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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 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, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Haymes with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Deanna McElveen (teleconference), Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, 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.

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 to add electric department inventory replacement and spring clean-up.
- City Administrator to add change order #3 for Spirit of '76 restrooms and hangar request.

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 23, 2021 to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

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.

KPM CPA's Audit Presentation

Rebecca Baker presented the 2020 audit to the Board. Ms. Baker reported the City has received an "unmodified" or "clean opinion" by KPM on the 2020 audit. Discussion was held.

Ordinance

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**Bill No. 2021-13 re:** First and seconding reading of an Ordinance approving and accepting the re-plat of Lot 15 of the Northwest Industrial Park, a subdivision to the City of Mount Vernon, Lawrence County, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2021-13 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature, and thus became Ordinance Number 1.285.

**Bill No. 2021-14 re:** First and seconding reading of an Ordinance approving and accepting the re-plat of Lot 1, 2, 3 the North ½ of Lot 4, and part of a vacated alley in Block Six, Hayes Addition to the City of Mount Vernon, Lawrence County, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2021-14 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature, and thus became Ordinance Number 1.286.

## **Department Reports**

### City Administrator

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Springer stated the sales tax for April was down \$3,403.91 from the previous year. This the first month in quite some time it has been down from the prior month. Use tax is doing very well, for April it is up \$6,455.90 from last year.
- **MJMEUC True-up Storm URI (Polar Vortex).** Springer updated the Board that the City received the true-up for the February storm (URI) event for \$1,489,831.64 through March 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be another true-up in May or June, which could potentially be another \$200,000 or more. The City is requesting permission to pay the \$1,489,831.64

out of the electric reserve funds. This will leave approximately \$3.1 million in the reserve account. The City understands how any additional cost could create a hardship for some of our customers; we discussed adding 0.009886 to the fuel adjustment charge for a period not to exceed five (5) years. If this is still what the Board would like to do, the adjustments could start with the bill that will be due June 15<sup>th</sup> and a letter will be sent out to customers explaining what occurred that caused the cost for electricity to go up so quickly. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made the motion to increase the fuel adjustment on the monthly utility bill by 0.009886 for a period not to exceed five (5) years to repay the \$1,489,831.64 beginning with the June bill, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **Open Air Hangar.** Springer reported Sam Ramsey, a local pilot, has asked about leasing one of the spots in the open-air hangar. Mr. Ramsey asked the City about fencing the outside of the hangar to provide some security. Open-air hangars rent for \$25.00 per month. Mr. Ramsey stated he would be willing to pay \$75.00 per month if there were more security. Discussion was held. Springer is bringing back information on costs to fence the open-air hangar.
- **Pay Request #1 Park Restroom Project.** Springer requested approval of pay request #1 to Sprouls Construction in the amount of \$48,149.80. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve payment of \$48,149.80 to Sprouls Construction for the restroom project at Spirit of '76 Park, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **Pay Request #10 Main Street Sidewalk Project.** Springer requested approval of pay request #1 for \$118, 834.30 to A.T. Urban Development for work completed to date, and \$9,595.16 in engineering fees to Anderson Engineering for a total of \$128, 429.46. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Gramm moved to approve pay request #1 for \$118,834.30 to A.T. Urban for construction, and \$9,595.16 to Anderson Engineering for a total of \$128,429.46, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

- **Hayward Drive.** Springer requested authority to contract with Blevins Asphalt to pave Hayward Drive from Hickory Street to Landrum Street. The estimate provided in June for \$304,687.50 had expired and the new estimate is \$338,650.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to authorize the contract with Blevins to pave Hayward Drive from Hickory Street to Landrum Street for \$338,650.00, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **IT Services Contract.** Springer informed the Board that the City recently did a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide the City with IT services. Five proposals were received of two distinct categories. Two RFPs were reactive in nature, where the City buys service hours and the IT person provides service on an "as needed" basis. The other three RFPs were proactive in that the IT service is constantly monitoring the City's IT systems and servers on a 24/7 basis, with system reports on security monitoring. Due to the amount of personal information maintained in our utility and payroll systems, as well as, our utility SCADA system, the City recommends going with a proactive IT service company to better secure sensitive data. After reviewing the RFPs received we recommend the Board consider contracting with DaZZee IT Services. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to accept the contract with DaZZee IT Services in the amount of \$33,516.00, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm. The following vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: McElveen

