

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 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, December 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, Kathy Fairchild and Sue Lee. Absent: Jason Haymes, Edward Kimbler and Sandy Martin. 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, Assistant Fire Chief Grant Wheeler 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 Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- City Administrator Report. Remove Insurance Quotes discussion.
- Director of Public Works. Add Discussion to purchase equipment for the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from Tuesday, November 24, 2015 meeting to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson 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.

Planning and Zoning Commission Appointment.

Mayor Eden recommended the following appointments to serve a four year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission:

- David K. Wright
- Rick Fobair

Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to accept recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Board of Adjustment Appointment.

Mayor Eden recommended appointing Clinton Smith to serve on the Board of Adjustment for a five year term. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to accept the recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2015-034 re: An ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri at Section 700.130(A) regarding monthly charges for water was read for the second and final reading, by title only, with the following roll call votes recorded:

Second/Final Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Fairchild, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes, Kimbler, Martin

Bill No. 2015-034 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-034 thus became Ordinance Number 13.104.

Bill No. 2015-035 re: An ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri at Section 710.120 regarding monthly charges for sewer was read for the second and final reading, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

Second/Final Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Fairchild, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes, Kimbler, Martin

Bill No. 2015-035 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-035 thus became Ordinance Number 13.105.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer reported sales tax revenues have remained steady.
- Rising Fenix Property. Springer requested the Board develop a vision for future use of the property and held discussion on several financing options for infrastructure and development. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to authorize Springer to proceed to solicit bids for clean-up of the property. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Springer also held discussion on transferring money from the electric account to the Economic Development checking account for use of development of city properties. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to transfer \$200,000.00 to the Economic Development checking account and to amend budget accordingly. With all present members of the Board voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Property on Square. Springer reported he has been approached by a company proposing to build on city property on the square. Springer presented options for development of property. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee directing City Administrator to have property appraised for value. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Controls for Reservoir. Springer requested the Board approve purchase of three variable frequency drive starters for the reservoir to complete the upgrade. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with purchase of three VFD starters for a cost of \$5,265.00 and directing Treasurer to amend the budget accordingly. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Police Cars/Utility Pickups. Springer requested the Board approve purchase of one new police vehicle and two new F250 Ford 4 x 4 pickups from the current budget. Springer noted vehicles would be purchased from state bid. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips authorizing purchase of a 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD for \$25,410.00 and two Ford F-250 ¾ ton 4x4 regular cab pickup trucks for \$46,192.00 and to amend the budget accordingly. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Vehicle Administration Fee/Use Tax. Springer requested direction from the Board if it is their wish to consider the Vehicle Administration Fee and Use tax as a ballot issue. Discussion was held.
- Approval of 2016 Budget. Springer requested discussion on the proposed 2016 budget. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve the 2016 budget as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Wind Screens, Scoreboards and Backdrops. Springer introduced Mount Vernon High School baseball Coach, Nick Swillum to the Board for discussion regarding Field #4 at the Spirit of 76 Park. Mr. Swillum reported donations have been received which will be used to purchase and install a new scoreboard for the #4 field at the Spirit of 76 park. Swillum also noted proposed plans for improvement of the facility included new backdrop, installation of wind screen which will be purchased by a donor, correct drainage of the field and possible building a pressbox which could be used by all four fields. Discussion was held. Alderman Nelson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to pay for repair of Field #4 for drainage, assist with removal of backdrop and to allow installation of windscreen not to exceed \$3,000.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- November Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the November Treasurer report to the Board for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Cleaning Alleys. Stanton reported he is utilizing seasonal employees to clean alleys until December 18, 2015.
- Gibbs Park. Stanton reported city workers removed concrete pad at Gibbs Park but no decision has been made regarding replacement.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Stanton reported preparation for installation of solar powered flashing stop signs at intersection of Hickory and South Street has begun with the removal of large metal posts. Discussion was held. Stanton noted two VFD (variable frequency drives) at the Wastewater Treatment Facility required replacement but have money in budget to replace. Stanton reported cost should be approximately \$4,000.00.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- November Statistic Report. Conway presented the November statistic report and requested any questions for discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Update. Conway reported the December 1, 2015 meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items.
- Floodplain Management. Conway reported he attended and received certification for Floodplain Management. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- November Statistic Report. Hubert presented the November statistic report and requested any questions for discussion. None brought forth.
- DWI Enforcement Grant. Hubert reported the City has received a DWI holiday enforcement grant valued at \$700.00, which will run from December 18, 2015 thru January 3, 2016.

Fire.

Wheeler held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Wheeler reported the department has received two calls since last report.
- Training. Wheeler reported winterization of equipment and vehicles was conducted in lieu of training.

New Business.

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

- Stanton reported employee Danny Cordova's wife was involved in a serious car accident this evening.
- Mayor Eden welcomed discussion if a second meeting in December would be required. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to cancel the December 22, 2015 meeting due to the holiday. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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Old Business.

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

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 8:23 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date