

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 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, Lowell Phillips, John Hull, Gary Flippin, April Mieswinkel, Barbara Rubison, Carol Millsap and Gary Albers. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Fireman Rick Richardson, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

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

Agenda.

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

- Agenda Item No. XIV. Remove RSMo, Section 610.021(1) Litigation.

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

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips 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 reported this portion of the meeting is set aside for participation from the public and requested any discussion to be brought to the floor. None brought forth.

Resolutions.

Bill No. (R)2012-003 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to enter the attached amendment to agreement for engineering services with HDR Engineering, Inc. to amend the May 11, 2010 agreement for wastewater conveyance system rehabilitation, was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Flippin, Mieswinkel, Rubison, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2012-003 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2012-003 thus became Resolution No. (R)2012-003.

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Bill No. (R)2012-004 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to enter the attached multiple project agreement for professional services with HDR Engineering, Inc., for engineering services was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Flippin, Mieswinkel, Rubison, Millsap, Albers
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2012-004 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2012-004 thus became Resolution (R)2012-004.

Bill No. (R)2012-005 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to enter the attached Task Order No. 1 for professional services with HDR Engineering, Inc., regarding water sanitary survey assistance was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Flippin, Mieswinkel, Rubison, Millsap, Albers
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2012-005 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2012-005 thus became Resolution No. (R)2012-005.

Bill No. (R)2012-006 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to enter the attached Task Order No. 2 for professional services with HDR Engineering, Inc. regarding a bypass elimination plan was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Flippin, Mieswinkel, Rubison, Millsap, Albers
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2012-006 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2012-006 thus became Resolution No. (R)2012-006.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Reported sales tax revenue was up by 7% from numbers reported in 2010.
- Business Expo. Invited the Board to attend the event on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at The MARC.
- Ribbon Cutting. Invited the Board to attend the ribbon cutting for McDonald's on Thursday, January 26, 2012. Springer also noted the annual Chamber banquet was planned for February 18, 2012 at King's Way Church.
- Request to Purchase Land. Kelsey Rutledge had requested the Board consider selling him a portion of the new industrial park which joins his property, located at 10285 Highway 39, Mt. Vernon, Mo. Springer reported Mr. Rutledge would like to have a buffer between his property and the industrial park for any future development. Springer reported the parcel requested is the width of one acre and a length of nine acres. Discussion was held by the Board.
- The MARC. Springer reported he had received requests to have The MARC open for public use for people to walk in the gym area during daytime hours. Discussion was held on utilizing volunteers to run the facility. Springer requested the Board consider purchasing office furniture to accommodate volunteers or possibly a receptionist in the future. Alderwoman Mieswinkel requested Springer present different furniture options to the Board at the February 14, 2012 meeting.
- Reminded the Board of the Red Cross Shelter training scheduled for February 4, 2012.
- Reported the Arts Council has taken bids for a 3-phase system to install in the auditorium due to the need for more power for the sound system. Springer reported the bids received were higher than the Art Council's budget and requested assistance from the city. Discussion was held.
- Requested permission to proceed with proposed improvements to Davis Street, which has been budgeted for. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to grant the request and to proceed. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- EDC Annual Meeting. Invited members of the Board and the public to attend the annual meeting on February 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., in the council Chambers at City Hall. Springer noted annual membership is \$20.00.
- Reported the Region D Homeland Security had held a state-wide meeting at The MARC and planned to continue having quarterly meetings in the facility.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented the report for bills paid and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Monthly Treasurer Report. Presented the December 2011 report for approval. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Six Month Financials. Reported the six-month financials were complete and submitted to the Lawrence County Record for publication as required by city code.
- End of Year Budget Amendments. Presented end of year budget amendments to close out the 2011 year. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the amendments as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Year-end Transportation Report. Reported use of the taxi system had increased by 13.92% in 2011. Weldy noted since 1992, the taxi has logged approximately 261,069 passenger trips. Discussion was held on the need to hire a third driver, which Weldy noted has been budgeted for.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Equipment. Requested the Board allow him to proceed with purchase of a trenching attachment for the skid-steer, at a cost of \$5,075.00. Stanton noted this item is included in the 2012 budget. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the request for purchase. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Employment. Requested permission to advertise for a position in the Public Works Department. Stanton reported the department has been short a worker and this position has been included in the 2012 budget. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to grant request and proceed with process. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Reported the roof has been installed on the Kiwanis pavilion at the Spirit of 76 Park.

Police Report.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Weapons. Reported the M-16's awarded thru the military grant had been delivered. Earnest noted the guns were new weapons and not retired as first thought. Earnest noted officers were processing the weapons and reviewing the current weapons policies.
- Reported Officer Joshua Thompson's brother had passed away.
- Reported he was currently working on a grant for defibrillators for the city. Discussion was held.
- Legislation. Reported he had been invited to speak to a Missouri House of Representatives Sub-committee on January 25, 2012 in Jefferson City, MO. Earnest noted he would be discussing two bills which were introduced earlier in the session by State Representative Don Ruzicka.

Fire.

Richardson held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Dispatched to Kentucky Fried Chicken for electrical problems on January 14, 2012 and to T.A. Truck Stops for an 18-wheeler on fire on January 16, 2012.
- Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance. Maintenance performed on all vehicles and equipment.
- Training. Reported training on January 19, 2012 addressed Building Construction.
- Miscellaneous.
 - Thermal Imaging camera back in service and working well.
 - Painting near completion of interior of Fire Station.

Committee Reports.

Airport. Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

Finance. Alderwoman Millsap reported the committee has not met.

Parks. Alderman Hull reported the committee met on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 to discuss 2012 pool season. Alderman Hull reported the committee recommended retaining Marla Stewart as manager of the pool and park program for 2012. Alderman Flippin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to accept committee recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Alderman Hull reported the committee had discussed and recommended all sports teams which use the city parks and facilities will not be required to purchase additional insurance on players since the city's general insurance already provides coverage. Discussion was held.

Personnel. Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported the committee has not met.

Public Works/Streets. Alderman Hull reported the committee has not met.

Disaster Shelter. Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported the committee has not met.

New Business.

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

Old Business.

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

Closed Session.

Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(2) Real Estate and Section 610.021(3) Personnel Issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Flippin, Mieswinkel, Rubison, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:40 p.m.

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Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:05 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other discussion. None brought forth.

Adjourn.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date