

Minutes Approved Tuesday, April 13, 2021

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 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, March 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Haymes with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. Absent: Deanna McElveen. The following city personnel were also in attendance: Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Public Works Director Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Moore, Police Chief David Hubert, and City Clerk Melissa Aduddle. Absent: City Administrator Max Springer.

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. The following changes were requested:

- Public Works is presenting for absent City Administrator, take agenda out of order and move department reports together.
- Police Department to add Personnel.

Alderman Phillips moved to approve the agenda with the aforementioned changes, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 to the Board for approval. The following corrections were requested:

- Add Gramm to Alderwoman in Public Works: Seasonal Employment motion.

Alderman Phillips moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

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. 2021-11 re: First and seconding reading of an Ordinance authorizing execution of a real property lease agreement by and between, the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and the Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District, and authorizing the Mayor to sign all necessary documents.

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

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ABSENT: McElveen

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: McElveen

Bill No. 2021-11 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature, and thus became Ordinance Number 14.335.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Kelley stated the sales tax and use tax numbers are still doing well through the pandemic. The sales tax for March was up \$30,291.26 from the previous year. Use tax for March is up \$5,907.05 from last year.
- **February Electric.** Kelley updated the Board that the City has received \$282,314.50 more in charges and will receive approximately \$133,333.00 more in April. Therefore, the City is waiting to make any changes to the electric bills until all charges are in, then Max will it bring back to Council with any changes in the current plan to recoup. Discussion was held.
- **Emergency Dispatch.** Kelley reported the Lawrence County Emergency Dispatch would like to have two acres on the east side of the lot that the Fire District purchased from MoDOT for the new Dispatch Center. There is only about 1.25 acres that they could build on due to utilities being located at the back of the piece of property. The City could give them the two acres but the south part of it would they could not build on. Discussion was held. An agreement is to be prepared and brought back stipulating that drawings for the center must be done within three years, and ground breaking within five years.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Golf Course – Point of Sale Platform, Teesnap, LLC.** Kelley requested to table this agenda item until a later date, as there are still many questions, and further research needs to be done. Discussion was held.

Treasurer

Ms. Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- **Bills Paid.** Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Bills over \$5,000.00.** Weldy presented the Bills over \$5,000.00 to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee moved to authorize payment for the bills over \$5000.00 as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

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Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **Planning & Zoning Report.** Moore presented the Planning & Zoning Report, giving updates on various projects and notifications that have been issued around the City, and requested any discussion. Discussion was held.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following item:

- **MoDOT Grants.** Hubert reported that the Police Department was participating in two MoDOT grants. The first grant is St. Patrick's Day DWI Enforcement in the amount of \$1,000.00. The second is Youth Seatbelt Enforcement in the amount of \$400.00. Discussion was held.
- **Personnel.** Hubert stated that Officer Riebe had completed her probation and requested to take her from probationary status to full-time. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to take Officer Riebe from probationary status to full-time, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

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 7:29 p.m.

Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

Date