

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2011.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, June 28, 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, Mike Tebow, April Mieswinkel, Max Springer, Carol Millsap, Gary Albers. Absent: John Hull. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator John Rice, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Chief of Police Garry Earnest and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Assistant Fire Chief Brad DeLay.

Agenda.

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

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on June 14, 2011 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

The following citizens requested discussion.

Randy Short presented a petition from 31 businesses and county offices located on the square, which are against removing the center parking spaces. Short reported the removal of spaces would limit customers parking for the businesses and also pose a safety issue to pedestrians trying to cross to the courthouse. Short requested the city reconsider removing the center parking due to the overwhelming response from the businesses and citizens. Discussion was held with Mayor Eden directing Stanton to research options.

Investment Strategies.

Jesse Cox presented information for the city to consider investing in variable annuities.

**Department Reports.**

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- **Interactive Map.** Presented an example of a map that was produced by Commemorative Maps, LLC. Rice noted the company had begun process of providing the interactive map for Mount Vernon, but requested permission to submit a letter to customers noting the city was aware of the project and that it would require no funding from the city. Board unanimously agreed to support the project.
- **Kiwanis Pavilion.** Presented a preliminary drawing of a proposed bathroom addition for the Kiwanis Pavilion, with an estimated cost to complete at \$55,000.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with final plans and construction. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Solid Waste. Requested discussion on proposed text change for city code, Chapter 235, Solid Waste. None brought forth.
- Sales Tax Revenue. Reported the revenue for sales tax was up by 7.25% for the year.
- Red, White and Boom. Reminded the Board the Red, White and Boom celebration would be held on Friday, July 1, 2011.
- Vacancy. Reported he would be advertising for a vacancy at the Golf Course.
- Study Session. Scheduled the study session of the July 12, 2011 council meeting be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Spirit of 76 Park.

### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented a report of bills paid and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Utility Write-offs. Requested permission to write-off utility accounts, with list of accounts to be included with minutes. Total amount requested to write-off is for \$13,988.35. Weldy noted that of this amount, \$10,062.78 has been turned over to debt collection. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- City Square Re-stripping and Sealing. Reported he solicited bids to four companies for the project, and invited representatives to a mandatory pre-bid meeting, but only one company attended and bid. Stanton noted this company's bid was \$300.00 higher than the budgeted amount for the project. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden directed Stanton to postpone any action and seek other options.
- Equipment Request. Requested permission to proceed with requesting bids to sell the 2000 Vermeer Chipper. Mayor Eden requested discussion. Consensus of Aldermen to proceed with process.

### Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Wynne Park Gazebo. Reported the Rotary Club requested the city pay for materials to repair gazebo, at approximately \$595.00, with the members of the club donating the work. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to grant request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Dangerous Building. Requested permission to proceed with dangerous building procedure for 608 Seneker. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden directed Conway to begin process. Alderwoman Mieswinkel requested if the Tin Lizzie building would qualify as a dangerous building. Discussion was held.
- Business Licenses. Held discussion on charging for business licenses in the city.

### Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Department Recognition. Presented a letter from Governor Jay Nixon thanking the Police Department for assistance during the Joplin tornado.
- 2001 Crown Victoria. Reported the City of Everton Police Department had taken their request to their council for approval of purchase of the vehicle and would contact when approval received.

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- **Dangerous Building.** Reported the owners of the Tin Lizzie had fulfilled their responsibility in blocking off the building.
- **Employee Status.** Reported Officer Robison was in an altercation at the Lawrence County Jail while assisting with a female inmate. In review of the incident, Earnest will be reviewing policies for alternate duties for pregnant officers, although Robison is not currently in this condition.
- **Armed Robbery.** Reported the case is unsolved and officers are still reviewing evidence.
- **Recognition.** Presented correspondence from the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department thanking Corporal Josh Thompson and Officer Jeff Romine for assisting with a call on June 14, 2011.

### Fire.

Mayor Eden reported DeLay was currently working a structure fire and would not be in attendance of meeting, but he did submit his department report which will be included with the minutes.

### Committee Reports.

*Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the study session was held to review hanger leases.

*Finance.* Alderman Springer reported the committee has not met.

*Parks.* Alderman Tebow reported the committee has not met.

*Personnel.* Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported the committee has not met, but would hold personnel discussion in closed session.

*Public Works/Streets.* Alderman Hull was not present to submit a report.

*Waste Franchise.* Alderman Albers reported the committee had not met.

### New Business.

Mayor Eden required new business for discussion. None brought forth.

### Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business. None brought forth.

### Closed Session.

Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to close a portion of the meeting pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(1) Litigation, Section 610.021(2) Real Estate and Section 610.021(3) Personnel Issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 8:09 p.m.

### Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 9:00 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other discussion. None brought forth.

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Adjournment.

Alderman Tebow 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 9:00 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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