

Minutes Approved May 24, 2011

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY
OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 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, Lowell Phillips, John Hull, April Mieswinkel, Max Springer, Carol Millsap, Gary Albers. Absent: Mike Tebow. The following City Personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator John Rice, Attorney William Petrus, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Fireman Grant Wheeler, Treasurer Shari Weldy and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway.

Agenda.

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

- Move Item VI. Comprehensive Plan Discussion to follow Committee Reports.
- Remove Item XVIII. Closed Session.

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 26, 2011 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel to approve minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested any comments from visitors. None brought forth.

Liquor License Renewals.

Mayor Eden presented Liquor License Renewals for approval. Earnest and Petrus reported there were no discrepancies with the applications for renewal. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve renewals as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Liquor License Request – Dollar General Store No. 7596

Mayor Eden presented a request for intoxicating liquor, original package from Dollar General Store No. 7596, located at 641 East Mount Vernon Boulevard. Earnest reported a background check had been conducted and resulted in no discrepancies. Petrus reported the location did not conflict with city zoning and had no impediments. Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to approve request for license. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Hull, Mieswinkel, Springer, Millsap, Albers

NOES: Greene, Phillips

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tebow

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

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Employees. Requested the Board keep Chris Phillips and Geoff Ford in their prayers during their illnesses.
- Auditor's Report. Met with the Court Clerk regarding bank statement requiring review by city administrator. Walker will submit statements to Rice once received.
- Financial Responsibilities. With changes in the audit process, he and Weldy would attend classes on journal entry and financial reporting. Rice noted the auditors are prohibited from assisting with these processes.
- Sales Tax. Increase of 8% in sales tax collected, as compared to April, 2010.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Requested any questions on bills that have been paid. None brought forth.
- April Treasurer Report. Presented the April report. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Amendments. Requested budget amendment for \$23,719.54, for line item 10-5-140-010 for purchase and installation of the generator at the fire station. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to grant request for budget amendment. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Compliance Agreement. Reported Mike Zimmerman, HDR Archer Engineering, had met to discuss the voluntary compliance agreement requested by the Department of Natural Resources. Discussion was held.

Planning and Zoning.

Due to absence of Conway, Stanton held discussion on the following item:

- Presented the April Building Statistic report.
- Public Hearing. Reported a public hearing was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 for a request to allow bed and breakfast business for two locations that are zoned Residential-1. Stanton noted the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the Board allow a six-month conditional use permit for 406 S. McCause Street and 436 E. Center Street, to serve breakfast only and to allow any previously scheduled events at the locations. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The following voice vote was recorded:

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AYES: Greene, Phillips, Mieswinkel, Springer, Millsap Albers

NOES: Hull

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tebow

With all present members voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Mayor Eden requested the owners of the locations continue with their research and to report all findings to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- **Statistic Report.** Presented the April Statistic Report.
- **High School Prom.** Reported High School officials had requested and were granted two officers to attend the Prom in Springfield. Earnest noted there were no problems locally, although he scheduled extra enforcement for the night.
- **Stepped-up Enforcements.** Reported the department was participating in stepped-up enforcement, including DWI action until the middle of the month and the Click or Ticket campaign through the second week of June.
- **Local Investigation.** Assisted the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms on an investigation of local resident selling firearms. Earnest noted this also led to an investigation from a St. Louis municipality on a stolen handgun.

Fire.

Wheeler held discussion on the following items:

- **Fire Calls.** Reported there has been no calls since last meeting.
- **Maintenance.** Vehicle and building maintenance has been performed.
- **Community Events.** Department participated in the Head Start program on April 28, 2011.

Committees.

Airport. Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

Finance. Alderman Springer reported the committee has not met.

Parks. Due to absence of Alderman Tebow, no report was submitted.

Personnel. Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported the committee has not met.

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

Waste Franchise. Alderman Albers reported the committee met earlier in the evening and received input from citizens.

Break.

At this point, 7:50 p.m., the Mayor requested a ten minute break. Meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Comprehensive Plan.

Diane May, Professor at Missouri State University, and students from her Community Planning Practicum presented information to assist in updates to the Comprehensive Plan.

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New Business.

Mayor Eden reported the Missouri Municipal League would hold a legislative wrap up on June 8, 2011 in Nevada, Missouri. The Mayor requested any Alderman interested in attending should contact Neely for registration.

Old Business.

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

Adjournment.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date