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## **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JULY 26, 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 26, 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, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. 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, July 12, 2022, to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2022 meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Phillips. The following vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Nelson

ABSENT: None

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:

- **Parks Committee.** Kelley reported the Parks Committee met on July 25, 2022 to discuss color options for several items in the pool renovation project, including the zero entry finish, water slide, beach water feature, stairs and bench, massive splash, and splash table. Discussion was held.
- **Correction – VESSA Ordinance.** Kelley informed the Board that on June 28, 2022 City Council approved an Ordinance amending Chapter 117, Personnel Policy, and Regulations, to include provisions for victims of domestic or sexual violence (VESSA) as required by state statute. The original ordinance was passed with twelve (12) weeks of leave and will be replaced with “up to two (2) work weeks of unpaid leave” as stated in the state statute Discussion was held.
- **Audit Request.** Kelley stated that it had been recommended that the City have an audit conducted by the Missouri State Auditor’s Office for the purpose of determining whether there has been proper fiscal, budgetary and procurement policies, and procedures, and conducted in compliance with governmental best practices, and was recommended by the Prosecutor’s Office for an ongoing investigation. 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 \$614,536.47 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, including a bill for Dirtworx for \$7,357.50. Alderwoman Thrasher moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 with the noted changes, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.  
Motion passed.
- **July 2022 Treasurer’s Report.** Weldy presented the July 2022 Treasurer’s Report to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the July 2022 Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Alderman Beckley.  
Motion passed.  
  
Weldy also requested approval of the Budget Amendments as presented. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the submitted Budget Amendments, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.  
Motion passed
- **Reimbursement Request 1.** Weldy informed the Board that she is requesting approval for the City Administrator to sign off on Reimbursement Request 1 for Missouri Drive invoices since the first of the year. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the City Administrator signing off on the Missouri Drive reimbursement, seconded by Alderman Gramm.  
Motion passed.

- **Personnel.** Weldy requested approval to hire Theresa Johnson for one of the part-time taxi positions, pending the outcome of the background and drug screening. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve hiring Theresa Johnson for taxi driver pending drug test and background check, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm. Motion passed.
- **Six Month Financials.** Weldy presented the six month financials, and stated they will run in the newspaper the first week of August. Weldy requested any discussion. None brought forth.

#### Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Personnel.** Davis requested approval to hire Colton Gorman for the full-time lineman position, pending the outcome of the background and drug screening. Discussion was held. Alderman Beckley moved to approve hiring Colton Gorman for lineman pending drug test and background check, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm. Motion passed.
- **Spirit of '76 Pool Update.** Davis reported that all the saw cutting is done for now, and that the remaining excavating should be done next week, weather permitting. Discussion was held.

#### Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore did not have any agenda items, but did request and questions the Board might have, discussion was held.

#### Police

Chief Hubert did not have any agenda items, but did introduce new patrol officer Jack Harris to the Board, and said the Police Department is currently fully staffed.

#### 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. 2022-16 re:** An Ordinance amending Chapter 117, of the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri relating to Personnel Policy and Regulations, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, D. Gramm, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm, Lee  
 NOES: None  
 ABSTAIN: None  
 ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, D. Gramm, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm, Lee  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2022-16 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 1.299.

- **Bill No. 2022-17 re:** An Ordinance providing for the State Auditor's Office of the State of Missouri to perform an audit of the City's financial records, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, D. Gramm, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm, Lee  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

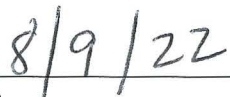
AYES: Beckley, D. Gramm, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, M. Gramm, Lee  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

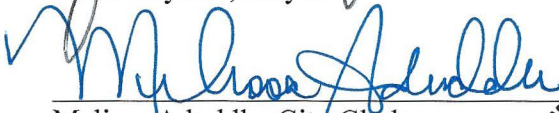
Bill No. 2022-17 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 14.348.

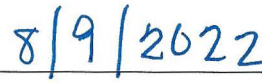
Adjournment

Mayor Haymes announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

  
Jason Haymes, Mayor

  
Date

  
Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

  
Date

