

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, June 11, 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, Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Fire Department Representative Rick Richardson and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: City Administrator Max Springer.

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

Minutes.

Minutes from the last regular meeting, which was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes with the following corrections:

- Public Works Report. Third Bullet Item. Motion to proceed with hiring Nathan Holding, correct spelling to Nathan Holden.
- Committee Reports. Public Works. Change from Alderman Nelson to Alderman Phillips.

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 for participation from the public and requested any discussion. John Cryer requested to approach the podium and held discussion on his support that will allow residents in R-1 Districts to keep chickens.

Introduction to Executive Director Missouri Rehabilitation Center

Mayor Eden introduced Mike Powell, Executive Director of the Missouri Rehabilitation Center. Mr. Powell stated it was his honor to serve in the capacity of Executive Director, although he has numerous challenges ahead of him, he stated he feels strongly about the incredible growth opportunities for the hospital and the Mount Vernon area.

Resolution.

Discussion was held on contract for purchase of 41 acres for \$500,000.00. Petrus requested the following items be included in the contract:

Item Number 22. Add the following language to correct existing language:

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- This contract is contingent upon the property passing a phase 1 and phase 2 environmental study at the buyers expense.
- This contract is contingent upon property being released by the IRS and release of any other applicable liens.

Discussion was held and Petrus requested the Board not approve Bill (R)2013-009 until changes to the contract are agreed upon with the seller. No vote was taken on Bill No. (R)2013-009. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson to accept correction to Contract Item Number 22 and to proceed with purchase of property if changes are agreed upon. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: Greene

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

Department Reports.

Administrator.

Due to the absence of Mr. Springer, a report was submitted for review of the Board, but no discussion was held.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- May Treasurer Report. Presented the Treasurer Report for May, 2013 and requested any discussion. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following item:

- Request to Purchase Meters. Reported \$48,500.00 was originally budgeted for purchase of radio-read meters to complete the commercial phase of installation. Stanton requested permission to purchase meters for a cost of \$33,790.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to proceed with purchase of radio read meters. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Statistical Report. Presented the statistical report for May, 2013 and requested discussion. None brought forth.
- Site Plan Review. Reported a site plan review for a storage addition from Reyco-Granning had been presented and approved by the Commission at the June 4, 2013 meeting.

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- Olive Street Rezone. Reported the Commission had held a public hearing on June 4, 2013 regarding a request for rezone from R-2 to R-3 for four lots on Olive Street. Conway noted there is a fourteen day waiting period requirement to receive any additional input from the public before this request will be presented to the Board for approval.
- Chickens. Conway reported a public hearing was held on June 4, 2013 to hear input from the public to allow chickens in R-1 districts. Conway presented proposed language which was approved by the Commission. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Albers to allow keeping of chickens and directing Petrus to proceed with an ordinance at the next meeting. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: Rubison, Lee

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

- Mixed Use District. Conway reported a public hearing to receive input from the public regarding a Mixed Use District on Hickory Street, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Conway noted he has sent out 155 letters to residents in this area that will be affected.
- Other Items. Mayor Eden commended the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Ad-hoc committee for work and research for the Mixed Use District.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Statistical Report. Presented the statistical report for May, 2013 and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Click-it or Ticket. Reported the department participated in the Click-it or Ticket initiative May 20, 2013 thru June 2, 2013.
- Grant. Reported the application has been completed and was submitted on May 31, 2013. Earnest noted he should receive notification if the city will receive the grant in October.
- School Resource Officer. Reported Officer Chance Cornell is attending training this week and testing for certification as a school resource officer in Jefferson City, MO.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Alderman Albers requested discussion of the tornado policy Earnest had submitted previously for review. Earnest noted the policy was submitted for review, but would be included for approval by the Board in the Emergency Management Policy at a later date.

Fire.

Richardson held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Reported the department has not had any calls since last report to the Board.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Reported maintenance has been performed on all equipment and vehicles.

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- *Training.* Conducted a fire drill at the First Baptist Church, during services, on Sunday, June 2, 2013, with approximately 150 people evacuated from the building.

Committee Reports.

- *Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- *Finance.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.
- *Parks.* Alderman Nelson reported the committee has not met.
- *Personnel.* Alderman Albers reported the committee met on Monday, June 3, 2013 to discuss streamlining the hiring procedures. Discussion was held. Alderman Albers noted minutes to the meeting are included in the council packet.
- *Public Works/Streets.* Alderman Phillips reported the committee has not met.
- *The MARC/Community Center.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.
- *Ad-hoc Committee for Dogs at Large.* Alderman Nelson scheduled a meeting for Thursday, June 27, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Adjournment.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Shannon Neely, City Clerk