

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 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, Deanna McElveen, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Moore, Chief of Police David Hubert 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 Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- Public Works Report – Add: Spring Cleanup
Water Tower Maintenance
- Police – Add: Request to hire police officer
- Old Business – Add: Single Source Trash Service

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the March 12, 2019 city council meeting to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Mayoral Proclamation.

Mayor Eden presented a mayoral proclamation to Steve Snyder for recognition of being awarded the “Individual Artist Award” from the Missouri Arts Council and the State of Missouri.

KPM CPA’s Audit Presentation.

Rebecca Friedrich presented the 2018 audit and reported the city has received an “unmodified” or “clean opinion” by KPM CPA’s audit. Ms. Friedrich held a lengthy discussion on the financial structure.

Citizen Participation.

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

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2019-06 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation and Anderson Engineering, Inc. for engineering services related to sidewalk improvement Phase 3 was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2019-06 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2019-06 thus became Ordinance number .

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2019-01 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri in support of the ½ cent sales tax to fund 911 communications and dispatching operations was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2019-01 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2019-01 thus became Resolution Number (R)2019-01.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Gibbs Park Storm Water/South Street Culvert Project. Springer presented a construction bid tab for the Gibbs Park Storm Water/South Street Culvert projects and recommended the Board accept the lowest and best bid from K & B Equipment. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to accept bid from K & B Equipment for \$463,242.70. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Vocational Rehabilitation Summer Work Experience. Springer presented the Vocational Rehabilitation Summer Work Experience program to the Board and noted this allows providing a work-based learning experience in a competitive setting for students with disabilities. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to partner with the Vocational Rehabilitation Summer Work

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Experience program to provide work experience to students with disabilities. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- 600 N. Main Street. Springer requested the Board consider contracting a company to provide security and mowing services to the facility. Springer also requested if the Board wished to proceed with hiring an auction service to sell surplus items from the facility. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden noted it was a consensus of the Board to proceed with security, mowing and auction service for 600 N. Main Street.
- Business Expo. Springer noted the Chamber of Commerce's Business Expo is scheduled for April 6, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., located at The MARC. Discussion was held.

Treasurer.

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. Weldy presented the bills over \$5,000 to the Board for approval. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by McElveen to proceed with payment of bills over \$5,000 as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- February Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the February Treasure report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the February Treasure Report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Weldy reported a certificate of deposit at Edward Jones matured on March 26, 2019 and will present at the first meeting in April for investment. Discussion was held.

Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Chemical Purchase. Kelley requested the Board approve purchase of chemicals for the Golf Course. Kelley noted this is a budgeted item. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with payment of \$15,445.52 for chemicals for the Golf Course. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Spring Clean-up. Kelley reported Spring Clean-up is scheduled for Friday, April 26, 2019 and Saturday, April 27, 2019.
- Water Tower Maintenance. Kelley reported Well #4 is in the process of being pressure-cleaned in preparation for maintenance contractor to repaint the interior. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- Walnuts Motel Injunction. Moore reported an injunction was granted on March 14, 2019 by the courts to 417 Rentals, LLC to prevent renting of efficiency apartments at the Walnut Motel, located at 301 W. Mount Vernon Blvd. Moore noted residents were

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notified in person and by literature posted at the location that would give the tenants until March 28, 2019 to vacate the facility. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Live Scan Grant. Hubert reported the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation has awarded the ELSA Live Scan Station grant to the city. Hubert noted this grant is funded under the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program. Hubert added fingerprinting is a requirement by law. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve accepting grant award and paying \$320.00 for city share of grant. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Tattoo Policy. Hubert requested the Board consider revising the tattoo policy to allow visible tattooing. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to allow visible tattooing except for any offensive tattoos as determined by the Chief of Police. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to Hire. Hubert recommended the Board hire Kristen Butterworth as a patrol officer to fill vacancy. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to hire Kristin Butterworth as an entry level police officer. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Letter of Commendation. Hubert presented a letter of commendation for officers Ed Evatt and David Young who assisted Dr. Josh Ladd, Mount Vernon High School Principal, during a potentially dangerous situation.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion.

Alderman Haymes reported he would be interested in serving on the Lawrence County 911 Board. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion.

Springer reported some research has been done on how other cities have handled billing for trash service. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden determined it was a consensus of the Board to proceed with submitting single source trash service out to bid.

Alderwoman Martin requested status of 109 N. Hickory Street remodel job. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden announced the study session for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 will be conducted at 109 N. Hickory Street to tour the facility.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced with no further business listed on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date