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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was call to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call recorded: J.N. Greene, Lowell Phillips, John Hull, Mike Tebow, April Mieswinkel, Max Springer, Gary Albers. Absent: Carol Millsap. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator John Rice, Attorney William Petrus, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Assistant Fire Chief Brad DeLay, Treasurer Shari Weldy and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

- Remove Item XVI. Closed Session.

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

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Tebow, Mieswinkel, Springer, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Hull

ABSENT: Millsap

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

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested any comments from visitors. None brought forth.

Resolution.

**Bill No. (R)2011-0006 re:** A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri adopting the City of Mount Vernon Transportation Substance Abuse Policy was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Hull, Tebow, Mieswinkel, Springer, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Millsap

Bill No. (R)2011-0006 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2011-0006 thus became Resolution No. (R)2011-0006.

## **Department Reports.**

### City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax Revenue. Revenue from sales tax down by 20% from the previous year.
- Census. Presented a report to the Board with population change for the city and Lawrence County. Discussed the areas of increase.
- Re-districting Wards. Presented a report from the Lawrence County Clerk with the number of registered voters per ward. Rice noted Ward One was considerably larger than the other wards and reported he will begin the process of redistricting the wards, which would be population and not by voter registration count. Rice noted this process would take approximately six months to a year to complete.

### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented a report of paid bills and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- February Report. Presented the Treasurer Report for February. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Presented a bid tab for investments of maturing certificates of deposit as follows:
  - Mid-Missouri Bank, maturing on March 11, 2011 - \$260,237.37
  - Liberty Bank, maturing on March 10, 2011 - \$85,471.16
  - Great Southern Checking Account - \$443,228.54

Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel to invest three maturing Certificate of Deposits, at their total cashed-out value, with Mid Missouri Bank for twelve months at 0.65% interest. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Transportation. Reported she had been contacted by Missouri Department of Transportation about the 2006 Chevrolet Uplander van. Missouri Department of Transportation's recommendation was to have the Board of Aldermen declare this van a lemon. This action would allow the city to purchase a new vehicle with grant monies without waiting until the current vehicle reached the mileage requirement for replacement. The city's share of the purchase would be 20%. Costs for the city would be \$6,832.00 for the van and \$190.00 for the camera package. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to take the recommended action and include the purchase of a back-up camera package. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Spring Clean-up. Reported the city would hold the event on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at the Public Works Shop on N. Spring Park Blvd.
- Inflow & Infiltration. Stanton noted he would be presenting a draft ordinance at the next council meeting, for the member's review, to address inflow and infiltration issues. Stanton reported the ordinance would address the issue of replacement of lateral lines on private property to be replaced to the main by the homeowner.
- Paving Projects. Stanton informed the Board that Blevins Asphalt Paving Company had agreed to honor 2010 material prices, with no increases. Stanton reported the 2011

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projects would be Walnut Street, from Valley View to Kirby and S. East Street, from Kirby to the Business Loop. Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to enter an agreement with Blevins Asphalt. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Dump Truck Update. Reported repair costs for the 1990 International dump truck to be approximately \$7,700.00. Discussion followed. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve repairs to the truck. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Stanton also informed the Board that replacing with comparable new equipment would cost approximately \$112,000.00 if purchased through Missouri Department of Transportation Coop Purchasing. Used equipment could be obtained for approximately \$63,000.00.

#### Planning and Zoning.

- Permit Report. Presented the statistic report for February, 2011.
- Comprehensive Plan. Reported the Planning and Zoning Commission had met on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 with Diane May and a student from Missouri State University to review the Comprehensive Plan. Conway estimated it would take approximately six to twelve months to complete the review.

#### Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- February Statistic Report. Presented and discussed the report.
- Medication Drop-off. Reminded the Board of the upcoming event for citizens to drop off their out-dated or unused medication at the Home Town Pharmacy on Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19, 2011.
- COMET Task Force. Reported the COMET Task Force had assisted his department in conducting three home searches, which led to a larger drug bust north of town.
- Robbery. Reported an off-duty officer had alerted other officers of a robbery in progress near his home and then assisted in the arrest of the subject. Earnest noted the subject had been involved in break-ins at the Middle School and three other churches.
- Informational. Reported his officers responded to a call at the High School.
- Tornado Drill. Statewide drill will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

#### Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Call Report. Reported the department had not had any calls since the February 22, 2011 meeting.
- Vehicle Maintenance.
  - Maintenance performed on all vehicles.
  - Truck Number Two has been repaired and is back in service.
  - Annual pump certification would begin on March 23, 2011 by Firemaster, which will provide a mobile unit to come to Mount Vernon to provide the certifications. DeLay noted this should save the city considerable amount of fuel expenses, since we would not have to take our trucks to Springfield for the inspections.
- Training. Storm Spotter training would be held at the station on March 22, 2011.
- Generator. Stanton met with Central Power at the station for specifics of location of the unit and was now waiting for delivery.

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Committee Reports.

*Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

*Finance.* Alderman Springer reported the committee has not met.

*Parks.* Alderman Tebow reported the committee has not met.

*Personnel.* Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported the committee had met at 6:00 p.m., March 8, 2011, with the following discussions held:

**Seasonal employment at the Parks and Golf Course.** Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to hire Tim Kelley and Randy Short to assist at the Golf Course for part-time employment and Larry Boxx for seasonal employment. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

**FMLA Extension Request** – Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve extension of FMLA leave for Chris Phillips for another twelve weeks, if needed and to add to the Personnel Manual that if an employee exhausts their FMLA allowance in a year, they may request an extension of FMLA leave from the Board if qualifications are met. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Hull, Tebow, Mieswinkel, Springer, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Phillips

ABSENT: Millsap

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

*Public Works/Streets.* Alderman Hull reported the committee has not met.

*Waste Franchise.* Alderman Albers reported the committee has not met.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business. None brought forth.

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Adjournment.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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David W. Eden Mayor

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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Date