

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 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, Craig Nelson, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Gary Albers, Barbara Rubison. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Code Enforcement Bruce Conway, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Firefighter Rick Richardson 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.

Agenda.

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

- New Business: Remove “Review of Volunteer Application for Board of Alderman Ward II”, to Agenda Item V and renumber subsequent items on the agenda.

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

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Review of Volunteer Application – Alderman Position Ward II.

Mayor Eden reported he had received two applications for the vacant Alderman position from Ward II. Discussion was held with a recommendation from Mayor Eden to appoint Sue Lee to the vacant Ward II Alderman position. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to accept Mayor’s recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Neely conducted the Oath of Office to Lee.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside for participation from the public and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Auditor’s Report.

Jon Cummings, CPA with Davis, Lynn & Moots, presented the 2012 audit to the Board. Mr. Cummings discussed the following points of the audit:

- Independent Auditor’s Report. Noted the audit received a clean opinion.
- Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds.

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- Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances.
- Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Funds.
- Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position – Proprietary Funds
- Independent Auditors’ report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with government auditing standards.
- Auditor’s Letters which give a brief summary of the audit and significant findings of the audit.

Discussion was held. Mr. Cummings thanked staff for assisting during the audit and the Board for allowing his company to work with the city.

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

Mayor Eden requested nominations to serve as Acting President of the Board in the absence of the Mayor. Alderman Kimbler nominated Lowell Phillips, with Alderman Albers nominating himself. Mayor Eden requested each Alderman cast their vote via paper ballot. Neely counted paper ballots and announced the following results:

Alderman Albers – 2 votes  
Alderwoman Rubison – 1 vote  
Alderman Phillips – 5 votes

Mayor Eden declared Alderman Phillips as the Acting President of the Board.

### Mayor Committee Appointments.

Mayor Eden presented the following appointments of the Board to serve on committees, with the first name announced to be the chairman of that committee:

Airport – Greene, Phillips, Albers  
Finance – Rubison, Greene, Lee  
Parks & Recreation – Nelson, Albers, Kimbler  
Personnel – Albers, Haymes, Nelson  
Public Works/Streets – Phillips, Nelson, Haymes  
The MARC – Rubison, Kimbler, Lee

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept Mayoral appointments. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Request for Destruction of Records.

Neely presented a list of records to be destroyed, with list to be included and made a part of the minutes. Mayor Eden requested if records have been reviewed and approved. Weldy noted she had reviewed the bills portion of the request, with no discrepancies. Neely noted Stanton had reviewed the Water Reports, with no discrepancies. Springer noted he had also reviewed the records. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve destruction of records as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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Ordinances.

**Bill No. 2013-012 re:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Title III, Traffic Code, Schedule III., Parking Restrictions, Table III-B, Restricted Parking, was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2013-012 was declared passed on the first reading and will be presented for the second and final reading on May 14, 2013.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Hickory Street Sidewalk Update. Reported the contract for the consultant has been reviewed and approved by the Missouri Department of Transportation.
- Request from Donna Harris. Reported Ms. Harris has inquired if the city would be interested in purchasing her property located at 1101 South Hickory Street for \$50,000.00. Discussion was held.
- Invitation from the City of Marionville. Reported the City of Marionville has invited our Board to a presentation on May 2, 2013 by Gary Markenson and requested if anyone would be interested in attending. Discussion was held with several members expressing interest to attend. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to assist the City of Marionville with half the cost of the presentation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- National Day of Prayer. Springer reminded the Board that Thursday, May 2, 2013 is National Prayer Day and invited all to attend the service at noon on the square.
- Downtown Revitalization Study. Reported at the April 24, 2012 Board meeting, a proposal from Jeff Barber of the University of Missouri Extension was presented offering his services to conduct a down-town revitalization study for approximately \$4,500.00. At that meeting, the Mayor directed the city to contact Mr. Barber after a year so the Board may re-look at the feasibility of a study. Discussion was held with no action taken.
- Daniels Property. Springer had earlier presented a proposal to purchase approximately 29 acres of the Charles Daniel property or better known as Rising Fenix, which lies south of interstate, for \$5,500.00 per acre. Springer noted the original asking price was \$7,500.00 per acre, but due to encumbrances on the property, consideration of purchase was delayed. Springer noted if the city wished to purchase property, the Economic Development Corporation has offered to partner with the city on development of property. Springer noted he is currently working on a proposal for a presentation to Harps Foods, (Food-4-Less) stores, which may be interested in this area. Discussion was held. With a consensus of the Board, Mayor Eden directed Springer to continue working on the proposal for presentation to Food-4-Less in this area.

