

Minutes Approved Tuesday July 23, 2019

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Acting President of the Board Lowell Phillips with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Deanna McElveen, Jason Haymes, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. Absent: Mayor David W. Eden. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Moore, Chief of Police David Hubert 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.

Acting President Phillips presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Correct agenda item #IV – Regular session minutes – June 25, 2019
- City Administrator Report – Remove Sales Tax
Add Legal Disclosure Compliance Reporting

With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Presentation of Minutes.

Acting President Phillips presented the minutes to the Board for approval. Alderman Beckley made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Haymes, Phillips

With all present members voting, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Citizen Comment.

Acting President Phillips announced this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2019-011 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Sections 405.050, 405.450 and Chapter 405 Attachment 1, Table of Permitted Uses, regarding zoning of medical marijuana uses was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin and Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin and Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2019-011 was declared passed and sent to the Acting President for signature. Bill No. 2019-011 thus became Ordinance Number 2.194.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Memorandum of Understanding. Springer presented a Memorandum of Understanding for Points of Dispensing between the city and Lawrence County Health Department to allow use of the Mount Vernon Arts and Recreation Center (MARC), grounds and equipment during a public health emergency/crisis. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin authorizing City Administrator to sign MOU with Lawrence County for use of the MARC. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Sidewalk Survey. Springer reported the Board had previously approved spending up to six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for a sidewalk survey through SMOG, but the actual price for survey is \$630.00. Discussion was held. Acting President Phillips reported it was a consensus of the Board to proceed with sidewalk survey.
- Disclosure Compliance Reporting. Springer presented a post-issuance disclosure compliance services proposal from Gilmore and Bell, P.C., to assist the city in meeting the continuing disclosure obligations in accordance with federal security laws for all outstanding municipal securities. Springer noted the original agreement expired April 30, 2018. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher authorizing Springer to sign agreement with Gilmore and Bell P.C. for a five year engagement for \$7,500.00. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Vacation. Springer reported he would be on vacation for the week of July 15 through July 19.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Bills over \$5,000. Weldy presented the bills over \$5,000 and requested approval for payment. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to

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approve payment of bills over \$5,000 as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

- Bad Debt. Weldy presented a report of accounts with unpaid balances and requested approval to transfer accounts totaling \$3,292.04 to bad debt. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to move accounts to bad debt as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Director of Public Works.

Kelley noted he had nothing to report but welcomed any questions.

- Alderman Haymes inquired if using city staff to mow the grounds at 600 N. Main Street was working out? Kelley noted Public Works employees have continued to mow the grounds with no issues at this time. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- June Statistic Report. Moore presented the statistical report for June and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Commission. Moore reported the Commission held a public hearing on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 for text changes regarding swimming pools. Moore noted the Commission has recommended the text change and will present an ordinance at the July 23, 2019 meeting for approval by the Board. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- June Statistic Report. Hubert presented the June Statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Employment. Hubert reported he has received resignation from Brooke Hankins. Discussion was held. Hubert recommended the Board hire Alan Campbell to fill a previous vacancy. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to proceed with hiring Alan Campbell to fill vacancy. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved. Hubert reported he received resignation from Crossing Guard that she will not be returning for the next school year. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to combine Animal Control and Crossing Guard position for no more than 30 hours per week and proceed to advertise for vacancy. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Uniform Policy. Hubert reported he has held discussion with Mr. Petrus regarding an employee agreement for reimbursement of specific expenses related to police officers if the employee leaves employment with the city within two (2) years. Discussion was held. Acting President Phillips declared it was the consensus of the Board to proceed with an agreement for police officers regarding the specific expenses.

Old Business.

Acting President Phillips requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

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New Business.

Acting President Phillips requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. Alderman Haymes requested any updates on single-source residential waste management request for proposals. Springer noted he has scheduled a pre-bid meeting for Friday, July 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the 109 North Hickory Street facility so any questions or concerns may be addressed.

Adjournment.

Acting President Phillips announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date