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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JULY 25, 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 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Haymes with the following roll call recorded: Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Scott Beckley, Dallas Gramm, 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, Public Works Director Dustin Davis, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Code Enforcement Terry Moore, Assistant Chief of Police Greg Griffith, 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: Flynn Drilling
- Motion to approve July 11, 2023 Agenda change seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Alderman Lowell Phillips moved to approve the agenda with the aforementioned changes, seconded by Alderwoman Sue Lee.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, to the Board for approval. Alderman Lowell Phillips moved to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2023, seconded by Alderman Scott Beckley. The following vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Fairchild, Lee, Lowell Phillips, Thrasher
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Nelson
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. The following brought forth:

- Matt Schubert stated that the city has paid in the past for state championship signs on the city limit sign coming into town and asked if they would consider this again for the 2023 girls state championship. Mayor Haymes stated that MoDOT passed a sign directive on the maintenance contracts ran out.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Spirit of '76 Park Expansion.** Kelley informed the Board that staff has been looking at potential ways to finish the funding of the park expansion, but if the board wishes to cut more then the council will need to reject the bids and start over. The current bid is with Branco Enterprises and adding Alternate #3. The proposed timeline for the project would be 270 days from start to finish. Discussion was held.

Branco Enterprises:	
Base Bid	\$ 3,603,301.00
Add Alt.#3 (Sod on playing fields)	\$ 101,407.20
Total:	\$ 3,704,708.20

The current park project will also require a three-phase electrical service to be constructed to the concession/bathroom. Below are the current estimates.

Three-Phase Electric Buildout	
Sub-contractors equipment and labor	\$ 39,820.00
City supplied materials	\$ 40,000.00
Total:	\$ 79,820.00

Alderman Nelson made a motion to accept Olssons recommendation with the Base bid with Alternate #3 for \$3,704,708.20 with Branco Enterprises. Seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

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

NOES: Gramm, Fairchild

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Logan Phillips

Motion passed.

- **Spirit of '76 Park – Pool.** Kelley informed the Board that he meet with the pool supervisor to discuss staffing the pool until Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2023. The current schedule will be in place till Sunday, August 20, 2023, with the exception of Friday, August 18, 2023 which will be changed from 1 pm to 9 pm to 1 pm to 7 pm because of limited lifeguard staffing on this date. This change will be posted at the pool and on social media.

Starting Monday, August 21, 2023, the new pool hours will be as follow due to school starting, school activities and limited lifeguard staffing thru Labor Day:

Monday through Friday: 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm
 Saturday and Sunday: 1:00pm to 6:00 pm and

Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2023, will be announced because of availability of lifeguards

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, July and August to the Board for approval. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 for June, July and August, seconded Alderman Fairchild by.

Motion passed.

- **June 2023 Treasurer's Report.** Weldy presented the June 2023 Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the June 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **6-Month Financial** – Weldy stated that the 6-month financials were completed and should be in the newspaper on Wednesday, July 26, 2023
- **Sound System.** Weldy informed the Board that she had contacted Associated Theatrical Contractors where we purchased our sound system from in 2015 for \$5,300 and to move it down here it will cost us \$5,900 or more to do. With that being over \$5,000 that requires a bid. Weldy stated that she has contacted Innovative Sounds out of Nixa but have not received anything back. Weldy informed the board that she had found some microphones and sound around \$500 off Amazon.
- **Taxi** – Weldy informed the board that she would like to hire Therese Douglass as a part time taxi driver pending drug testing and background check.
- **Red, White & Boom** – Weldy informed the Board A.M Pyrotechnics, LLC has raised their prices this year to \$11,000. The city Budget was for \$10,000 expense and receipt of \$8,000 so this would increase both sides \$1,000. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve to pay A.M. Pyrotechnics and write the check, seconded Alderman Gramm.

Motion passed.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Well #6** - Davis informed the Board that Flynn Drilling was here doing some maintenance testing on all the city wells. On Tuesday, July 25, 2023, they found well #6 would need a new pump at \$7,508 and a shaft at \$95/foot estimated cost is \$14,146.

Aldерwoman Lee moved to approve Flynn Drilling to complete the work at \$16,000. seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

- **Park Department Survey-** Davis is seeking approval to have Austin Land Surveying to survey and move property line North of the Icehouse at Spirit of '76 park for \$7,750.00. By moving the property line, this will allow the Parks Department to build a new maintenance building at that site. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve Austin Land Surveying for \$7,750, seconded by Aldерwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

- **Wastewater Treatment Plant-** Davis is seeking approval to have Aqua-Aerobic Systems repair the bridge and drive systems in the sand filter room for \$10,900.00. Aqua-Aerobic Systems did the original rehab to the existing sand filters. Aldерwoman Lee moved to approve Aqua-Aerobic for \$10,900.00, seconded by Alderman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Wastewater Treatment Plant-** Davis updated the Board on the Rotor Project, as of July 24, 2023, most of the North oxidation ditch has been pumped out and emptied. Crews from Copperstate Machine & Industrial Services will be on site August 1, 2023, to start dismantling the three rotors in the north ditch.
- **Brightspeed-** Davis updated the Board he has received numerous complaints about the work that the subcontractor for Squan. Davis stated that he has been taking pictures of each complaint and forwarding it to the construction supervisors. Davis would like to encourage the citizens to continue to call and report their issues so that he can continue to report to the construction supervisor.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **June 2023 Permits.** Moore presented the Permit Report for June 2023 and requested any questions or discussion. None brought forth.
- **Other updates.** Moore informed the Board that he had scheduled a Public Hearing for August 1, 2023, for the following.
 - Conditional Permit for Backyard Cottages
 - Re-plat of Roundedge

Moore also informed the Board that Mountaintop homes has gotten a permit and looking to start on September 1, 2023. They plan to build 42 Units 14-3 bedroom and 28-2-bedroom units.

Police

Assistant Chief Griffith held discussion on the following items:

- **Firearm Training.** Griffith informed the Board that the police department has sent 4 officers for firearm training to MSSU in Joplin, and that they had one more stage of training in October.

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. None brought forth.

Closed Session

Alderman Lowell moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Section 610.021 (3) Personnel & (12) Contract Negotiations, 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 7:39 p.m.

Reconvene after Closed Session

Meeting reconvened at 9:33 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 9:33 p.m.

Jason Haymes
Jason Haymes, Mayor

8/8/23
Date

Shari Weldy
Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

8/8/23
Date

Shari Weldy Intern City Clerk



