

Minutes approved Tuesday, February 9, 2021

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, 319 E Dallas Street, on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Haymes with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Deanna McElveen (teleconference), Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Moore, Chief of Police David Hubert, and City Clerk Melissa Aduddle.

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

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Haymes presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the agenda with the following revisions, seconded by Alderman Beckley:

- City Administrator: Add: Airport Manager
- Police Department: Add: Parking on the Square

Mayor Haymes declared the motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the minutes as presented from January 12, 2021, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Mayor Haymes declared the motion passed.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Haymes announced this portion of the meeting was set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Ordinance

Bill No. 2021-03 re: First and second reading of an Ordinance authorizing sale of real property located at 320 W. Sloan Street from the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri to Brad Longley.

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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Bill No. 2021-03 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2021-03 thus became Ordinance Number 14.329.

Bill No. 2021-04 re: First and second reading of an Ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and Answered Pest Management for pest control services.

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2021-04 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2021-04 thus became Ordinance Number 14.330.

Bill No. 2021-05 re: First and second reading of an Ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, and American Ramp Company for construction of skatepark.

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2021-05 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2021-05 thus became Ordinance Number 14.331.

Bill No. 2021-06 re: First and second reading of an Ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, and Sprouls Construction, Inc. for construction of restrooms in Spirit of '76 Park.

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

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ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2021-06 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2021-06 thus became Ordinance Number 14.332.

Bill No. 2021-07 re: First and second reading of an Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to apply for federal financial assistance on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon and to execute any contract(s) resulting from such application for any grants between the City of Mount Vernon and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating, and/or marketing assistance, compromised of federal funds to be expended for commission approved transit projects.

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2021-07 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2021-07 thus became Ordinance Number 14.333.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **HDR Task #4.** Springer requested authorization to execute Task Order #4 with HDR to provide engineering, bid documents and administration in designing and restructuring an area of our waste water collection system behind Schreiber, and to the west of Kay Concrete. Two waste water mains come together with Schreiber's service main in this area. There are four manholes in a space of approximately 300 square feet, where all these lines tie together. One of the mains in that area was completely clogged up and abandoned. The City has cleaned this main out, and wants to re-establish it to relieve the overflow during storm events, as well as, remove two of the manholes and raise the others up. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved for the City to enter into a contract with HDR for a waste water project, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

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- **Gibbs Street.** Springer reported that the City has started the water line replacement project on the east part of Gibbs Street. During this process the retaining wall will be removed and the sidewalk will be moved out approximately 15 feet, and the yards will be tapered down to the grade of the sidewalk. Once all of that is complete, the street will be repaved. Discussion was held.
- **Gibbs Park Skatepark.** Springer informed the Board that the rough grading has been completed by Hillhouse Service, and that the concrete work should begin in approximately 45 days. Springer also stated, that American Ramp Company (ARC) offered some added value items to the skatepark in the amount of \$32,000.00. ARC has answered all the questions that were asked about the added value features, and have submitted Change Order #1 for approval. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve Change Order #1 for the skatepark, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher. Mayor Haymes declared the motion passed.
- **Hogan Companies.** Springer informed the Board that Tim Hogan is requesting that the City pay for a boundary survey and division of property lying west of the High School property; a boundary survey and division of the property encompassing the cemetery lying north of the High School; a boundary survey and access easement description for the proposed entrance off of Spring Park Blvd; and the location of an easement for the existing sewer line servicing the property at a cost of \$8,900.00. The City has also asked them about the dedication of the wells to the City with appropriate easement of water lines, and to work out the arrangements for the sewer line service to the north part of the property. Discussion was held.
- **Lawrence County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Office Lease.** Springer stated the Lawrence County SWCD asked about the water and electric availability to the parcel the City is going to lease them, which would cost approximately \$1,000.00 for the water tap and meter loop. They also wanted to know if that is something the City would cover the cost on, and how much the lease would be for 20 years with a renewal for 20 additional years. Springer recommended Lawrence County SWCD pay for the utility material cost and tap fee and the City lease the parcel to them for \$1.00 per month or \$12.00 per year for 20 years with the renewal for another 20 years. Discussion was held.
- **Other Items of Discussion.** Springer reminded the Board that they had initially approved Roger Brown to volunteer his services as Airport Manager for six months, and that six months has passed. Springer stated Brown has been doing a good job and recommended the City keep him as Airport Manager. Alderman Fairchild moved to continue, for a further six months, with Roger Brown as Airport Manager, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Mayor Haymes declared the motion passed.

Treasurer

Ms. Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- **Bills Paid.** Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

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- **Bills over \$5,000.00.** Weldy presented the Bills over \$5,000.00 to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the bills over \$5000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Mayor Haymes declared the motion passed.

- **Budget Amendments.** Weldy requested approval of the budget amendments as presented. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the budget amendments as presented and to reflect the final audited adjustments, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Mayor Haymes declared the motion passed.

- **Treasurer Report – December 2020.** Weldy requested approval of the Treasurer’s Report for December 2020 and requested any discussion. None brought forth. Alderwoman Gramm made the moved to approve the December 2020 Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Mayor Haymes declared the motion passed.

- **Six Month Financials.** Weldy presented the six month financials. She said they should be in the newspaper on February 3, 2021 and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Electric Department – Streetlights for Inventory.** Kelley requested approval to purchase a pallet of streetlights to replace inventory. He stated the cost was \$5,625.00 for the pallet. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the purchase of the streetlights for inventory in the amount of \$5,625.00, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Mayor Haymes declared the motion passed.

- **Hickory Street – Replacement Light Pole.** Kelly stated several months ago a light pole on South Hickory Street was hit and damaged. Kelley said he contacted the manufacturer to order a light pole and Bethurem Electric, LLC to remove the existing base, install a new concrete base and install the light assembly. The total cost for the light pole, installation, and shipping is \$11,905.91. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to spend \$11,905.91 to replace the light pole on Hickory Street, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Mayor Haymes declared the motion passed.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **Planning & Zoning Report.** Moore stated he didn’t have anything to report, but welcomed any questions. Discussion was held.

Police

Mr. Hubert held discussion on the following item:

- **Parking on the Square.** Hubert reported the Lawrence County Commission contacted him about making five parking spaces on the northern east side of the square, facing the Courthouse, two hour parking. Hubert stated the County had handicap parking, but stated

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the County would like these to have a time limit on these spaces for people with mobility issues who have County business to conduct. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to turn five parking spaces on the northeast inside corner of the square to two hour parking, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Mayor Haymes declared the motion passed.

Old Business

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

New Business

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

Adjournment

Mayor Haymes announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

Date