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

- **Hangar Request.** Springer stated that Kate Haymes would like to lease part of Hanger #1 with her father Jason Haymes. Discussion was held. An ordinance will be prepared and brought back to the Board.
- **Change Order #3.** Springer reported the plumbing on the restroom project wasn't completed the way it was designed. It is up to code, and to repair it to design specifications would mean cutting through the new concrete slab. The City is requesting approval of change order #3 to leave the plumbing as is, and receive \$5,000.00 off the contracted price. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Gramm moved to approve Change Order #3 to leave the plumbing the way it is, and don't disturb the slab, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Motion passed.

#### 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 Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

Weldy also requested approval to pay the electric bill to MJMEUC for \$1,872,884.91, which is the normal electric bill and the true-up URI bill. Alderwoman Thrasher moved to pay the electric bill to MJMEUC in the amount of \$1,872,884.91, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **February 2021 Treasurer's Report.** Weldy requested approval of the Treasurer's Report for February 2021 and requested any discussion. None brought forth. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the February 2021 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

- **Mailed Letters for Utility Write-offs.** Weldy informed the Board that letters for write-offs had been mailed to customers in the amount of \$25,701.07. Discussion was held.

#### Director of Public Works

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Parks – Lighting Repair at Baseball Field.** Kelley reported that seven lights are out at the ball fields. Musco Lighting submitted a quote of \$5,500.00 to repair the seven lights. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve request for \$5,500.00 for lighting repairs at the baseball fields, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **Waste Water Collection – System Monitoring & Inspection.** Kelley informed the Board that there is an area south of the old Summerfresh building where storm water is getting into the sanitary sewer. Kelley requested approval to have TREKK Design Group monitor and inspect the area to find where this is occurring. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Gramm moved to approve \$11,280.00 for system monitoring and inspection by TREKK Design Group, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

- **Electric Department – Inventory Replacement.** Kelley requested \$8,000.00 to restock inventory materials that have been used in various projects. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve electric department supply replacement in the amount of \$8,000.00, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **Spring Clean-Up.** Kelley reminded the Board that the annual spring clean-up the City offers residents will be held April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and April 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Discussion was held.

### Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **Statistical Report for March 2021.** Moore presented the statistical report for March 2021 and requested any discussion. None brought forth
- **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:

- **Statistics for March 2021.** Hubert presented the statistics for March 2021 to the Board for review, and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Purchase of a New Patrol Car.** Hubert stated that the police department had budgeted for a new patrol car. Hubert reported he received two price quotes on a 2021 Ford Interceptor SUV. Joe Machen in Columbia at \$33,873.00 and Jimmy Mitchell Motors in Aurora at \$34,826.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to purchase the new patrol car from Jimmy Mitchell Motors for \$34,826.00, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

### Old Business

Mayor Haymes requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

### Ordinance

**Bill No. 2021-12 re:** First and seconding reading of an Ordinance declaring the results of the General Election held in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, on April 6, 2021., was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

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NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2021-12 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature, and thus became Ordinance Number 5.186.

Adjourn Sine Die

Mayor Haymes announced there being no further old business to conduct, the meeting is adjourned Sine Die. Meeting adjourned Sine Die at 8:21 pm.

Oath of Office

City Clerk Aduddle conducted Oath of Office and Certificates of Election to the following:

- Ward One (Two Year Term)                      Scott Beckley
- Ward Two (Two Year Term)                      Sherie Thrasher
- Ward Three (Two Year Term)                      Marda Gramm
- Ward Four (Two Year Term)                      Craig A. Nelson

Reconvene Meeting.

Mayor Haymes called the meeting to order at 8:25 pm, with the following roll recorded:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

Acting President of the Board

Mayor Haymes requested the Board consider appointing an Acting President of the Board for the Mayor during absences. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to nominate Alderman Phillips as Acting President of the Board, seconded by Alderman Nelson.

Motion passed.

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 8:27 pm.

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Jason Haymes, Mayor

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Date

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Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

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Date