

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 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, Kathy Fairchild and Sandy Martin. Absent: Sue Lee. The following city personnel was also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Chief of Police David Hubert, Fireman Rick Richardson and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway.

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 Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- City Administrator Report.
 - Remove Net Metering Discussion
 - Add Discussion on housing proposal from Midcontinent Equity Holding, LLC
- Director of Public Works
 - Add Net Metering Discussion
 - Add Request for authorization to advertise for vacancy in Electric Department
 - Add Request for replacement of Storm siren

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

Minutes.

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

Police Report. Permission to Install Stop Signs. Correction: Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild.

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

Citizen Participation.

Pam Dudley, Chamber of Commerce Director, presented an invitation to the Board for an organized event scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. at The MARC in recognition of National Prayer Day.

Selection of Acting President of the Board.

Mayor Eden requested the Board nominate and elect an Acting President of the Board, as required by City Code, Section 110.030. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin nominating Alderman Phillips as Acting President of the Board to serve a one year term. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Mayoral Board Committee Appointments.

Mayor Eden presented the following recommendation for committee appointments:

- Airport: Greene (Chairman), Phillips, Haymes
- Finance: Lee (Chairwoman), Greene, Martin
- Parks & Recreation: Nelson (Chairman), Phillips, Fairchild
- Personnel: Fairchild (Chairwoman), Haymes, Nelson
- Public Works/Streets: Phillips (Chairman), Nelson, Haymes
- The MARC: Martin (Chairwoman), Kimbler, Lee

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

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2016-009 re: An ordinance changing the zoning designation of two (2) tracts of real estate from M-1 Light Industrial District to R-3 Multi-family Dwelling District and directing change to be indicated on the District Map, as adopted by the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill No. 2016-009 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2016-009 thus became Ordinance Number 2.180.

Bill No. 2016-010 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of an electrical service agreement and networking operating agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, the Empire District Electric Company and Southwest Power Pool, Inc. was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

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Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill No. 2016-010 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2016-010 thus became Ordinance Number 14.257.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Veterans Administration. Springer reported the Veterans Administration has submitted a Request for Lease Proposal (RLP) for clinic space, currently located at 600 N. Main Street. Springer noted the RLP requires the City paying a broker fee of 3% for the "Aggregate Lease Value" for the firm term of thirty (30) months, which would result in approximately \$172,362.60 paid by the city for this fee. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board agreeing the city should not be held accountable for this expense. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to not respond to the Veterans Administration Request for Lease Proposal. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Dispatch. Springer presented a quote of \$95.00 per hour to program PL tones onto Fire Department radios due to communication complaints from Fire staff. Hubert reported he conducted communication tests in several areas of the city and outside the city, which included Officer Lacey stepping outside the vehicle using his personal radio. Hubert reported they experienced no issues on the city sponsored channel. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden directed the Fire Department utilize the city sponsored Fire channel with repeater to alleviate communication problems.
- IFI/Environmental Studies. Springer reported IFI has requested testing for asbestos to be included in Phase II Environmental Study for 600 N. Main Street. Springer noted he has requested a quote from Environmental Works for the inclusion of identifying any asbestos, with additional cost paid by IFI. Discussion was held.
- Airport. Springer reported he has received notification the bid for airport maintenance grant has been awarded to HW Lochner and the city should be receiving an agreement to present to the Board for approval. Springer noted project is for crack sealing, sealcoat and stripping, with expected completion of job within three weeks of start date and should begin in either August or September of this year. Discussion was held.
- Marketing/Feasibility Study. Springer requested the Board consider the three proposals for a feasibility/marketing study presented at previous study sessions. Springer reminded the Board the proposal were from Buxton, Retail Strategies and WEDA, all offering different levels to represent the city. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to proceed with Retail Strategies for feasibility study. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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AYES: Greene, Kimbler

NOES: Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Fairchild, Martin

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

With all present members voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion failed. Discussion continued. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to pursue a contract with Buxton. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: Kimbler

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

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

- Veterans' Way Committee. Springer reported the Veterans' Way Committee has requested installation of street signs on Hickory and Main Street that have the Veterans' Way designation. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild requested discussion resume after the banners are hung.
- Workforce Housing Proposal. Springer presented a proposal from Midcontinent Holding, LLC of Stockton, Missouri regarding the possibility of constructing workforce housing development. Springer noted the proposal consisted of two buildings with sixteen (16) units in each building, with the location on an undeveloped parcel near the Veterans' Home. Springer noted Midcontinent Equity Housing, LLC is requesting support from the Board when the company approaches the Housing Commission for credits and financing.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the Bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- ADA Procedures and Complaint Form. Weldy presented an ADA Procedures and Complaint form, a required policy for the Transportation Grant and requested approval from the Board. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to accept the ADA Procedures and Complaint Form as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Civil Rights Title VI Plan. Weldy presented the Civil Rights Title VI Plan, a required policy by the Transportation Grant, and requested approval. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the Civil Rights Title VI plan as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Request to advertise for vacancy. Stanton requested the Board approve advertising for lineman position in the Electric Department. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with advertisement of vacancy. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- **Net Metering.** Stanton reported he has received a request for an individual to install solar panels. Stanton noted an ordinance to connect will be presented to the Board which will consist of meter requirements, billing/credits, connection and interconnection inspections. Discussion was held.
- **Storm Siren.** Stanton reported the storm siren on Gibbs Avenue was not working and with spring storm season on-hand, requested the Board allow utilization of emergency purchase as recognized in the Bid policy. Stanton noted the policy states regular bid procedures may be waived due to emergency repairs or conditions. Stanton noted he has received two bids, CDL Electric at \$15,000.00 and Blue Valley for \$18,000.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with emergency purchase for replacement of storm siren with CDL Electric for \$15,000.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Due to the absence of Conway, no report was submitted.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Training.** Hubert reported Officer Josh Sanker and Officer Levi Chorum attended Drug Interdiction training in Nixa, Missouri.

Fire.

Richardson held discussion on the following items:

- **Calls.** Richardson reported the department has had three calls since last report.
- **Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance.** Richardson reported maintenance has been performed on equipment and vehicles.
- **Training.** Richardson reported traffic incident training was hosted by MoDot on April 21, 2016.
- **Community Activities.** Richardson reported five hundred smoke alarms were given away during the public service event at KY3 in Springfield, Missouri.

New Business.

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

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion.

Petrus addressed the Board with discussion regarding the Special Called meeting on April 18, 2016 regarding personnel issues and noted a vote in open session should have been taken to go into closed session. Petrus added this would have allowed anyone the opportunity to voice their concern against going into closed session. Discussion was held.

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Closed Session.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to adjourn to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(3) personnel issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Motion approved, meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:51 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m. with all Board members in attendance.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date