

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017.

The Board of Aldermen met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 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, Ed Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. Absent: Jason Haymes. 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 W. Hubert, Assistant Fire Chief Grant Wheeler and City Clerk Shannon K. 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 final agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the agenda with the following amendments: Remove Item X.

City Administrator Report – Add discussion regarding Personnel Policy 117.070 Nepotism.

Director of Public Works Report – Add discussion regarding seasonal employees.

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler 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 announced this portion of the meeting was to receive citizen input and welcomed any discussion from those in attendance. None brought forth.

Employee Recognition.

Mayor Eden presented Johnnie Lind with a city jacket in recognition of Mr. Lind's twenty years of employment with the city.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2017-08 re: An ordinance changing zoning designation of seven (7) tracts of real estate from B-3 General Business District to R-3 Multi-family Dwelling District and directing change to be indicated on the district map, as adopted by the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

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ABSENT: Haymes

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Bill No. 2017-08 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2017-08 thus became Ordinance Number 2.187.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer held discussion on sales tax revenues noting the continued increase. Springer also noted the Use Tax collections were for \$29,531.53. Discussion was held.
- TREKK Contracts. Springer presented two professional service contracts with TREKK Design Group, LLC. Springer noted the Sewer System Rehabilitation Engineering Services agreement is to assist the city in the coordination/construction supervision of projects to provide rehabilitation services on the City's wastewater collection system for a cost not to exceed \$21,200.00 and the Contract for on-call Engineering services is to assist the city in the redevelopment of the Pre-treatment Program, which will include reviewing the draft of Missouri State Operating permits (MSOP), assist with Categorical Determinations and industrial inspections, meeting with city staff and industrial contributors and assist with development of Industrial Discharge permits. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve both contracts as presented and authorizing the Mayor to sign. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Gates at Spirit of 76 Park. Springer requested the Board consider gating the Spirit of 76 Park and the Williams Creek Pond. Springer noted staff at the park is spending considerable time cleaning up trash that is being dumped in the parking lot. Stanton reported he is against gating of the parks. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden reported it is a consensus of the Board requesting more information on costs, location of gates and input from the public and report at the first Board meeting in March.
- Update on land clearing. Springer reported contractors on the 995 Daniel Drive property have completed the seeding and straw mulching. Springer added the contractors excavated approximately 2,000 tires, which was outside the original contract and requested the Board approve payment of \$5,717.50 for hourly rate for operator and equipment. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips approving request for removal of tires for \$5,717.50. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Recovery Day. Springer presented Lori Tennison to the Board for a request to hold a "Recovery Day" event to celebrate those who have and are working to overcome addiction, to show community support and to educate our local population to the facts about drug addiction. Ms. Tennison requested the Board to allow use of the square in August. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by

Alderswoman Lee to allow use of square for an event to be known as Recover Day. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. a

- Chamber of Commerce Business After-hours. Springer requested direction from the Board if it would be their desire to host a Business After-hours event for the Chamber of Commerce. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden announced it was a consensus of the Board to participate in the event.
- Personnel Policy 117.070 Nepotism. Springer presented a request from the Spirit of 76 Pool Manager asking for the Board to allow her daughter working as a seasonal employee at the pool. Discussion was held regarding allowing exemption of seasonal part-time employees in regards to nepotism. Mayor Eden announced it was a consensus of the Board to direct Mr. Petrus to research nepotism laws in regards to seasonal employees and report findings at the first meeting in March.

Treasure.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

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

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Request to purchase mowers. Stanton requested to permission to purchase two Grasshopper Brand mowers for the park system. Stanton noted cost for both mowers, with trade-in price included would be a total cost of \$13,803.68 and is a budgeted item. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the purchase of mowers. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to seal/stripe the Golf Course parking lot. Stanton presented a request to fill cracks in the pavement, seal and striping of the parking lot. Stanton noted this is a budgeted item and presented a quote from Springfield Striping & Sealing for \$5,975.19. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene granting request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Seasonal Employment. Stanton reported he has received seven (7) applications for seasonal mowing positions and requested the Board allow him to proceed with interviews and the authority to hire the candidates which have passed the required drug testing. Discussion was held. Alderswoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler granting permission for Stanton to proceed with interviews and hiring of candidates. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Mayor Eden held discussion with Conway regarding roofing permits.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following item:

- Employee Probation. Hubert reported Officer Justin Harper had reached the end of his probation with very positive review and requested the Board change his status from

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probationary to full-time. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to change status of Justin Harper to full-time Police Officer. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Other Items of Discussion. Hubert commended Officer Jeff Romine for handling a call for a vicious pit bull. Hubert also presented a letter of praise for Mr. Romine on his professionalism during a call. Discussion was held.

Fire.

Wheeler held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Wheeler reported the department has received four calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Wheeler reported maintenance has been performed on equipment and vehicles.
- Training. Wheeler reported the department will be meeting on March 16, 2017 for vehicle extrication training in preparation for Interstate 44 closing portions due to construction. Discussion was held.
- Miscellaneous. Wheeler reported the department is continuing installation of smoke detectors in residences.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to discuss.

- Alderwoman Fairchild requested discussion on the well house on the Hickory Street median. Discussion was held regarding plans to brick the building. Springer noted he had received a quote of \$22,000.00 to brick the building and one wall of the reservoir. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to discuss.

- Alderman Nelson requested discussion on pavement on Jennifer Drive. Discussion was held.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date