

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, ON TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regular scheduled meeting at the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 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, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. Absent: Jason Haymes. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Public Works Director in Training Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert, Fire Department Rick Richardson, and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Director of Public Works Gene Stanton.

Guests registering their attendance are listed on the sign-in sheet attached to and made a part of the minutes.

Approval of the Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the agenda as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the May 23, 2017 meeting to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting was set aside to receive input from citizens in attendance and requested if anyone wished to address the Board.

- Josepha McConnell requested discussion regarding dangerous dogs in her neighborhood. Ms. McConnell added she has been threatened by dogs in her neighborhood. Ms. McConnell noted Police Department has been assisting her, but she wanted the Board to be aware of the problem. Discussion was held.
- Christina West, Mount Vernon R-5 Elementary School Principal, requested the Board consider closing Blaze Road for the following times, twice daily: 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and again at 2: 45 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. Ms. West noted by closing Blaze Street at Hickory Street and Lynn Street would lessen traffic back-up and create a more safe environment for children to cross safely. Ms. West added the cost of purchase and installation of gates would be provided by the school, with no cost to the city. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to grant request to close Blaze Road at specified times. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Hearing – Transportation Grant 5311 for Operating Expenses.

Mayor Eden announced opening of the public hearing to receive input from citizens regarding application for Transportation Grant 5311. Weldy presented the application packet and noted the following amounts are requested:

Proposed Capital Funding:

Federal Funds	\$48,800.00
Local Match	\$12,200.00
Total Budget	\$61,000.00

Proposed Operating Funding:

Federal Funds	\$89,961.65
Local Match	\$82,526.51
Fares	\$10,500.00
Total Budget	\$182,988.16

Discussion was held. Mayor Eden requested any additional questions from those in attendance. None brought forth. Mayor Eden announced closing of the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2017-016 re: An ordinance to authorize the Mayor to apply for federal financial assistance on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon and to execute any contract(s) resulting from such application for any grants between the City of Mount Vernon and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating, and/or marketing assistance, comprised of federal funds to be expended for Commission-approved transit projects was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Bill No. 2017-016 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2017-016 thus became Ordinance Number 14.276.

Bill No. 2017-017 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a real estate purchase and sale agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and Silver Hawk, LLC regarding real property located at 1313 South Hickory Street was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Bill No. 2017-017 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2017-017 thus became Ordinance Number 14.277.

Bill No. 2017-018 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of an engineering service contract by and between the city of Mount Vernon, Missouri and Toth and Associates, Inc. regarding electrical rate study was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Bill No. 2017-018 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2017-018 thus became Ordinance Number 14.278.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenue report to the Board and held discussion.
- Dispatch Agreement. Springer reported the Lawrence County Emergency Management, City of Monett, City of Aurora, City of Mount Vernon and the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department have met with the Lawrence County Commissioners to hold discussions regarding the future contract and location of the 911 dispatch. Springer noted the agreement with the City of Monett for dispatch services is on a temporary basis until March of 2019. Springer added the relocation of the 911 dispatch center would require a radio coverage study which would include suggested locations for repeater placement. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to participate with other Lawrence County communities and entities in a radio

coverage study of the County. With all members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Airport hangars. Springer reported he has received a request for hangar rental at the city airport, but have no hangar space available to rent. Springer added the individual also inquired if the city would consider enclosing the open-air hangar. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden directed Springer to contact individual requesting hangar space regarding construction of hangar, with the option that the city takes ownership in twenty years.
- Other Items of Discussion. Discussion was held regarding a presentation to the Board of Aldermen from Gary Markenson.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

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

Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Hay Bid. Kelley reported the hay bid for Spirit of 76 Park was advertised in the Lawrence County Record for two weeks, with one bid received from and awarded to Jeff Schnake for \$1.00 per bale bid.
- Primary Metering Replacement. Kelley requested the Board approve purchase of primary metering replacement for Reyco-Granning for a cost of \$6,500.00. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with purchase as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Pad Mount Transformer. Kelley reported crews will be installing pad mount transformer at King Cash Saver.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- May Statistic Report. Conway presented the May Statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Commission Report. Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission met on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 and held discussion on the closure of Blaze Road, beekeeping and capital improvements.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- May Statistic Report. Hubert presented the May Statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Click-it or Ticket. Hubert reported the Click-it or Ticket campaign finished with a total of 148 warnings, 41 tickets and four individuals to jail. Discussion was held.

Fire.

Richardson held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Richardson reported the department received three calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Richardson reported maintenance has been performed on equipment and vehicles.
- Training. Richardson reported the department held training on June 15, 2017 at the Fire Station.
- Community Activities. Richardson reported the department participated in the Relay for Life, held June 10, 2017 on the city square. Richardson noted the ladder truck and large flag were on display at the event. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

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

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. Alderwoman Fairchild requested discussion on rental of additional port-a-potties for the Red, White and Boom event. Discussion was held. Springer noted the city would provide additional port-a-potty facilities at the Red, White and Boom event.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date