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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024

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, March 26, 2024, 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, Steve Fairchild, Logan Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Joe Kelley, Public Works Director Dustin Davis, Code Enforcement Terry Moore, Chief of Police David Hubert, City Attorney Toni Hendricks, Treasurer Shari Weldy, and City Clerk April Hale.

Guests registering their attendance are listed on the sign in sheet attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Haymes presented the agenda to the Board for approval with aforementioned change to strike the Police bullet point “permission to order MDT’s/computers.” Alderman Lowell Phillips moved to approve the agenda with the mentioned changes, seconded by Alderman Scott Beckley. Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, to the Board for approval. Alderman Lowell Phillips moved to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2024, Board of Aldermen meeting, seconded by Alderman Steve Fairchild. Motion passed.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Haymes announced this portion of the meeting was set aside to receive input from those in attendance.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Southwest Missouri Public Energy Pool (SWMPEP).** Kelley reported the Missouri Electric Commission (MEC) board approved the Amended and Restated SWMPEP Power Supply and Administration Agreement at the March 7, 2024, meeting. This amendment removes Sections 11.2 through 11.7 of the current agreement pertaining to member representation on the SWMPEP Committee and adds Bylaws to address these issues, updating voting members from two per city to one per city. The Bylaws and agreement changes were discussed and approved by the SWMPEP Committee in 2023, when the City of Lockwood joined the power pool. The reading of a Resolution will be presented later in the meeting for formal approval.

- **Oil Change Bid.** Kelley reported March 14th, 2024, a bid opening for City transit and general fleet vehicles was held. Prior to the bid opening, the City directly solicited four area companies, published the bid notice in the paper, and responded to one additional request. At the opening, the City received bid proposals from Super Lube, Hills Automotive, and L&M Tire and Auto. The proposal sheet is included in the Council Packet. Based on staff review, the following recommendations are presented.
 - City Transit Vehicles - Staff recommends the City use Super Lube for the City transit vehicles.
 - City General Fleet Vehicles - Staff recommends the City use L&M Tire and Auto for the City General Fleet vehicles.

The reading of Resolutions will be presented later in the meeting for formal approvals.

- **Parks Committee.** Kelley reported the Parks Committee will meet on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 5:30 pm at City Hall. The meeting will discuss the following topics: 2024 Pool Season, 2024 Summer Program, and an update on the Spirit of 76 Park.

Kelley asked if there were any additional questions of the Board of Aldermen. Alderwoman Sherie Thrasher asked for the status on posting the job opening(s) for The MARC. Kelley stated he will be presenting the job opening(s) at the next board meeting.

Treasurer

Ms. Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- **Bills Paid.** Weldy presented the March 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 March & April to the Board for approval.

Alderwoman Sue Lee moved to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 for March & April, seconded by Alderman Logan Phillips. Motion passed.

Public Works Report

Mr. Davis held discussion on the following items:

- **Electric Department: Full-Time Personnel.** Davis asked for approval to hire Jacob Garretson as a full-time Lineman for the Electric Department pending his background check and drug test. Alderman Logan Phillips made a motion to hire Jacob Garretson as a full-time Lineman for the Electric Department pending his background check and drug test, seconded by Alderman Lowell Phillips. Motion passed.
- **Golf Course: Part-Time Personnel.** Davis asked for approval to hire Rachael Messenger as a seasonal Golf Course clerk pending her background check and drug test. Alderman Logan Phillips made a motion to hire Rachael Messenger as a seasonal Golf Course clerk pending her background check and drug test, seconded by Alderman Lowell Phillips. Motion passed.
- **Parks Department: Seasonal Personnel.** Davis asked for approval to bring seasonal employee, Jeremy Sykes, back for the 2024 season pending his drug test. Alderman Steve Fairchild made a motion to approve bringing back seasonal employee, Jeremy Sykes, back for the 2024 season pending his drug test, seconded by Alderman Logan Phillips. Motion passed.

- **Waste Water: Equipment Purchase.** Davis asked for approval to purchase replacement parts for the disinfection UV system at the Waste Water Plant for \$44,973.00. Alderwoman Sue Lee made a motion to approve the purchase of replacement parts for the disinfection UV system at the Waste Water Plant for \$44,973.00, seconded by Alderman Scott Beckley. Motion passed.
- **Southwest Missouri Water.** Davis reported the next meeting for SWMO will be on April 18, 2024, at 9:00am in Monett.
- **Spring City Wide Cleanup.** Davis reported the Spring Cleanup will be May 3rd and 4th. Publication dates for the Lawrence County Record will be April 10th, 17th, 24th, and May 1st.

Code Enforcement Report

Mr. Moore held discussion of the following items:

- **Special Use Permit.** Moore reported a Special Use Permit would be presented by the reading of an Ordinance later in the meeting for formal approval.
- **Conditional Use Permit.** Moore reported a Conditional Use Permit would be presented by the reading of an Ordinance later in the meeting for formal approval.
- **Building Report.** Moore reported there are (9) nine new homes under construction and (2) two new homes completed being put on the market.

Police

Chief David Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Police Officer Open Position.** Hubert will be presenting the job opening at the next board meeting and plans to advertise with Indeed.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Bill No. 2024-06 re: First and second reading, by title only, of an ordinance approving a Conditional Use Permit for 101 W North Street located in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri.

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Fairchild, Logan Phillips, Thrasher, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Fairchild, Logan Phillips, Thrasher, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2024-06 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 2.210.

Bill No. 2024-07 re: First and second reading, by title only, of an ordinance granting approval of a Special Use Permit for barbed wire fencing at 520 N Spring Park Blvd, located in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, under the authority granted by the zoning regulations of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri.

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Fairchild, Logan Phillips, Thrasher, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Fairchild, Logan Phillips, Thrasher, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2024-07 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 2.211.

Bill No. 2024-08 re: First and second reading, by title only, of a resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the City Administrator to sign an Emergency Aid Agreement between the Mount Vernon Veterans Home and the City of Mount Vernon for use of The Marc as a temporary evacuation location as soon as possible after notification of an emergency event.

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Fairchild, Logan Phillips, Thrasher, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Fairchild, Logan Phillips, Thrasher, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2024-08 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Resolution Number R2024-03.

Bill No. 2024-09 re: First and second reading, by title only, of a resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri awarding a bid, for oil change & service for general city-owned vehicles, to L&M Tire & Auto upon the terms and conditions included in the bid packet and successful bid.

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Fairchild, Logan Phillips, Thrasher, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Fairchild, Logan Phillips, Thrasher, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2024-09 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Resolution Number R2024-04.

Bill No. 2024-10 re: First and second reading, by title only, of a resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri awarding a bid, for oil change & service for transit vehicles, to Super Lube upon the terms and conditions included in the bid packet and successful bid.

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Fairchild, Logan Phillips, Thrasher, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Fairchild, Logan Phillips, Thrasher, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2024-10 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Resolution Number R2024-05.

Bill No. 2024-11 re: First and second reading, by title only, of an ordinance approving the amended and restated power supply and administration agreement among the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission d/b/a Missouri Electric Commission and members of the Southwest Missouri Public Energy Pool.

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Fairchild, Logan Phillips, Thrasher, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Gramm, Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Fairchild, Logan Phillips, Thrasher, Lee

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2024-11 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 13.116.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Mayor Haymes announced there was no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Jason Haymes
Jason Haymes, Mayor

4/9/24
Date

April Hale
April Hale, City Clerk

4/9/2024
Date

