gramm. The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Fairchild, Lee
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Thrasher
ABSENT: Nelson, Logan Phillips

Motion passed.

Citizen Participation

Acting Board President Lowell Phillips announced this portion of the meeting was set aside to receive input from those in attendance. The following brought forth:

- Gary Steen - Concerns about how Brightspeed is repairing yards after installing upgrades.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Kelley reported the sales tax for June is \$224,007.08, that is up \$1,951.20 from the previous year, and year to date sales tax is ahead \$280,625.72 from 2022. Use tax for June is \$31,256.30 that is up \$18,020.63 from last year, and year to date use tax is ahead \$29,858.92 from 2022.
- **Spirit of '76 Park Expansion.** Kelley informed the Board that on June 22nd Olsson Engineering received four(4) bids for the Phase I expansion project at the Spirit of '76 Park. Olsson Engineering has reviewed the bids and has recommended Branco Enterprises for the project. The project will consist of the Base Bid and one alternate. The proposed timeline for the project will be 270 days from start to finish. After much discussion, it was decided to table it until the next meeting.
- **SWMPEP.** Kelley stated that MPUA has asked for a community support letter from the members of MMMPEP and SWMPEP . This is for the development of ten(10) solar farms, averaging about 3.3 MWs per site The letter will be part of a grant proposal to the Department of Energy's Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to go forward with the community support letter for SWMPEP for the development of 10 solar farms, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

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 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.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Golf Course – Personnel.** Davis requested approval to hire Felicia Sutton for the golf course, as a seasonal employee, to start at the supervisor's discretion, pending her background check and drug test results. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve hiring Felicia Sutton for the golf course, as a seasonal employee, pending her background check and drug test results, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **Final Plat – Moore Ranch Estates Phase II.** Moore gave the Board a brief description of the Plat for Moore Ranch Estates Phase II, and stated the ordinance to approve and accept dedication of the subdivision is in New Business. Discussion was held.
- **Final Plat – Rosebriar Hill.** Moore gave the Board a brief description of the Plat for Rosebriar Hill, and stated the ordinance to approve and accept dedication of the subdivision is in New Business. Discussion was held

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Statistics for June 2023.** Hubert presented the statistics for June 2023 to the Board for review and requested any discussion. None brought forth
- **Personnel.** Hubert requested to rehire Dawlton Pittman for the position of patrol officer pending drug test results. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Thrasher moved to rehire Dawlton Pittman for the position of patrol officer pending his drug test results, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **Update on Patrol Cars.** Hubert informed the Board that the cruisers that were purchased on March 7, 2022, and were supposed to be built in June were pushed back, and now scheduled for September 4th. Discussion was held.

Old Business

Acting Board President Lowell Phillips requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

New Business

Acting Board President Lowell Phillips requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. The following was brought forth:

- **Bill No. 2023-10 re:** First and second reading of an Ordinance approving and accepting the dedication of the Final Plat of Rosebriar Hill Subdivision, being part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 28 North, Range 27 West, Lawrence County, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Thrasher, Fairchild, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson, Logan Phillips

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Thrasher, Fairchild, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson, Logan Phillips

Bill No. 2023-10 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Acting Board President for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 1.309.

- **Bill No. 2023-11 re:** First and second reading of an Ordinance approving and accepting the dedication of the Final Plat of the Moore Ranch Estates, Phase II Subdivision, being part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, 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, Thrasher, Fairchild, Lee
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Nelson, Logan Phillips

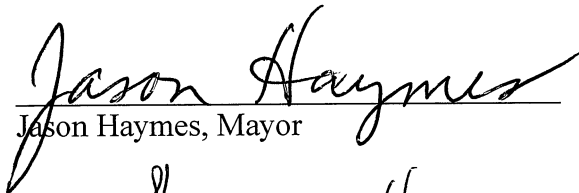
Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Thrasher, Fairchild, Lee
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Nelson, Logan Phillips

Bill No. 2023-11 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Acting Board President for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 1.310.

Adjournment

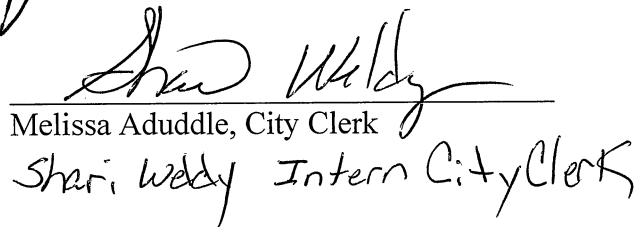
Acting Board President Lowell Phillips announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Jason Haymes, Mayor

7-25-23

Date



Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk
Shari Waddy Intern City Clerk

8-1-23

Date

