

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, in the regular meeting place, City Hall, on Tuesday, April 28, 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, Craig Nelson, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Barbara Rubison and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were 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, Fire Chief Brad DeLay and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: 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 Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Item VII. Business Appreciation. Move to follow Item III. Approval of Agenda
- Department Reports.
 - Director of Public Works. Add Request approval to purchase Chlorine
 - Director of Public Works. Add Request to purchase diving board.
- Committee Reports. Remove Item IX. Committee Reports.

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

Business Appreciation.

Mayor Eden presented the following Business Appreciation awards:

- Ulmer Excavating – 50 Years
- Kay Concrete – 50 Years
- Stemmons Law Firm – 100 Years

Public Hearing – Annexation Request

Mayor Eden announced the opening of the Public Hearing for a request of annexation from the First Church of Nazarene. Mayor Eden noted the location of the First Church of the Nazarene and requested any comment for or against the annexation request. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden directed Petrus to construct an ordinance for the annexation upon completion of the fourteen day waiting period.

Presentation of Minutes.

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

- Minutes. Roll call vote, absent. Change from Phillips to Nelson.

With all present members voting in favor, 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. Charlotte Woodrum complimented the Mount Vernon Area Economic Development Corporation banquet, which was held on Monday, April 27, 2015. Randee Stemmons expressed her appreciation for Spring Clean-up day.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Buildings on the Square.
 - a) Ownership. Springer reported the city is officially the new owner of the Millsap and Ben Franklin buildings and that all mortgages and liens have been cleared on the Millsap and Ben Franklin buildings.
 - b) Taxes. Springer requested approval of payment of \$10,268.12 for taxes owed from the Ben Franklin building. Springer noted the Lawrence County Collector has agreed to waive fees and interest accumulated from the unpaid taxes, but final tax amount must be paid by May 15, 2015. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene approving request and to proceed with payment. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
 - c) Demolition. Springer reported removal of friable asbestos will begin on April 30, 2015. Springer noted once all asbestos have been removed, the demolition process will begin. Discussion was held.
- Request for Proposal for 600 N. Main Street. Springer presented a response for the Request for Proposal for use of property at 600 N. Main Street from Infrastructure Financial, Inc. Springer noted proposed use will be a holistic program for Veterans. Discussion was held. Springer scheduled a public hearing to receive input from the public for Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
- Benchcraft Company. Springer presented a proposal from Bench Craft Company to supply amenities to golf courses, such as benches, scorecards, tee signage and golf ball washers, free of charge to the city. Springer noted the business will recoup costs by offering to local companies' advertisement space on provided products. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden declared it was the consensus of the Board to proceed with agreement with Bench Craft Company.
- Gates for 600 North Main Street. Springer requested permission to proceed with purchase of gates for the facility at 600 N. Main Street for security. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to approve request to purchase gates. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request from Mark Lee. Springer presented a request from Mark Lee to purchase a 100' x 400' strip of land at 995 Daniel Drive. Springer noted the requested property is adjacent to property owned by Mr. Lee. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to sell requested land for \$22,000.00 per acre. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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AYES: Greene

NOES: Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Rubison, Lee

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Request for Investment. Weldy presented a bid tab for a matured certificate of deposit at Liberty Bank and requested direction from the Board. Weldy noted the matured value is \$1,255,000.00, but recommended using monies from other funds to adjust the investment value to \$1,258,000.00. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to invest the recommended value of \$1,258,000.00 in a FDIC insured certificate of deposit at Edward Jones, for eighteen (18) months at 0.60% interest rate, only if depositing in a bank located and headquartered in the United States and with no ownership by a foreign company. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to purchase transportation vehicle. Weldy requested the Board approve the city's share of payment of \$9,766.60 for new taxi vehicle. Weldy noted money is budgeted for. Weldy added the original price for the vehicle is \$48,833.00 with Missouri Highway Department's share approximately \$39,056.40. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to proceed with purchase. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Other Items of Discussion. Weldy announced a retirement party for Alderman Haymes retirement as vocational agricultural teacher at the Mount Vernon School system is scheduled for Sunday, May 10, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Request to purchase Chlorine. Stanton requested purchase of chlorine for approximately \$7,000.00. Stanton noted this is a budgeted item, but dollar amount is above purchase policy. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with purchase of chlorine. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to purchase diving board. Stanton requested to purchase a diving board for the city pool for \$3,195.00. Stanton noted this item was budgeted for \$2,500.00, but bids came in at higher amount. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with purchase of diving board. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- McCanse Street Bridge. Stanton noted the bid opening for the McCanse Street Bridge would be held on May 7, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Discussion was held.

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- Public Hearing Davis Street. Stanton reported a public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to receive comment from the public regarding the future of Davis Street.
- Spring/Fall Cleanup. Stanton noted he is currently searching for a replacement vendor for Spring/Fall cleanup collection of electronics. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

With the absence of Conway, no report was submitted.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Enhanced Enforcements. Hubert reported during the month of May, 2015, the department will be participating in youth alcohol enforcement grant and a Click-it or Ticket grant.
- Introduction of Police Officer. Hubert introduced newly hired Officer Grant Smillie to the Board.
- Hubert reported a 911 Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Monett, Missouri. Discussion was held.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received two calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported equipment and vehicles have received maintenance.
- Training. DeLay reported Missouri Gas Energy provided training on April 16, 2015 and will partner with Missouri Department of Conservation for training on May 14, 2015.

Committee Reports.

Mayor Eden surveyed the Board on the continuation of standing committees. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden declared it was the consensus of the Board for standing committee meetings to remain as is. Mayor Eden announced the following standing committees and appointments.

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

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. None brought forth.

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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 8:07 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date