

Minutes Approved April 28, 2015 with corrections

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 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, April 14, 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, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Barbara Rubison and Sue Lee. Absent: Craig Nelson. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Director of Public Works 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 Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Move Employee Recognition from City Administrator Report to Line Item Number VII following Audit Report.
- Public Works Report. Add Cardboard Recycling.
- Committee Reports. Add discussion on standing committees.

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

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from March 24, 2015 meeting and requested approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Haymes

ABSENT: Phillips

With all present members voting, 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.

Audit Report – KPM, CPAs & Advisors.

Rebeca Friedrich, representative from KPM, presented the results of the 2014 fiscal audit and reviewed key topics to the Board. Ms. Friedrich reported it was in the opinion of her company the city receive an unqualified opinion, which is the best result an audit can receive. Discussion was held.

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Employee Recognition.

Mayor Eden recognized the following employees for years of service to the city:

- Danny Cordova – twenty-five years
- Gene Stanton – twenty years

Ordinance

Bill No. 2015-016 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Chapter 210, Animal Regulations, Section 210.090 regarding keeping of wild animals, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Haymes, Philips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson

Bill No. 2015-016 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-016 thus became ordinance Number 3.49.

Bill No. 2015-017 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of an agreement for demolition services by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and Gator Industrial, LLC regarding buildings at 201-207 E. Dallas, 209 E. Dallas and 206 S. Main was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson

Bill No. 2015-017 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-017 thus became Ordinance Number 14.247.

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Bill No. 2015-018 re: An ordinance declaring the results of the general election, held in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri on April 7, 2015 was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson

Bill No. 2015-018 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-018 thus became Ordinance Number 5.170.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. Alderman Greene requested discussion on naming of the former MRC building and use of the term “the Hill”.

At this point, Alderman Nelson arrived to the meeting.

Adjourn Sine Die.

Mayor Eden declared there was no other business listed on the agenda to come before the old Board and declared the meeting adjourned Sine Die. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Oath of Office.

City Clerk Neely administered the oath of office for Board of Aldermen elected on April 7, 2015: J.N. Greene, Ward One; Edward Kimbler, Ward Two; Barbara Rubison, Ward Three; and Jason Haymes, Ward Four.

Reconvened Session.

Mayor Eden reconvened the meeting at 7:34 p.m. with all aldermen in attendance.

Selection of Acting President of the Board.

Mayor Eden requested the Aldermen elect an Acting President of the Board, as required by City Code, Section 110.040. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to nominate Alderman Phillips as Acting President of the Board. With all members of the Board voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented sales tax revenue totals and noted an increase of 8.86% from previous report. Discussion was held.
- Appraisal Services. Springer presented the following two quotes for appraisal services for the farmhouse:

Gloria Johnson - \$350.00

Tim Reavis – free

Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to award appraisal services to Tim Reavis. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Springer presented proposals for appraisal services for the Hill (former MRC) facility. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to accept proposal for appraisal services for the Hill from Moore & Shryock for \$3,500.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- McCanse Street Bridge. Springer reported bids were opened on March 31, 2015 with only one bid received, which was considerably higher than the engineer's estimate and requested the Board reject the bid and rebid the project. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to reject the bid and ordered Anderson Engineering to rebid the project. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Lifeguards/Park Program. Springer presented a list of applicants for lifeguard/park program positions for the 2015 season and requested the Board approve applicants and to adjust the pay scale to reflect the current minimum wage of \$7.65 and add 15 cents to the additional wage increments. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve applicants as presented and accept pay scale increases to reflect minimum wage increase. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Wynne Park. Springer presented a request from Community Betterment to rename Wynne Park to Steve Wynne Veterans Memorial Park. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to change Wynne Park to Steve Wynne Veterans Memorial Park. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Cobblestone Inns & Suites. Springer presented a proposal from Cobblestone Inns and Suites to locate in the area. Springer noted the company does require the city to conduct a market feasibility study before location would be considered. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden determined it was the consensus of the Board to not pursue a market feasibility study at this time.

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Treasurer.

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested discussion. None brought forth.
- March Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the March Treasurer Report. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene approving the report. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Other Items of Discussion. Weldy requested the Board direct her on name for the MRC facility for bookkeeping purposes. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden directed staff use 600 N. Main St. for identification of the facility.

Public Works

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Request to hire seasonal employee at Golf Course. Stanton recommended the Board hire Martha Faucett for seasonal vacancy at the Golf Course. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild accepting recommendation to hire Martha Faucett as seasonal employee at Golf Course. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to renew contract with Westrum Leak Detection. Stanton presented an agreement from Westrum Leak Detection Services for \$3,200.00 per year for three years, beginning in 2016. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to approve agreement with Westrum Leak Detection Services. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to order Re-closures. Stanton requested permission to proceed with purchase of two re-closures for \$16,900.00. Stanton noted the re-closures were budgeted for. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve purchase of two re-closures. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to schedule public hearing on Davis Street. Stanton requested permission to schedule a public hearing to receive input regarding Davis Street. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden declared it was the consensus of the Board to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
- Additional Agenda Items. Stanton requested discussion on disposal of cardboard at the Hill facility. Stanton noted the Sheltered Workshop in Monett would pick up the cardboard, but would need reimbursement for this service. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to proceed with an agreement with Monett Sheltered Workshop for pickup of cardboard at the Hill facility. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Statistic Report. Conway presented the March statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Public Hearing on text change for Section 405.060. Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, May 5, 2015 to receive input regarding text change for Section 405.060 regarding distance for liquor sales. Discussion was held.

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- Annexation Request. Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission discussed an annexation request for First Church of Nazarene to annex into the city limits and recommended the Board proceed with annexation request. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to accept recommendation and direct City Clerk to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, April 28, 2015. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Agenda Items. Conway commended the city for holding the Spring Clean-up on April 10th and 11th. Alderman Nelson commended the city's use of LED streetlights on N. East Street.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Statistic Report. Hubert presented the March statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Medication Take-back. Hubert reported approximately one hundred pounds of used medication was delivered to Covanta in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Monday, April 6, 2015.
- Friend of Education Award. Hubert reported the Missouri State Teachers Association presented Police Department with the award on April 6, 2015.
- Request to hire employee. Hubert requested permission to hire Grant Smillie for position of police officer. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to offer Smillie position of police officer pending employee screening results. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Alderman Kimbler requested where to dispose of dead batteries. Discussion was held.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Fire Calls. DeLay reported the department had received four calls since last report.
- Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance. DeLay reported the annual certification is scheduled for April 27, 2015.
- Training. DeLay noted the department held a special storm spotter training on April 6, 2015 and regular monthly training on April 16, 2015 which was attended by staff from Missouri Gas Energy.
- Miscellaneous. DeLay reported the ladder-truck has been used on several critical calls and has proved to be a very valuable asset. DeLay thanked the Board again for the purchase of the vehicle.

Committee Reports.

Mayor Eden requested the Board hold discussion on standing committees and the Board receiving committee reports at each meeting. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden directed the Board to consider committee options and hold discussion at the next meeting. Due to no meetings, no reports were submitted.

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New Business.

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

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden reported there was no other business listed on the agenda to come before the Board and declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date