

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018.**

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, May 8, 2018 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, Steve Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. Absent: Sherie Thrasher. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Gene Stanton, Director of Public Works Director Joe Kelley, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert 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.

Presentation of Agenda.

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

- City Administrator Report – Add request to hire seasonal aquatics and park program employees.

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

Presentation of Minutes.

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

- City Administrator Report – Fire Protection. Correction: remove the word himself and replace with he.
- Trekk Design Group. Correction: remove two additional zeros from \$585.00.
- Request for use of airport. Sentence corrected to read: Springer added Mr. Feisthamel has sold his business he continues to rent hangar space from the city.

The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Nelson, Haymes

ABSENT: Thrasher

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 those in attendance and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

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Mayoral Appointments.

Mayor Eden recommended the following appointments:

*One Year Appointments:*

- Chief of Police – David Hubert
- City Clerk – Shannon Neely
- Director of Public Works - Joe Kelley
- City Collector - Jason Patten
- Treasurer – Shari Weldy
- Municipal Court Clerk – Toni Buttram
- Counselor - William Petrus, Jr.
- Prosecuting Attorney – William Petrus, Jr.

*Two Year Appointment:*

- Municipal Court Judge – Randee Stemmons

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

Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2018-12 re:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri at Section 705.040 pertaining to electrical energy rates for non-residential customers with demand meters within 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, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Thrasher

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Thrasher

Bill No. 2018-12 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2018-12 thus became Ordinance Number 13.110.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the Sales Tax received report and held discussion.
- Addendum #1 Culvert Projects. Springer presented a request for payment of Addendum #1 for the South Street culvert project for the amount of \$6,267.25. Alderwoman Lee

made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve request for payment of Addendum #1 for the South Street culvert project. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Addendum #2 Culvert Projects. Springer presented Addendum #2 for the Pleasant Street culvert project and suggested funds remaining from the seal-coat project (\$18,184.00) and \$31,593.05 out of the Sidewalk Budget can be used to fund Addendum #2 which would include the application of a two-inch overlay on Pleasant Street. Discussion was held.
- Storm water. Springer reported a 3' x 3' sinkhole at Gibbs Park has appeared due to a collapsed pipe which was installed in the 1930's. A lengthy discussion was held regarding options to repair the area.
- Credence Subdivision. Springer requested the Board consider purchasing Lot 13 in Credence Place Subdivision. Springer noted a transmission line was installed at this location with no easement obtained by the city. Springer reviewed several options to resolve the issue. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve purchase of Lot 13 in Credence Place Subdivision for \$10,500.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Workforce Housing Hearings. Springer reported he attended two workforce housing hearings on Thursday, May 3, 2018.
- Lifeguard/Park Program Employees. Springer presented a list of applicants for seasonal aquatics and Park Program employees. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve 2018 seasonal aquatics and park program employees. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Brunch with Gene. Springer invited the Board members to a retirement dinner for Public Works Director Gene Stanton's retirement brunch, scheduled for May 10, 2018. Discussion was held.

#### Treasurer.

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 for April. Weldy presented bills over \$5,000 for the month of April to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve payment as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Bills Over \$5,000 for May. Weldy presented bills over \$5,000 for the month of May to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the payment as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to transfer bad debt. Weldy presented a list of accounts with unpaid balances and requested the Board approve transferring accounts to bad debt as they meet the criteria for time retention. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve moving seven accounts to bad debt for a total of \$5,775.97. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Investments. Weldy reported a certificate of deposit matured on May 2, 2018 at Edward Jones for approximately \$58,000.00. Weldy reported an additional certificate of deposit will mature on May 17, 2018. Weldy noted she has been informed by Edward Jones they will no longer bid on city investments. A lengthy discussion was held.

### Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Street Seal Coat Project. Kelley requested the Board approve to proceed with street seal project for N. East Street, McCause Street and Walnut Street. Kelley requested the Board also approve additional money to remove stripes from center parking on the square. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to proceed with spending funds up to \$60,000.00 for street seal project and removing stripes from the square. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Seasonal Employment. Kelley recommended the Board hire Bradley Denver to fill a seasonal part-time position in the Parks Department. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve recommendation to hire Bradley Denver. 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 April Statistical Report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Commission Report. Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission met on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 with the following business reported:
  - Tabled adoption of Comprehensive Plan.
  - Discussion on TIF areas.
- Additional Discussion. Mayor Eden requested status of fire-damaged building on Patterson Street. Discussion was held.

### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Statistical Report. Hubert presented the April statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Request to hire employee. Hubert recommended the Board hire Brendan Richardson as police officer. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to accept recommendation to hire Brendan Richardson, pending results from employee screening services. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### New Business.

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

- Alderman Haymes requested additional bench seating at the play area at Spirit of 76 Park. Discussion was held.

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Old Business.

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

Closed Session.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee 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, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Thrasher

Motion approved, meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:57 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened meg from the closed session at 8:22 p.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Fairchild, Martin and Lee. Absent: Thrasher.

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 8:23 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shari Weldy

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