

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, in the regular place of meeting, City Hall on Tuesday, June 23, 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 and Barbara Rubison. Absent: Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert, Assistant Fire Chief Grant Wheeler and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Attorney William Petrus, Jr

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 Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

- Public Works Report. Add Request to make final purchase of pool chemicals for the 2015 season.

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

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes to the Board for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler 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 is set aside to receive input from the public and requested any discussion from those in attendance. None brought forth.

Resolution.

**Bill No. (R)2015-006 re:** A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri accepting proposal for development of 600 N. Main property by Infrastructure Financial, Inc. and awarding development and use of 600 N. Main to Infrastructural Financial, Inc. was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Rubison

NOES: Greene

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill No. (R)2015-006 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2015-006 thus became Resolution Number (R)2015-006.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Demolition Progress. Springer presented a time-line of events resulting from the discovery of an underground storage tank on Wednesday, June 10, 2015. Discussion was held regarding the removal of the tank.
- Change Order for Removal of Oil Tank and Soil. Springer presented a request for approval of Change Order Number One, for removal of the underground storage tank at the demolition site. Springer noted not all costs have been received, but estimate for the order should be under \$10,000.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild directing Springer to sign and approve change order request and to pay costs up to \$15,000.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Dispatch Services Update. Springer reminded the Board of the upcoming changeover date for dispatch services is August 1, 2015 and requested if the Board wished to proceed with providing a telephone for public use during hours City Hall is closed. Springer noted a one-time installation fee of \$80.00 would be billed. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to proceed with installation and to pay all costs associated. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Rubison

NOES: Greene

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

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

- Standard Operating Procedures for Outdoor Sirens. Springer presented the city's current storm siren policy and the Standard Operating Procedure which has been adopted by many cities, counties and the state of Missouri. Discussion was held. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson to adopt state protocol for siren activation procedures with an effective date of August 1, 2015. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Natural Gas Contract. Springer presented a contract for purchase of natural gas for 600 North Main Street with Pro Energy Solutions, for a rate of 4.99 per MMBtu, for two years. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild agreeing to the contract and authorizing the Mayor to sign. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Veterans Administration Contract. Springer reported staff of the Veterans Administration has indicated it will send representatives to review and finalize the contract and advised the Board a special meeting may be called for acceptance of the contract. Discussion was held.
- Update on McCause Street Culvert. Springer reported with the rainy weather, contractors have worked a total of 13 days. Springer noted they have 32 days left on the project and anticipate traffic travel will be allowed by July 3, 2015. Discussion was held.
- IFI Request. Springer reported Manuel Lazerov, representative of IFI, has requested an expanded Phase I study at 600 N. Main Street. Springer noted costs for the study should be approximately \$3,500.00. Springer added with the knowledge of existing asbestos and

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buried tanks, this more than likely will go into a Phase II study which will an additional cost for the Board to be aware of. Discussion was held.

- Refrigerator at The MARC. Springer presented four estimates for replacement of the two-door refrigerator at The MARC. Discussion was held with no action taken.
- 600 N. Main Street Appraisal. Springer held discussion of the appraisal conducted for 600 North Main Street.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Springer held discussion on incidents that were addressed with employees in the Transportation Department.

### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Weldy reported the city has received an additional \$828.00 from the Missouri Department of Transportation to be applied to the current transportation funding.

### Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Request to purchase pool chemicals. Stanton requested approval for purchase of pool chemicals for \$6,218.01. Stanton noted this would be the final purchase for the 2015 season. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to proceed with purchase of pool chemicals. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Stanton reported he has received inquiries of a recent article in the Lawrence County Record noting of high E.coli count at Williams Creek, Stanton noted citizens are confusing Williams Creek with the Spirit of 76 Park.
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### Code Enforcement.

Conway noted he had nothing to report and welcomed any questions. Alderman Haymes questioned how many firework stand permits were issued. Conway noted he has issued three permits for fireworks stands.

### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Training. Hubert reported Officer Shawn Cobb and Officer Jeff Romine attended Understanding the Sovereign Citizen training held in Branson, Missouri on June 16, 2015.
- DWI Enforcement Grant. Hubert noted the department received a \$600.00 grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for a July 4<sup>th</sup> DWI enhancement. Discussion was held.

### Fire.

Wheeler held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Wheeler reported the department has received five calls since last report.

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- Training. Wheeler reported CPR/AED training was provided by Mercy. Discussion was held.
- Community Events. Wheeler reported the department provided a truck for the annual Mount Vernon FFA Truck and Tractor Pull, held on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at the Mount Vernon Middle School. Discussion was held.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. Alderman Kimbler commended officials in South Carolina and how the shooting was handled.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden reminded those in attendance of the Red, White and Boom fireworks show scheduled for July 3, 2015. Stanton noted Pricecutter will be making the sandwiches for the event and Wal-Mart will be donating all other food. Discussion was held.

Closed Session.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes 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, Kimbler, Fairchild, Rubison

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 8:03 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:20 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there was no other business listed on the agenda to come before the Board and declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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