

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 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, John Hull, Edward Kimbler, Gary Albers, Barbara Rubison. Absent: Lowell Phillips. 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, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police Garry Earnest 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.

Agenda.

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

- Item VI. Bill No. 2013-005 change “first reading” to “second reading”.

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

Minutes.

Minutes of the last regular meeting, which was held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene, to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Hull, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Millsap

ABSENT: Phillips

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

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside for participation from the public and requested any discussion from those present.

- Chet Hunter held discussion of the purchase on the Quint Ladder truck and the Quick Response Unit.
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Ordinance.

Bill No. 2013-005 re: Second reading of an ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 405.550, 405.570, 405.610 and 405.620 regarding temporary signs, was read for the second time, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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AYES: Greene, Nelson, Hull, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison, Millsap

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Bill No. 2013-005 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-005 thus became Ordinance Number 2.155.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Auditors. Reported the auditors performed the in-house audit on February 19th and 20th. Springer commended Ms. Weldy for assisting the auditors. Weldy noted the auditors should have adjustments to her by next month.
- Planning & Zoning. Reported Louis Woody has submitted his resignation from the Planning Commission and from the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board.
- Police Car. Springer reported Ingle Automotive has agreed to replace the motor to the 2007 Crown Victoria police vehicle. Springer noted Ford refused to replace the motor under the three year warranty as the company felt the blown motor was due to improper installation, per the company's specifications.
- Use Tax Update. Springer reported a citizen group could form a committee to support the use tax issue, but that no city funds could be used for the election for support. Springer noted it is very important that we educate, not persuade voters to vote in favor of the tax so that we may regain the revenue that was taken away by vote of the Supreme Court. .
- Crowder College. Reported Crowder has contacted him regarding expanding classes offered in Mount Vernon and have inquired using additional classrooms at The MARC.
- Ladder Truck Expenditures. Requested clarification from the Board on the motion made on January 15, 2013 for purchase of additional equipment for the new truck. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Board is that purchase of equipment, up to \$10,000.00, inclusive of the Rural Fire Department participation and amounts in the current budget.
- Leaders Lead Locally. Presented a proposal from Leaders Lead Locally Institute offering consultation services to the City for Economic Development. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Board not to pursue any services at this time.
- Vacation. Springer reported he would be on vacation, starting March 13, 2013 thru March 17, 2013.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Treasurer Report. Presented the Treasurer Report for January, 2013. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Checking Account. Requested permission to close the electric checking accounts and the wastewater checking account with Great Southern Bank. Weldy noted Great Southern is

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not accepting any public funds at this time so there is no reason to keep the accounts open. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to close accounts as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- City Web Site. Reported the cities financial information is available to the public on the city website. Discussion was held.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Well Number 7. Reported it was initially thought the pump had been hit by lightning, but after it was pulled by Flynn Drilling Company, it was determined to be a broken shaft. Stanton noted Flynn Drilling had the well back in operation the following morning.
- Commended Public Works employees for snow removal from the past two storms.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following item:

- Reported the burn-out house at 508 S. Vine Street has been removed.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- School Threat. Discussed the recent threat at the Mount Vernon High School on February 14, 2013. Earnest reported a threatening note had been left on a teacher's desk which referred to a violent act at the school. Earnest noted six officers from the city, seven Highway Patrol and one Lawrence County Deputy assisted in securing all the schools on Friday, February 15, 2013.
- Medication Take-back. Reported a total of 16 pounds of medication has been collected in the three weeks the drop box has been in place at City Hall. Mayor Eden noted that the installation of the drop box is a much needed resource in the city and commended the Police Department for installing it.

Fire.

With the absence of a representative from the Fire Department, Alderman Nelson presented the following items:

- Calls. Reported the department has received three calls since last meeting.
- Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. Reported maintenance has been performed on all vehicles and equipment. Nelson noted the ladder truck is in service.
- Training. Six firefighters have completed aerial training and have been certified for operation of the ladder truck. Nelson noted the training course was for 60 hours.

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 has not met.

Personnel. Alderman Albers reported the committee has not met.

Public Works/Streets. With the absence of Alderman Phillips, no report was submitted.

The MARC/Community Center: Alderwoman Millsap reported the committee has not met.

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New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. Springer presented a draft of a "Request to Speak" card for meetings. Discussion was held with no action taken.

Old Business.

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

Adjournment.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to adjourn the meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Shannon Neely, City Clerk