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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 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, August 9, 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, and Marda Gramm. Absent: 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, Assistant Chief of Police Jason Lacey, and City Clerk Melissa Aduddle. Absent: David Hubert.

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 26, 2022, to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2022 meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman 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:

- Don Wolf – Concerns about parking and traffic flow on school bus routes.

Ordinance

Bill No. 2022-18 re: An Ordinance vacating alleys between Lot 2, Block 23, and Lot 3, Block 22, of the Original Survey to the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: D. Gramm
ABSENT: Lee

Second Reading:

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

Bill No. 2022-18 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 10.64.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Kelley reported the sales tax for July is \$210,160.84, that is up \$60,821.24 from the previous year, and year to date sales tax is ahead \$253,258.01 from 2021. Use tax for July is \$23,871.26 that is up \$23,871.26 from last year, and year to date use tax is ahead \$73,511.84 from 2021.
- **City Attorney.** Kelley reported that as a result of the August 2, 2022 election, the current City Attorney, Darlene Parrigon, will take the position of Lawrence County Prosecuting Attorney in January 2023. The City will be beginning the process of selecting new legal counsel. Discussion was held.
- **Missouri Drive.** Kelley informed the Board that Anderson Engineering opened bids today at City Hall at 10:00 am for the Missouri Drive Project. There were five bids total that ranged from \$ 1,087,000 to \$ 1,186,000. Anderson is going to look over the bids and send back a recommendation to the Board. Discussion was held.
- **Highway 39 Easement.** Kelley also stated that the City has been working with Mt. Vernon Investment, LLC, formerly Hogan Companies, on an access easement across property owned by the City. This property is located on the East side of Highway 39, just Northeast of the WWTP entrance. Both parties are currently waiting for MoDOT to identify station numbers for the entrance. Once the numbers are received, the easement documents will be presented to the Board for approval. Discussion was held.
- **Restricted Account.** The City's auditor, KPM CPA's, has asked that the City remove a restriction that was put in place during refinancing for the 2014 COP's. KPM found language in the March 22, 2016 minutes, committing the funds to restricted debt service for the 2014 COP account and the restrictive debt services. The funds are accounted for in the City's restrictive debt services accounts: Electric, Water, Wastewater, and General fund. Alderman Fairchild moved to remove the language from the restricted account that refers to the 2014 COP's to just be restrictive debt service, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Spirit of '76 Park: Concession & Bathroom.** Olsson Engineering is finalizing the design on the concession/bathroom for the Park. The building will contain women's, men's, and family restrooms, as well as, a 11 ft by 24 ft concession area. The building current design is 912 sq ft. 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.
- **Bills over \$5,000.00.** Weldy then presented the bills for July and August over \$5,000.00 to the Board for approval and requested to add a bill for MoDNR for \$10,373.54. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 for July and August including the MoDNR bill in the amount of \$10,373.54, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Bad Det Letters.** Weldy informed the Board that she has sent out letters for bad debt totaling \$6,352.45. Discussion was held.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Electric Department – Transformer Purchase.** Davis requested approval to purchase a three phase pad mount 225 KVA transformer for the new 911 Call Center for \$26,329.25. Davis stated that this amount 15 percent above the quoted price of \$22,895.00 since transformer costs have been rising dramatically. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips moved to purchase the three phase pad mount 225 KVA transformer at \$26,329.25 for the new 911 Call Center, seconded by Alderman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Electric Department – Metering Rack Purchase.** Davis requested approval to purchase a primary metering rack for the new Mt. Vernon High School for \$10,350.00. Davis stated that this amount is 15 percent above the quoted price of \$9,000.00 to cover freight and price increases. Discussion was held. Alderman Beckley moved to purchase the primary metering rack for the Mt. Vernon High School at \$10,350.00, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **Electric Department – Transformer Purchase.** Davis requested approval to purchase a three phase pad mount 1000 KVA transformer for the new Sheriff's Department and jail for \$43,664.35. Davis stated that this amount 15 percent above the quoted price of \$37,969.00 for freight and since transformer costs have been rising quickly. Discussion was held. Alderman Beckley moved to purchase the three phase pad mount 1000 KVA transformer for the new jail at a cost of \$43,664.35, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **July 2022 Permit Report.** Moore presented the Permit Report of July 2022 and requested any questions or discussions. None brought forth.
- **Sketch Plat for 600 N Main.** Moore reported that Mt. Vernon Investments is looking to divide 600 N Main into four tracts and power will be accessible on all tracts. Discussion was held. Moore stated that he would bring back a final plat and ordinance.
- **Planning & Zoning Report.** Moore also reported that the site plan by Stark Wilson Duncan Architects, Inc. for the Mountaintop Homes development went to Planning and Zoning and it was recommended to bring it to the Board. Discussion was held. Moore indicated he would get a full set of drawings before any work can be started.

Police

Assistant Chief Lacey held discussion on the following items:

- **SRO Agreement.** Hubert reported it is time to renew the agreement with the School District for the Student Resource Officer position. The contract is pretty standard from years past. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the Mayor sign the agreement between the School District and the City of Mount Vernon, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

Old Business

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

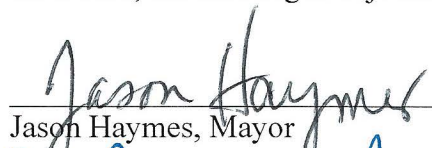
New Business

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

- Citizen complaint about feral cats around Pleasant Street and East Street. Discussion was held.

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 7:50 p.m.


Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

8/23/22


Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

Date

8/23/2022