Treasurer Report.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Investment Bid. Presented bid tab for investment and recommended investment at Liberty Bank for twelve months, for the following money and interest rates:

<b>Account</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>
Liberty Bank - Certificate Deposit Electric Fund	Renew	\$249,000.00	0.45%
Liberty Bank – Certificate Deposit Electric Fund	Renew	\$347,922.00	0.35%
Liberty Bank – Certificate Deposit Water Fund	Renew	\$102,459.00	0.35%
Liberty Bank – Certificate Deposit Special Sales Tax Fund	Renew	\$204,918.00	0.35%
Closed CDARS Special Sales Tax Fund		\$205,480.00	0.35%
Closed CDARS Water Fund		\$102,740.00	0.35%
Closed CDARS Industrial Development		\$37,000.00	0.35%

Weldy noted the amount for the Closed CDARS Industrial Development closed at \$30,415.97, with an additional \$6,584.03 from the Industrial Development Special Building Fund made the investment an even amount. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept recommendation for investment and to proceed. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Weldy requested the Board to give her direction for the CDARS Special Sales Tax, which matures on May 16, 2013. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to close the CDARS Special Sales Tax account and to begin bid process for the balance. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Weldy noted with the election of the Acting President of the Board, the signature card names for Liberty Bank would need to be changed to include the new Acting President of the Board. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to remove Alderwoman Rubison from the signature cards and to add Alderman Phillips. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Taxi Driver. Weldy reported she had received three applicants for the taxi driver position and recommended the Board hire Sheryl Hood for the position. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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### Public Works

With the absence of Stanton, no report was presented.

### Code Enforcement.

Conway noted he had nothing to report but welcomed any questions. Mayor Eden requested status of the Life Bridge Church. Conway reported work on the inside continues and the project should be completed by July. Conway also noted the Mixed Use for Hickory Street meeting went well.

### Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- National Medication Take Back. Reported the department will participate in the National Medication Take Back, scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Storm Warnings. Reported with the recent storm activity, he has been researching our current storm siren policy, which he has found one that was council approved in 2002 and the other policy that directs the City Administrator, Director of Public Works or the Fire Captain to set off sirens, but was not approved by council. Discussion was held by the Board on the need for a firm policy. Alderman Albers made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler for the storm policy to direct city officers to make the judgment call for storm sirens.

### Fire.

Richardson held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Reported the department has not had any calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Reported maintenance has been performed on equipment and vehicles.
- Training. Reported the department held training on Thursday, April 18, 2013. Richardson noted the training covered foam operations for firefighters and included the new rural truck has a foam cell.

### Committee Reports.

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

*Finance.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.

*Parks & Recreation.* Alderman Nelson scheduled a meeting for May 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss fees.

*Personnel.* Alderman Albers scheduled a meeting for May 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for interviews for the Public Works Department and the Golf Course.

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

*The MARC/Community Center.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.

### Old Business.

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

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New Business.

Mayor Eden presented the Board with a letter from the MOCCFOA (Missouri City Clerk and Finance Officer Association) for allowing the City Clerk to attend training offered by the organization.

Adjournment.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Albers to adjourn the meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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Date