

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 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, Lowell Phillips, Mike Tebow, April Mieswinkel, Max Springer, Carol Millsap, Gary Albers. Absent: John Hull. The following city personnel were also in attendance: Attorney William Petrus, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Fireman Leon Sullivan, 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 No. XXII. 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, March 22, 2011 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested any comments from visitors. Gloria and Reverend Albert Loetscher requested discussion on allowing residents to keep chickens. Mrs. Loetscher reported that due to health reasons, they were eating more natural foods and requested the Board allow them to keep four to five hens to furnish a daily supply of fresh eggs. Mayor Eden reported the city's ordinance prohibited keeping of chickens, but encouraged Mrs. Loetscher to contact other interested individuals to attend future council meetings for discussion.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2001-0002 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 710.020 regarding replacement of lateral lines connecting to sanitary sewer main was read by title only for the second reading, with the following roll call vote recorded:

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Bill No. 2011-0002 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2011-0002 thus became Ordinance No. 13.85.

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Bill No. 2011-0003 re: An ordinance declaring the results of the General Election, held in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, on April 5, 2011 was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Bill No. 2011-0003 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2011-0003 thus became Ordinance No. 5.159.

Unfinished Business.

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

Adjournment Sine Die.

Alderman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to adjourn meeting Sine Die. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved, meeting adjourned sine die at 7:11 p.m.

Oath of Office.

City Clerk Shannon Neely conducted the Oath of Office to the following:

Ward One	J.N. Greene
Ward Two	Gary Albers
Ward Three	Max Springer

Reconvene Meeting.

Mayor Eden called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m., with the following roll call recorded: J.N. Greene, Lowell Phillips, Mike Tebow, April Mieswinkel, Max Springer, Carol Millsap, Gary Albers.

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Mayoral Appointments.

Mayor Eden announced the following recommended appointments for 2011-2012:

Committees:

- Finance – Chairman Springer, Millsap, Greene
- Personnel – Chairwoman Mieswinkel, Albers, Greene
- Public Works – Chairman Hull, Tebow, Phillips
- Parks – Chairman Tebow, Hull, Albers
- Airport – Chairman Greene, Mieswinkel, Phillips

Personnel:

- Attorney - William Petrus
- Prosecuting Attorney – William Petrus
- Municipal Court Clerk – Mary Walker
- City Clerk – Shannon Neely
- Director of Public Works – Gene Stanton
- Treasurer – Shari Weldy
- Revenue Collector – Jason Patten
- Chief of Police – Garry Earnest
- Fire Chief – Melvin Owens

Alderswoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to accept the recommendations as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Nomination and Election of Acting President of the Board of Aldermen.

Mayor Eden requested nominations for Acting President of the Board. Alderswoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to elect Alderman Springer to the position. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Springer

ABSENT: Hull

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

Department Reports.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented a report on bills that have been paid and requested any questions. None brought forth.
- March Report. Presented the March Treasurer Report for approval. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Weldy reported auditor adjustments have been made and the 2010 budget has formally been closed.

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- Budget Amendments. Presented a list of budget amendments for 2011. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to approve budget amendments as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Street Paving. Received a start date of Thursday, April 14, 2011 for Blevins Asphalt to begin paving on Walnut Street, weather permitting.
- Park Buildings. Re-roofing of all park buildings is in process.
- Clean-up. Drainage ditch, west of McCanse Street, is being cleared by Public Works Department.
- DNR Sanitary Survey. Inspector pleased with city for being proactive on tower cleaning, hydrant maintenance, record keeping and mapping. Stanton thanked the Board for supporting all the programs.
- Radio Frequencies. Reported the Federal Government was mandating all radio frequencies to go from wide-band to narrow-band, with a deadline to be January, 2013. Stanton reported he was preparing for the process.
- Traffic Counter. Alderman Springer questioned who had installed the traffic counter on Hickory Street and McCanse Street. Stanton reported the count was a class project by Missouri State University students.
- General Discussion. Alderman Greene discussed signage on the Business Loop.

Planning and Zoning.

- Statistic Report. Presented the March 2011 statistic report.
- Housing Status. Reported a house located at 816 S. Vine Street, which was previously damaged by fire, has been sold and the new owners have begun cleanup of property.
- Trailer Removal. A camping trailer located at 505 S. Hazel Street, has been removed from the location. Conway reported he assisted in having the trailer removed.
- Planning & Zoning Vacancy. Requested the Board consider Aletha Smialeck to fill the vacancy on the Board. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Statistical Report. Presented the March report for review.
- King's Street Parking. Discussion held regarding parking of truck with trailer at the park.
- Homeland Security. Reported the department has assisted the Homeland Security with three local investigations.
- Taser Certification. Reported all officers are now taser certified.
- Seat Belt Enforcement. Department will be participating in a stepped-up seatbelt enforcement on April 15, 2011. Earnest noted the enforcement will be funded by Missouri Department of Transportation.

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- Commendation. Commended Officer Jason Lacey and Grant Wheeler for rescuing two children that were trapped in a home fire on Gibbs Ave. approximately five years earlier. Earnest reported they would be receiving a life-saving pin for their actions.
- Evidence Status. Alderman Springer requested status of the computer sent to the prosecutor's as evidence in a case. Earnest reported the Lawrence County Prosecutor has not contacted him with updates or news of the case.
- Postal Carrier Parking. Alderman Albers requested status of the postal carrier parking on McCause Street. Earnest reported he has spoke with post office regarding parking in a different area.

Fire.

Sullivan held discussion on the following items:

- Calls.
 1. Structure fire on S. Walnut on April 8, 2011.
 2. Roadway wash-down on Spring Park Blvd.
- Maintenance.
 1. Vehicle maintenance was performed on all trucks
 2. Pump certifications were performed with all trucks receiving certification.
 3. Installed auto air pump on rescue truck number 51
- Training.
 1. Storm Spotter training on March 22, 2011
 2. Training meeting conducted on March 24, 2011
 3. Wild land firefighting training on March 17, 2011. Sullivan noted the department trained on a live burn.
 4. Pipeline safety on April 6, 2011
- Community Events.
 1. Hosted the storm spotter training.
 2. Attended Fun Night at the Mount Vernon Elementary School.
 3. Training for the Missouri State Highway Patrol at the Fire Station on April 12, 2011.
- Generator. Reported the generator has been installed and final testing will be performed.
- Grant. Rural Fire Department received a grant for purchase of new boots, leather gloves, extrication gloves and brush fire masks, which will also be used by the City Fire Department.

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 has not met.

Public Works/Streets. With the absence of Alderman Hull, no report was submitted.

Waste Franchise. Alderman Albers reported the meeting for Tuesday, April 12, 2011 was rescheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business. None brought forth.

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Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business. Discussion was held on updating language on ordinance to enable enforcement of no parking at King Park. Earnest requested status on the Summer Fresh Tasting permit. Neely reported the permit had been paid for and issued earlier in the year.

Mayor Eden welcomed guest Joe Hubert to the meeting. Mr. Hubert related he was a student at Missouri Southern State University and working on a report for his government class.

Adjournment.

Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to adjourn meeting. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor David W. Eden

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date