

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call recorded: J.N. Greene, Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Barbara Rubison and Sue Lee. Absent: Jason Haymes and Kathy Fairchild. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert, Fire Chief Brad DeLay and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

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

Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- City Administrator Report: Add IFI-Mt. Vernon, LLC Discussion
Add Mercy Life Line Discussion

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the August 25, 2015 meeting to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from the public and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer reported sales tax revenue was back to normal with an increase of 16.7% compared to 2014 revenues.
- Small Community Engineering Grant. Springer reported the Board previously were presented the grant at the January 13, 2015 meeting, with the Board voting to proceed with pursuing grant valued at \$60,340.00 with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Springer noted the grant was presented to the Board as a “no share” grant, but when staff reviewed the agreement it was discovered the grant was an 80/20 grant, with the cities share \$12,068.00. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison approving expenditure of \$12,068.00 for city share of engineering grant. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- 911 Dispatch. Springer invited the Mayor, Board of Aldermen and staff to attend the commemoration ceremony for the Monett-Lawrence County 9-1-1 Dispatch Center on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at the Monett Justice Center.
- Veterans Way Committee. Springer requested a committee be appointed to consider promoting our community as being a Veteran friendly community and designating Hickory Street, beginning at the Missouri Veteran's Home and ending at Highway 174, as "Veteran's Way". Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee and Alderman Kimbler volunteered to serve on this committee.
- Mediacom. Springer reported Mediacom has received requests to provide high-speed internet to several businesses on the south side of Interstate 44 and has requested the city allow attaching to one of the three-phase lines that cross the interstate highway. Springer noted he and Stanton felt attachment would not be ideal, but suggested the use of the 4-inch conduit that runs under the highway. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to abandon the 4-inch underground conduit and allow Mediacom to assume ownership. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- IFI-Mt. Vernon, LLC Request. Springer discussed a suggestion from IFI-Mt. Vernon, LLC requesting local groups, citizens and the media begin a grass-roots campaign to retain the Gene Taylor Community-based Outpatient Clinic at its current location of 600 N. Main St. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden scheduled an informational discussion, be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., for anyone interested in organizing the campaign.
- Mercy Life Air Medical Resources. Springer presented a program offered to employees and Board members which will pay expenses not covered by insurance, i.e., co-pay, deductible and out-of-pocket expenses for air ambulance services, with a cost of \$59.00 per person or \$49.00 per person if twenty or more participate. Discussion was held.
- Southwest Regional Workshop. Springer reported the Missouri Municipal League has scheduled the Southwest Regional meeting for October 29, 2015, in Ash Grove, Missouri. Springer noted this meeting is a way for municipal officials to meet with other neighboring officials. Mayor Eden requested those interested in attending should RSVP with City Clerk to schedule attendance.
- Tri-State Coalition Annual Meeting. Springer reported the Tri-State Water Resource Coalition would be holding an annual regional water conference on October 22 and 23rd and requested those interested in attending should RSVP to City Clerk to schedule attendance.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the Bills Paid report and requested discussion. None brought forth.
- August Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the August Treasurer Report for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to approve report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Weldy presented a bid tab for investment of a matured certificate of deposit at Mid-Missouri Bank for \$400,763.85. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by

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Alderwoman Rubison to invest matured amount at Mid-Missouri Bank for eighteen months at 0.30% interest rate. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following item:

- Fall Cleanup. Stanton reported Fall Cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2015. Stanton noted there will be no charge on electronics. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- August Statistic Report. Conway presented the August Statistic Report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Belmont Development. Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission discussed the duplex proposal from Belmont Development.
- Comprehensive Plan Review. Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission was continuing
- Community Improvement Project (CIP). Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission discussed community improvement projects.
- Public Hearing. Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission would hold a Public Hearing, scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2015, to consider re-zoning request for the following locations:
 - Change from B-2 to B1-A Zoning: Beginning at the west side of Hazel westerly to the east side of Landrum, including the south side of North Street to the north side of Water Street, including an area north of the existing B1-A District to be extended from the south side of Pleasant Street to the south side of South Street, between the east side of Market Street to the west side of Vine Street.
 - Change from R-1 to R-3 Zoning: a lot located between Fillmore and Walnut Streets.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- August Statistic Report. Hubert presented the August Statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- 911 Dispatch. Hubert reported the transfer date for dispatch on September 1, 2015 went smoothly with no complaints from his department.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Discussion was held regarding the drug depository receptacle located at City Hall.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received two calls since last report.
- Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. DeLay reported the annual ladder truck certification was scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2015.

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- Training. DeLay reported a walk-through/pre-plan was held at the Lawrence County Manor on August 26, 2015.
- Community Events. DeLay reported the department attended the following community events:
 - September 2, 2015 First Baptist Church for Boy Scouts
 - September 5, 2015 Miller Fall Festival Parade
 - September 8, 2015 Mount Vernon 2nd Grade
- Miscellaneous. DeLay reported the department has collected a new record of \$5,200 during the Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive. DeLay also reported the department has received grant money for smoke alarms. DeLay noted it was the department's goal to have a fire alarm installed in each house inside the city limits. DeLay requested the smoke alarm giveaway be posted on the city's website and Facebook.

Committee Reports.

- Parks. Springer reported the committee met on Monday, August 31, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. and held discussion on the concession stand, which included the air conditioning unit and ice machine, Field #4 maintenance after games and replacement of MUSCO lighting, dug-outs, batting cage and the direction of projects for the Spirit of 76 additional park lands. Alderman Nelson reported the league spent \$2,400.00 to install tops on dugouts on Field #1, #2 and #3 and is requesting the city split cost. Alderman Nelson made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee authorizing payment of \$1,200.00 for city share of costs for materials. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Personnel. Springer reported the committee met on Monday, August 31, 2015 at 4:00 p.m., with all committee members in attendance. Springer reported the committee discussed and recommended a 2 ½ % COLA increase for the 2016 budget year, with the exception of any laborer position receiving over \$40,000.00 per year, which will be capped at their present level. Springer reported the committee also agreed that it would revisit at a later date any pay levels of part-time parks program/aquatics employees and any changes that would be based on evaluations and/or the impact of a proposed increase in minimum wage.
- Public Works/Streets. Alderman Phillips reported the committee met on Monday, August 31, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. and held discussion regarding capital improvement plan projects for the 2016 budget. Alderman Phillips reported it is the Committee's recommendation for the 2016 budget focus is Gibbs Street, which would include replacement of a 4" main with a 6" main and then to resurface. Discussion was held.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Old Business.

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

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Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date