

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 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, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Barbara Rubison, Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Chief of Police David Hubert, Fire Chief Brad DeLay, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

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 Phillips to approve the minutes with the following amendment:

- Add to Planning and Zoning Report – June Statistic Report

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips 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 for participation from the public and requested any input. Shirley Greene commended the Animal Control Officer for quick and courteous response to a recent call.

V-Blox.

Daniel Stokes, Senior Energy Specialist with V-Blox, held a presentation on equipment that offers power factor correction and surge protection.

- At this point Alderman Haymes presented himself for the meeting.

Mr. Stokes conducted a demonstration with a motor and the V-Blox equipment. Included in the presentation were several financing options for the Board to review. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to review need of equipment during budget hearings.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax Revenue. Revenue collections for sales tax has increased by 36% from the last report and 14% increase for the year.
- Orschelns Announcement. Springer presented an official announcement from Rick Powers, CFO of Orscheln Farm & Home declaring intentions to build a store in Mount Vernon. Springer noted a “site-plan” review was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, July 1, 2014.
- Amendment 7 Transportation Sales Tax. Springer held discussion on Amendment 7 and the effect it could have.
- MRC Funding. Springer discussed the Governor’s line item veto of funding for MRC, which will cut approximately 5.2 million dollars of the 10.4 million state appropriations, or 15% of the years funding from next year’s budget. Springer encouraged everyone to write to the Governor, Congress and Senators encouraging them to support a veto override during the veto session in September. Discussion was held.
- Workshop/Conference Registrations. Springer requested anyone interested in attending upcoming workshops sponsored by Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Rural Water Association or the Missouri Municipal League Annual Conference need to respond with intent to attend.
- Smoking in Parks. Springer requested direction from the Board regarding complaints received from several citizens attending the Red, White and Boom event. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to allow smoking in city parks.
- Park Program/Golf Personnel Issues. Springer reported a vacancy at the Golf Course Club House and requested permission to advertise. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to grant request to advertise and fill vacancy. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Springer requested the Board consider a wage of \$17.00 per hour for a Games Coordinator for the Parks Program. Springer noted the job description required a qualified physical education teacher for age appropriate games and activities during the program. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to grant request for wage. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Hickory Street Parking Issues. Springer reported he has received complaints from the public and business owners to enforce a 2-hour parking limit on the east side of Hickory Street. Discussion was held.
- Airport Maintenance Grant. Springer presented a request to proceed with applying for a 90/10 grant thru Missouri Department of Transportation to re-seal and stripe the airport runway. Springer noted last reseal/stripping work was completed in 2009. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene reported the Airport Committee met and it was a recommendation of the Committee to proceed with pursuing the 90/10 grant. Mayor Eden accepted the recommendation as a motion to proceed.
- McLiney & Co. Springer reported Ed McLiney would be in attendance at the next meeting to discuss financing. Discussion was held.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- June Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the report and requested any discussion. Alderwoman Rubison 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.
- Six Month Financial Report. Weldy noted the required six-month financial would be published in the Lawrence County Record on Wednesday, July 16, 2014.
- Other Items of Discussion. Weldy noted Governor Jay Nixon would be holding discussion on sales tax exemption at the Branson Convention Center and requested if anyone wished to attend so that she could RSVP. Discussion was held. Weldy requested the Personnel Committee meet to discuss employee wages for the upcoming budget meetings. Alderwoman Fairchild scheduled a meeting for Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Red White and Boom. Mayor Eden commended the Red, White and Boom Committee for the excellent show. Discussion was held.
- V-Blox. Stanton thanked the Board for allowing the V-Blox presentation. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Statistical Report. Conway presented the June statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning & Zoning. Conway reported the Planning and Commission voted unanimously to approve adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, which will be forwarded to the Board of Aldermen for final approval. Conway noted the Commission will hold three public hearings for the next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2014. Hearings will address code on storage units, temporary political signs and commercial outdoor storage. Conway also noted he has received a request for demolition of the Tin Lizzie and carwash buildings, located at 705 E. Mount Vernon Blvd. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- June Statistic Report. Hubert presented the statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- National Police Night Out. Hubert announced the annual event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at the Spirit of 76 Park and will include free hot dogs, bouncy houses and free swim at the pool from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Discussion was held.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- **Calls.** DeLay reported the department has received three calls since last report.
- **Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance.** DeLay noted maintenance has been performed on all vehicles and equipment.
- **Training.** Final training on Basic Firefighting will be held on July 17, 2014.
- **Community Activities.** DeLay noted the department has participated in several community events, such as McDonald's Night Out, Red, White and Boom and standby for the Mount Vernon Place Care annual fireworks show.

Committee Reports.

- **Airport.** Alderman Greene reported the committee met on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 to discuss resealing and striping of the runways.
- **Finance.** Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee met on Monday, July 7, 2014 to discuss status of the Tiger Mower, which is 26 years old. Alderwoman Rubison reported it was the recommendation of the Committee to purchase the Tiger Mower through a lease purchase agreement financed at Liberty Bank for five years and funds to be repaid by Electric, Water, Wastewater and Street Department. Mayor Eden accepted the recommendation as a motion. Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee also discussed and recommended to proceed with pursuing a certificate of participation for \$2,000,000.00, payable over a twenty year period, for financing of utility expansion and construction of street for Highway 39 expansion. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden accepted the recommendation as a motion.
- **Parks.** Alderman Nelson reported the committee met on Thursday, July 3, 2014 to discuss tournament play and ball leagues at the Spirit of 76 Park. Alderman Nelson reported the committee also recommended city staff develop a brochure about the expansion, possible funding mechanisms and organizing a citizen committee to promote and raise private donations for the project.
- **Personnel.** Alderwoman Fairchild reminded the Board of the meeting scheduled for July 17, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
- **Public Works/Streets.** Alderman Phillips reported the committee has not met.
- **The MARC/Community Center.** Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor. Springer requested the Board review a report included in their packets from CEPCO, LLC, regarding a structural condition of the Millsap, Ben Franklin and Janice Franklin buildings.

Old Business.

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

Minutes Approved July 22, 2014

Adjournment.

With no other item listed on the agenda to come before the Board, Mayor Eden declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date