

Minutes Approved April 14, 2015

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 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 24, 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, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Barbara Rubison and Sue Lee. Absent: Jason Haymes. 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, Fire Chief Brad DeLay 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 to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips approving the agenda with the following amendments:

- City Administrator Report. Add Sale of La France Fire Truck
- Code Enforcement Report. Add Public Hearing.

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

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from March 10, 2015 meeting and requested approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes with the following corrections:

- City Administrator Report. Fifth report item. Correction: Change Mayor Eden instructed Springer to have the farmhouse appraised to Mayor Eden instructed Springer to bring back a cost for an appraisal of the farmhouse.
- Code Enforcement Report. Fourth report item. Correction: Change Mount Vernon Christian Church to First Christian Church.

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.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2015-014 re: An ordinance authorizing the City Clerk to issue special tax assessments for costs of mowing properties and record assessments as a lien on the real properties was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call votes recorded:

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First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Bill No. 2015-014 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-014 thus became Ordinance Number 11.83.

Bill No. 2015-015 re: An ordinance vacating a utility easement adjoining Lots 13 and 14 of Misty Creek Subdivision to the City of Mount Vernon was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call votes recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Bill No. 2015-015 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-015 thus became Ordinance Number 13.103.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Buildings on City Square. Springer reported a mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on March 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. with six contractors attending, picking up bid packets and touring the buildings listed in the bid. Springer noted Addendum One and Two were added to the packet after the meeting, per input from the contractors in attendance. Springer added the bid opening was held on Monday, March 24, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. with five bids submitted, ranging from lowest bid at \$98,000.00 to highest at \$400,000.00. Springer reported he had checked references on lowest bidder, Gator Industrial, LLC and made a recommendation the Board award the bid to them. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Request for Proposal. Springer requested the Board approve a solicitation for Request for Proposal for leasing and operating the old MRC facility. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison directing Springer to proceed with solicitation.
- Tour of Monett 911 Dispatch Facility. Springer requested the Board tour the current 911 dispatch facility in Mount Vernon and the dispatch facility in Monett, Missouri to aid in any decision for relocation. Discussion was held with consensus of the Board to tour both facilities on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
- Fire Truck #2. Springer presented a bid from Miller Rural Fire District to purchase Number Two firetruck for \$2,002.00 Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene awarding bid to Miller Rural Fire District for \$2,002.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Other Items of Discussion. Springer presented a letter from the State of Missouri Office of Administration notifying the city of future budget cuts that could affect payment of utilities in state facilities. Discussion was held.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- February Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the February Treasurer Report to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison approving the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Other Items of Discussion. Weldy reported final audit entries have been posted and the budget 2014 year has officially been closed.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Request to Order Chlorination Equipment. Stanton requested permission to proceed with purchase of chlorination equipment for the reservoir to stay current with Department of Natural Resources requirements for public drinking water. Stanton noted money has been budgeted for this purchase. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with purchase of chlorination equipment for \$5,800.60. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Budget Over-run PCB Transformer Disposal. Stanton reported several transformers have tested “hot”, which requires special disposal at a higher cost. Stanton noted \$1,500.00 was originally budgeted, but costs could go up to \$3,200.00, which would be over budget. Stanton added costs may be offset by the sale of six transformers. Discussion was held with no action taken.
- Bid Opening. Stanton reported bid opening for McCause Street culvert would be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

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- **Additional Items of Discussion.** Stanton announced Spring Clean-up is scheduled for April 10th and 11th, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mayor Eden requested discussion on repair of potholes on Hayward Drive and other streets. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following item:

- **Public Hearing.** Conway announced a public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. to receive input on block parties.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **DWI Enforcement.** Hubert reported the department participated in a DWI enforcement grant from March 14th thru March 17th, which resulted in two DWI arrests.
- **Gun Bid.** Hubert requested the Board accept a bid proposal from Ponderosa Pawn Shop, located in Aurora, Missouri for bid of \$2,750.00 for purchase of 23 confiscated guns. Hubert noted to the Board that not all guns were in working condition. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips granting request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- **Calls.** DeLay reported the department has received two calls since last report.
- **Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance.** DeLay reported the department was preparing for the annual pump certification and maintenance.
- **Miscellaneous.** DeLay reported the department ranked twelfth in collections for Muscular Dystrophy out of four hundred participating departments. Discussion was held.

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 has not met.
- *Personnel.* Alderwoman Fairchild reported the committee has not met.
- *Public Works/Streets.* Alderman Phillips reported the committee has not met.
- *The MARC/Community Center.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.

New Business.

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

Old Business.

Alderman Nelson requested if the baseball and softball leagues have accepted the proposal for field use. Springer noted the proposal was accepted by the leagues. Mayor Eden requested any additional old business for discussion. None brought forth.

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Adjournment.

Mayor Eden declared there was no other business listed on the agenda and declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date