

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Acting President Phillips, with the following roll call recorded: J.N. Greene, Craig Nelson, Jason Haymes, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Barbara Rubison and Sue Lee. Absent: Mayor David W. Eden. 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.

Acting President Phillips presented the agenda and requested approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Items IV. Presentation of Minutes. Add: Approval for minutes from December 29, 2014 Special called meeting.
- Administrator Report: Committee meeting request. Add: Request for Public Works/Streets meeting.
- Treasurer Report: Remove: Request to open checking account for MRC.
- Public Works Report. Add: Preventative Maintenance Agreement for generators.

With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Presentation of Minutes.

Acting President Phillips presented the minutes from the regular session meeting, held December 9, 2014 and a special meeting held on Monday, December 29, 2014. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Fairchild

ABSENT: None

With all present members voting, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

Acting President Phillips announced this portion of the meeting is set aside for participation from the public and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Board of Adjustment Appointments.

Acting President Phillips presented the following recommendations to serve on the Board of Adjustments:

- Liz Pearson – four year term
- William Weber – five year term

Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to accept recommendations for appointments to Board of Adjustment. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax Revenue. Springer reported the sales tax revenue has increased by 122% due to revenues from a full month of operation at Wal-Mart. Discussion was held.
- Discussion on Ben Franklin Building. Springer reported the owners of Ben Franklin signed over the buildings to the City on December 31, 2014. Springer noted although Lawrence County has waived fees and penalties, the city will be required to pay \$10,268.12 for owed taxes. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to proceed with payment of taxes pending completion of legal work. The following voice vote was recorded:
AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Kimbler, Rubison, Lee
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Fairchild
ABSENT: None
With all present members of the Board voting, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- TAP Grant – Hickory Street, Phase II. Springer reported the city has received approval to receive TAP grant funds for Phase II of the Hickory Street Sidewalk Project. Springer noted this is an 80/20 grant with city share expected to be \$59,620.00. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept the grant and to proceed with the process. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Fire Truck. Springer reported the city ended the 2014 year with surplus funds and requested the Board consider purchasing a fire truck. Springer presented two available truck options for the Board to consider. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to proceed with purchase of 1998 Pierce Quantum Pumper for \$60,000.00. Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Chamber Banquet. Springer presented three options of sponsorship for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, scheduled for February 21, 2015 and requested the Board direct him on choice of sponsorships. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to proceed with the Platinum sponsorship for \$300.00. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Committee meetings. Springer requested the following meetings scheduled:

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- Airport committee meeting scheduled for Monday, January 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
- Parks committee meeting scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
- The MARC committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.
- Street committee meeting scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
- Springer reported the city has received notification that it will be awarded a Small Community Engineering Assistance grant from Missouri Department of Natural Resources to aid with the wastewater improvements bypass elimination plan. Stanton noted the city would not be responsible to match any funds. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler authorizing the city to accept and proceed with the grant. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Springer reminded the Board and citizens the last day to file for the general election for a Board of Alderman position is Tuesday, January 20, 2015. Springer noted City Hall would be open until 5:00 p.m. to accommodate any filing. Discussion was held.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Transportation Grant. Weldy reported on December 20, 2014 that she received approval from the Missouri Department of Transportation for \$70,000.00 for Operating Expenses grant and on December 26, 2014 approval for \$39,066.00 for Capital Expenses grant for purchase of one (1) new vehicle for the city's Transportation Program. Weldy noted the city's portion of the grant would be approximately \$9,800.00. Discussion was held.
- Six-month Financials. Weldy reported the six-month financial would be published in the Lawrence County Record on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, per city code and Missouri statutes. Discussion was held.
- Request for Budget Amendments. Weldy presented a report of requested budget amendments which reflect final audit adjustments for fiscal year 2014 and requested approval from the Board. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve request for budget amendments. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Discussion of Cemetery Plots. Stanton presented a request for reimbursement of two unused cemetery plots that were purchased by an individual in 1995 for \$25.00 per plot. Stanton noted the request is from an unrelated person to the recently deceased holder of the estate, and is requesting the current value of \$125.00 per plot for reimbursement. Discussion was held with input from Mr. Petrus. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to purchase the two lots back at current value, contingent upon unrelated party to produce original deeds and to pay the same to the Fossett-Mosher Funeral Home to the estate for funeral expenses.
- 2015 Truck Request. Stanton reported the current 2015 budget included purchase of a 2015 bucket truck, which was budgeted for purchase later in the year. Stanton reported a

truck has become available earlier than planned and requests the Board allow him to proceed with purchase of the available truck. Stanton noted the requested truck is lower in price than originally quoted. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to proceed with purchase of vehicle. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

- Request to hire seasonal employee. Stanton requested the Board allow him to advertise for a seasonal employee due to a vacancy in the Parks Department. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with advertising for seasonal position in Parks Department. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Statistical Report. Conway requested any discussion on the December statistical report. None brought forth.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Statistic Report for December, 2014. Hubert presented the December statistical reported and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- 2014 Year End Statistic Report. Hubert presented the 2014 Year-end statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- DWI Holiday Enforcement. Hubert reported the department participated in the Missouri Transportation Holiday DWI Enforcement grant on December 31, 2014, which resulted in three (3) DWI arrests. Discussion was held.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department received two calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay noted maintenance was performed on vehicles and equipment, resulting in replacement of the air compressor, which was no longer operational.
- Training. DeLay reported monthly training would be held on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at the station.
- Community Events. DeLay reported he presented a Fire Safety program at the local Head Start to approximately 40 children.
- Miscellaneous. DeLay noted use of the station on Sunday, January 18, 2015 has been requested for a birthday party for a child of a firefighter. DeLay reported the computer at the station is currently in Home Computer Repair due to a virus.

Committee Reports.

- Airport. Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met but a meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Finance. Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.
- Parks. Alderman Nelson reported the committee has not met but a meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

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- Personnel. Alderwoman Fairchild reported the committee has not met.
- Public Works/Streets. Acting President Phillips reported the committee has not met, but a meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- The MARC/Community Center. Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met but a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

New Business.

Springer requested the Board allow him to bring in a seasonal employee to fill in for Mike Tebow at The MARC, as Mr. Tebow is scheduled for knee surgery. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison granting request. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved. Springer also noted his appreciation to employees during the 2014 year. Alderman Haymes thanked Springer for how he has handled all of the challenges thru the year.

Old Business.

Acting President Phillips requested if there was any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

With no other business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, Acting President Phillips declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date