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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE  
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JULY 12, 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, July 12, 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, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. Absent: Craig Nelson. 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. 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, June 28, 2022, to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2022 meeting as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm. The following vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Phillips

ABSENT: Nelson

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:

- Denise Massie – Running for Recorder of Deeds, introduced herself to the Board.
- Christine Maddocks – Concerns about alley vacation.

## **Department Reports**

### **City Administrator**

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Kelley reported the sales tax for June is \$222,055.88, that is up \$9,684.14 from the previous year, and year to date sales tax is ahead \$192,436.77 from 2021. Use tax for April is \$13,235.67 that is up \$4,381.16 from last year, and year to date use tax is ahead \$64,008.38 from 2021.
- **Missouri Drive.** Kelley reported that Anderson Engineering will extend the bid opening by three (3) weeks, tentatively August 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Anderson Engineering was contacted by several contractors, and they are having supply chain issue. The contractors are currently unable to get prices before the current bid opening of July 18<sup>th</sup> and are considering not submitting a bid. Anderson Engineering felt the additional time will allow for a more competitive bid process. Discussion was held.
- **Sidewalk Grant.** Kelley informed the Board that Anderson Engineering is preparing the grant application for the MoDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP Grant). This phase will cover of the two blocks located south of the square on Hickory Street. The proposed project will replace the sidewalks and install new lighting. Kelley stated there is a resolution that is required during the application process and will be presented later in the meeting. Discussion was held.
- **Missouri ARPA Funds.** Kelley also stated that the Missouri State Fiscal Recovery Funds (American Rescue Plan Act 2021) application process, requires the jurisdiction requesting funds to have a resolution authorizing the filling of the application. Discussion was held. This resolution will also be presented later in the meeting.

### **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 for June and July over \$5,000.00 to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 for June and July, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

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 done all they can do at the pool and that subcontractors from Westport have been doing some saw cutting and drilling. Discussion was held.
- **Transformer Purchase.** Davis requested approval to purchase a three phase pad mount 225 KVA transformer for the new Hurricane Bay Car Wash for \$26,329.25. Davis stated that the transformer is in stock. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve

up to \$26,329.25 for the three phase pad mount 225 KVA transformer, seconded by Alderman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Golf Course – Chemical Supplies.** Davis requested approval to purchase chemicals for the Golf Course that will last through the rest of the season. The total for the chemicals is \$8,358.05. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve spending \$8,358.05 for the chemicals for the golf course, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **Lineman Position Update.** Davis updated the Board that the candidate that the job offer was given to, called a few days later and refused the offer, so the Electric Department is still short a lineman. Discussion was held.

#### Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **June 2022 Permit Report.** Moore presented the Permit Report of June 2022 and requested any questions or discussions. None brought forth.
- **Planning & Zoning Report.** Moore also reported the house on Market and Blaze with the tarp on it has been torn down, and that the new car wash has gotten the footings poured. Moore also reported that phase one for the Moore Ranch Estates subdivision has been submitted and they are underway. Discussion was held.

#### Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

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

#### 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 items were brought forth:

- **Bill No. R2022-04 re:** A Resolution expressing support of the City of Mount Vernon's application funds through MoDOT's Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Program and authorizing the submission of an application relating to the proposed City of Mount Vernon, Hickory Street Sidewalk Improvements Project, Phase IV, was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Beckley, D. Gramm, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Lee

NOES: M. Gramm

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson



Bill No. R2022-04 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Resolution Number R2022-04.

- **Bill No. R2022-05 re:** A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Financial Assistance Center's State ARPA Grant Programs for a subaward of federal financial assistance provided to the State of Missouri by the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") pursuant to Section 602(b) of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act, (Pub L. No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021), 135 Stat. 4, 223-26 was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson

Bill No. R2022-05 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Resolution Number R2022-05.

#### Closed Session

Alderswoman Thrasher moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(2) Real Estate and (14) Contract Negotiations, RSMo. 2018, seconded by Alderman Phillips. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 7:49 p.m.

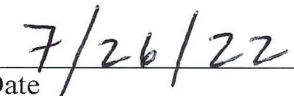
#### Reconvene from Closed Session

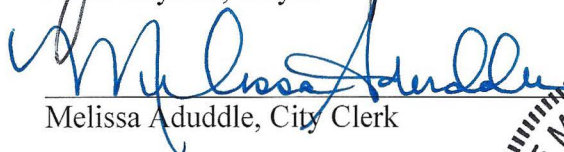
Meeting reconvened at 8:33 p.m. Mayor Haymes determined all Aldermen that were present for closed session adjournment had returned to the meeting.

#### 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 8:33 p.m.

  
Jason Haymes, Mayor

  
Date

  
Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

  
Date

