

Minutes Approved March 24, 2015

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting in the regular place of meeting, City Hall on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 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, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Barbara Rubison and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Public Works Director Gene Stanton, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert, Assistant Fire Chief Grant Wheeler 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.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from February 24, 2015 meeting and requested approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes with the following correction:

Correction to first paragraph error, city personnel in attendance: Change Chief of Police Bruce Conway to Chief of Police David Hubert.

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

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from the public and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Ordinances.

**Bill No. 2015-011 re:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code by adding new Section 710.045 regarding permits for demolition of buildings connected to sanitary sewer systems was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2015-011 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-011 thus became Ordinance Number 13.100.

**Bill No. 2015-012 re:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 705.020 regarding deposits for electrical and water service was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2015-012 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-012 thus became Ordinance Number 13.101.

**Bill No. 2015-013 re:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 705.030 regarding collection of accounts, penalty for later payment and assessment of charges for reconnection and resumption of service was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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Bill No. 2015-013 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-013 thus became Ordinance Number 13.102.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenue report and noted an increase of 66.42% from last year's. Discussion was held.
- Elevator at The MARC. Springer requested permission to solicit bids for the hoist-way for the platform lift. Springer noted the estimated cost for installation is approximately \$26,400.00. After discussion, Petrus advised no motion would be necessary.
- Update on Buildings Downtown. Springer reported an ad for solicitation of bids for demolition has been placed in the Lawrence County Record and notices were sent to four (4) vendors who have expressed interest in the project. Springer noted the following dates of interest for this bid: Monday, March 16, 2015 is scheduled of a mandatory pre-bid conference; Bid opening scheduled for March 23, 2015; notice of award to Board of Aldermen scheduled for March 24, 2015. Springer added city crews will be attempting to salvage some architectural items from the building.
- Rising Fenix. Springer reported buildings have been dismantled by Stan Kingsley and the remaining structures will be removed by city staff.
- Rental of Farm House/Cottages. Springer presented a request for rental of the farmhouse or a cottage at the MRC facility. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden instructed Springer to have the farmhouse appraised.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Springer reported he will be discussing with staff that family members of employees are not allowed to ride in city vehicles. Alderman Greene requested status of vehicles from the MRC. Springer noted we are keeping all vehicles at this time.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Investment Bids. Weldy presented a bid tab for a certificate of deposit that matures on March 11, 2015 at Mid Missouri Bank. Weldy noted the matured value of the certificate of deposit is for \$402,231.63. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene recommending \$402,000.00 be deposited in a FDIC insured certificate at Edward Jones for eighteen (18) months at an interest rate of 0.65% for said term, only if depositing in a bank located and headquartered in the United States, with no ownership by a foreign country. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Weldy reported she is currently working on audit adjustment and Wal-Mart numbers, which are causing a delay in presentation of the February Treasurer Report.

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### Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- **Electric Truck.** Stanton reported the newly purchased electric truck was involved in a non-injury accident on March 3, 2015 at the Wal-Mart and Highway 39 intersection.
- **Additional Items of Discussion.** Alderman Kimbler requested status of the McCause Street bridge replacement with response from Stanton noting it was still in the hands of the engineers for bid.

### Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- **February Statistical Report.** Conway presented the February statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **MRC Zoning.** Conway reported zoning of the MRC property was discussed at the Tuesday, March 3, 2015 with no action taken.
- **Public Hearing.** Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, April 7, 2015 to receive public input on text change regarding closing of streets for block parties.
- **Main Street.** Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission requested the Mount Vernon Christian Church contact the City of plans the section of Main Street which is closed. Conway reported since its closing eight (8) years ago, no action has been taken by the Church.

### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Statistical Report.** Hubert presented the February statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

### Fire.

Wheeler held discussion on the following items:

- **Calls.** Wheeler reported the department received two calls since last report.

### Committee Reports.

- **Airport.** Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- **Finance.** Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.
- **Parks.** Alderman Nelson reported the committee met on March 9, 2015 to hold discussion on field use for baseball/softball leagues and tournament use. Alderman Nelson presented the minutes and policy for field use, which will be attached to and made a part of the minutes and reported the committee accepted and recommend adoption of policy. Mayor Eden declared the committee recommendation served as a motion and second. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- **Personnel.** Alderwoman Fairchild reported the committee has not met.
- **Public Works.** Alderman Phillips reported the committee has not met.
- **The MARC/Community Center.** Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.

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New Business.

Springer noted several suggestions have been received regarding naming of the MRC facility, but requested the Board wait until a later date for further research on trademarks before a decision is made.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any discussion on old business. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

With no other business to come before the Board, Mayor Eden declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Date

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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