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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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, September 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Haymes with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Logan Phillips and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: Public Works Director Dustin Davis, Chief of Police Dave Hubert, and Treasurer/Intern City Clerk Shari Weldy, Counselor Beth Crossland. Absent: Dallas Gramm, City Administrator Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Terry Moore, and Counselor Toni Hendricks

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:

- Shari Weldy add July 2023 Treasurer Report and BBC for emergency 3-phase pole replacement \$5,370.67 in over \$ 5,000 September Bills.
- Dustin Davis MPUA Conference

Alderman Steve Fairchild moved to approve the agenda with the aforementioned changes, seconded by Alderman Lowell Phillips.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, to the Board for approval. Alderman Lowell Phillips moved to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2023, seconded by Alderman Scott Beckley. The following vote was recorded:

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

Motion passed.

Mayoral Proclamation

Mayor Haymes presented a Mayoral Proclamation to Sandy Mason, Vice-Regent of the Elkhorn Prairie Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, acknowledging "Constitution Week", which will be honored from September 17, 2023, thru September 23, 2023.

Named, as such, with September 12, 2023, marking the 236th Anniversary of the Constitutional Convention.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Haymes announced this portion of the meeting was set aside to receive input from those in attendance. The following brought forth:

Amy Steeper 700 E Center St. asked if there was anything the city could do about the flooding of her property, in recent rains her property and the person living in the RV has flooded from water coming off Jefferson St. and Washington St.

Josefa Mc Connell 551 E South St the alley behind her house has a hole that is getting bigger asked if the city could get it fixed.

David Adams stated that he was shocked the council approved spending taxpayer money and approved the park expansion after it was stated the park expansion was over budget and that the money should be spent on roads. Mr. Adams asked do we need the police force since we are the county seat could you use the county to police the city. Mr. Adams asked how the body camera's footage is being stored and has heard the city police department was deleting evidence.

Brittany Bates Chamber of Commerce Director wanted to thank the city personal with allowing the stage to be placed on the green space this year for Apple Butter Makin Days and stated the kid zone will be moving to the Spirit of '76 Park.

Department Reports

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 August and September, to include BBC for \$5,370.67 to the Board for approval. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 for August and September to include BBC Electric for \$5,370.67, seconded by Alderman Logan Phillips.
Motion passed.
- **Write Off to Online Collections.** Weldy requested approval to write off \$ 6,606.59 to Online Collections for bad debt. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve writing off bad debt to Online Collections in the amount of \$ 6,606.59, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.
Motion passed.
- **Letters Wrote for bad debt.** Weldy stated that she sent out letters for current bad debt for \$ 5,995.60.

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

Director of Public Works

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Electric Department**

Davis stated the Electric Department needs to purchase wire and conduit for \$15,585.00. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the wire and conduit for \$ 15,585.00, seconded by Alderman Beckley. Motion passed.

Davis stated the Electric Department needs to purchase transformer for inventory,

- 10 – Single phase pole mount 25 KVA \$1,895 each \$ 18,950
- 10 – Single phase pole mount 15 KVA \$ 1,705 each \$ 17,050

Alderman Logan Phillips moved to approve the purchase of Transformers for \$36,000, seconded by Alderman Fairchild. Motion passed.

- **Parks Department**

Davis presented three bids for a 40' x 60' Parks Maintenance Building

- C & C \$58,500
- Robb's \$48,162.45
- Amazing Oklahoma \$ 64,201

Alderman Fairchild moved to approve C & C for \$58,500, seconded by Alderman Logan Phillips. Motion passed.

- Fall Cleanup will be October 6, 2023, from 8 am to 4 pm and October 7, 2023, from 8 am to 12 pm.
- Davis stated that he would not be in attendance on September 26, 2023 because he will be attending MPAU Conference in Branson.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Statistics for August 2023.** Hubert presented the statistics for August 2023 to the Board for review and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Air Conditioner/Heat Unit for Patrol office.** Hubert stated the new air conditioner/heat unit has been installed.

Old Business

None

Committee Report

Alderman Lowell Phillips reported that the Focus Group had their first meeting on September 14, 2023, at 9:13 am.

Lowell Phillips appointed Chairman of the Committee

Jason Haymes appointed Secretary.

Sewer Service for property discussed: Options presented for a service line from the north and another towards the south, the committee decided the best place was from the north because it would be less length and cost.

Service line easement and land survey was discussed. The committee decided to proceed to get an easement with Dan Cline Trucking and have the easement surveyed.

Discussion was held on what the committee would like to do with the house on the property options discussed:

- Sell the house a parcel it sits on.
- Demolish the house and buildings.
- Repurpose the buildings for City use.
- Sell the house to be moved off property.

The committee decided to sell the house and have moved off property.

Remaining items had to be tabled because Public Works got called out on an emergency water leak.

Next meeting will be October 5, 2023, at 9 am.

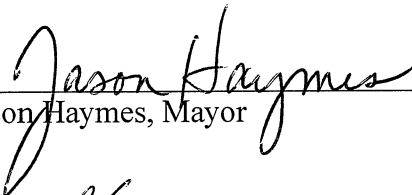
New Business

Alderwomen Lee made a motion to purchase sewer pipes up to \$20,000, seconded by Alderman Fairchild. Mayor Haymes stated to proceed with the Survey/Easement with Aaron Austin, no motion needed since it was below \$3,000.

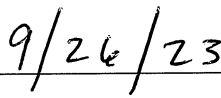
Mayor Haymes stated that we would except sealed bids on house from October 1, 2023, to November 15, 2023. In the bids it should state house has to be moved by May 2024.

Adjournment

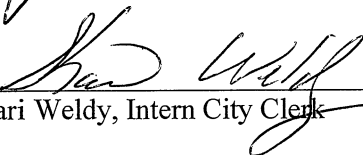
Mayor Haymes announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Jason Haymes, Mayor



Date



Shari Weldy, Intern City Clerk



Date