

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, July 12, 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, Gary Albers. Absent: John Hull, Carol Millsap. 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, Assistant Fire Chief Brad DeLay and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve the agenda with the following amendment: Remove Item No. XII. Closed Session. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow 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.

The following citizens requested discussion on the Mount Vernon Municipal Airport: Brian Wolford, owner of Freefall Express, Captain Daniel Larson, Harrison Shaffer, Dr. Lois Davis, Shannon Locke, Knox Dunaway, Penny Slusinski, Nicole Perkins.

Great American Smoke-Out – Mary Craver.

Mary Craver, Wellness Coordinator with the University of Missouri Hospital, requested the city recognize by proclamation November 17, 2011 as the official Great American Smoke-out Day. Mayor Eden directed City Clerk to begin process for the proclamation.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2011-0008 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing execution of a real estate purchase agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and Church on the Loop for purchase by city of real property and improvements was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull, Millsap

Bill No. (R)2011-0008 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2011-0008 thus became Resolution Number (R)2011-0008.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Community Center. Reported he had received a large amount of interest and excitement in the future of the new community center and requested the Mayor appoint a committee to be involved in the planning. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel to appoint the following to serve on the Community Center Steering Committee: Charlie Meeks, Karen Millsap, Ginny Force, John McHaffie, Amy Grisbee, Paulette Mobley, Patty Robb, David Kloppenborg, Angela Seymour, Jack Daniels, Jill Daniels, Mike Tebow, to serve as Chairman, John Hull, Gary Albers and John Rice. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Employee Recognition. Reported five police officers had volunteered during the Joplin Tornado to assist with securing the perimeter of the disaster.
- Joplin Tornado. Reported FEMA procedures require volunteer hours to be turned in for reimbursement and requested direction from the Board if the city should proceed with process. Board unanimously agreed not to file for reimbursement.
- Sales Tax Revenue. Reported an increase in sales tax revenue by at least ten percent.
- Crowder College. Reported classes would begin for the Spring Semester, beginning in January, 2012.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Requested any discussion on bills that have been paid. Alderman Springer questioned if the city would invoice the managing companies for reimbursement of yards mowed. Rice reported he would research putting a lien on properties.
- Treasurer Report. Presented the Treasurer report for June, 2011. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Certificate of Deposit. Reported a Certificate of Deposit for \$250,642.34 will mature on July 14, 2011 at Great Southern Bank and requested direction. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to deposit the matured amount into checking account at Great Southern Bank at .40% interest. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Rice noted the money may be needed to fund the purchase of property from the Church on the Loop.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Striping/Re-sealing City Square. Presented an updated drawing of plans for re-striping/sealing of the city square. Stanton noted parking spaces on the east and west side would be removed and a turn arrow for access to the inside lane would be added. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve plans as presented and to remove a parking space on Hickory Street, west side, at the square. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- South East Street Paving. Reported the project was on hold until soft areas that were previously filled with large rock would stabilize. Stanton noted paving contractor is monitoring for soft spots before paving can resume.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Planning and Zoning Meeting. Reported he was not present at the last meeting, but had received a report that the regular scheduled time for the next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 would be conducted at 5:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. Conway noted review of the Comprehensive Plan would be continue.
- Permit Report. Presented the activity report for June, 2011.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- June Statistical Report. Presented the activity report for June, 2011.
- School Crossing Guard. Reported that due to the resignation of Edward Kimbler, the vacancy has been advertised in the local newspaper has received several applications.
- Red, White and Boom. Reported the event went well, but had a few minor problems. Earnest noted traffic was slow moving due to spectators parking on Jones Memorial Road, the University of Missouri Hospital and on S. East Street.
- Vehicle. Reported the City of Everton had approved purchase of the vehicle and were pleased with the process.
- Telephone Scam. Warned citizens of telephone scams that are stating they are family members in jail and need to be bailed out.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Reported have had several calls in the past few weeks.
- Vehicle Maintenance. Performed maintenance on all vehicles and replaced the starter on Truck #2.
- Training. Reported a C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) training was scheduled at the Mount Vernon Elementary School for Friday, July 15, 2011 and Saturday, July 16, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Community Events. Reported the department was present for the Mount Vernon Place Care fireworks show and also at Red, White and Boom.
- Boot Drive. Reported the department would be participating in the annual boot drive for muscular dystrophy in the next few weekends.
- Generator. Final training for the generator is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 2011.
- Fundraiser. Thanked the Mount Vernon Middle School for the donated ARA PRO, which is a super-charged fire extinguisher designed to be deployed into a structure prior to firefighters entering.
- Commendation. Reported eight firemen had volunteered during the Joplin tornado, to assist with rescue and received a commendation from Governor Nixon for their services. Those who volunteered are as follows:
 - Billy Bieber, Lowell Phillips, Jason Moore and Jay Quoka, Grant Wheeler, Jennifer Wheeler, Mike Holloway and Brad Delay.
- Policy Manual. Submitted a rough draft of the Fire Department policy manual for review.
- ISO Rating. Reported the last ISO review was conducted in 1992 and requested direction from the Board as to pursue an updated review, which may lower our current rate. DeLay reported the ISO rating is a grading system of a community for their fire-fighting capabilities. The schedule measures not only the actual fire department, but the community's water supply,

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including pumps, storage, filtration, rate of flow and distribution of fire hydrants. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel directing DeLay to proceed with beginning the process for the ISO review. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Committee Reports.

Airport. Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

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.

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

Waste Franchise. Alderman Albers reported the committee has not met.

New Business.

Mayor Eden reported the following:

University of Missouri will present a workshop for municipal officials training on July 28, 2011.

Missouri Municipal League will hold their annual conference on September 11, 2011 in Kansas City. Mayor Eden requested anyone interested in attending should contact Shannon Neely to make arrangements.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business. None brought forth.

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 8:50 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date