



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, 319 E Dallas Street, on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Haymes with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Deanna McElveen, Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor Darlene Parrigon, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Public Works Director Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Moore, Assistant Police Chief Jason Lacey, and City Clerk Melissa Aduddle.

Guests registering their attendance are listed on the sign in sheet attached to and made a part of the minutes.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Haymes presented the agenda to the Board for approval. The following changes were requested:

- City Administrator – Add: Acknowledgment of Abernathy Construction, MML Annual Conference, Sewer at 600 N Main

Alderman Phillips moved to approve the agenda with the aforementioned changes, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Haymes announced this portion of the meeting was set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Resolution

Bill No. (R)2021-01 re: A resolution approving an extension of the term of the City’s continuing disclosure services agreement with Gilmore & Bell, P.C., was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee
NOES: None

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ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2021-01 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Resolution (R)2021-01.

Ordinance

Bill No. 2021-23 re: First and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri to enter into a lease purchase transaction, the process of which will be used to pay the costs of refunding the outstanding Certificates of Participation and leasehold obligations of the City; and to approve the execution of certain documents in connection therewith, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2021-23 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 11.88.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **ARPA Funds.** Springer informed the Board that the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for Non-Entitlement Units of Local Government, which are cities with populations less than 50,000, have been received by the State. The City has to decide whether to accept or decline the funds. Mount Vernon is to receive an estimated \$909,649.36 in ARPA funds. These funds are to be received in two installments of approximately \$454,824.68, the first in 2021 and the second in 2022. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips moved to approve applying for the ARPA grant, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen.

Motion passed.

- **Final Pay Request for Sidewalk Project.** Springer stated that AT Urban Development Company is requesting final payment and close out of the TAP-9900(756) North Main Street sidewalk project in the amount of \$43,919.07. Anderson Engineering is requesting final payment for engineering services in the amount of \$1,397.46. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to pay \$43,919.07 to AT Urban and \$1,397.46 to Anderson Engineering for the final pay request for the sidewalk project, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **Annual Disclosure Agreement.** Springer stated this agenda item was taken care of with the passing of the resolution earlier.
- **Anderson Engineering Final Invoice for Restrooms.** Springer informed the Board that Anderson Engineering is requesting the final payment for engineering services for the restrooms at the Spirit of '76 Park project, in the amount of \$4,323.50. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve payment of \$4,323.50 to Anderson Engineering for the final payment for the restroom project, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Motion passed.

- **Expansion of Park and Renovation of Pool.** Springer reminded the Board that if the City would like to move forward with expanding the park and renovating the pool utilizing a sales tax, that an ordinance and ballot language had to be received by the County Clerk by August 24th, so a decision had to be made. Discussion was held. The Board approved the sample ballot language and moving forward with the ordinance by unanimous consent.
- **Acknowledgement of Abernathy Construction.** Springer reported the Abernathy Construction donated labor and materials worth approximately \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00 to put new rooves on the concession stand and the dugouts for field 4, as well as, putting metal edging on other dugouts that did not have it on them. Discussion was held.
- **MML Annual Conference.** Springer said the MML Annual Conference is September 26th to September 29th, so reservations will need to be made soon. If anyone wants to go, we need to know so reservations can be made. Discussion was held.
- **Sewer at 600 North Main.** Springer reported the sewer main at 600 North Main has been fixed and is ready for the City to accept the dedication of the main to the City and associated easements and water system. Discussion was held. An ordinance and contract will be brought back to the Board when ready.

Treasurer

Ms. Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- **Bills Paid.** Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Bills over \$5,000.00.** Weldy presented the Bills over \$5,000.00 for to the Board for approval. Alderwoman McElveen moved to approve the bills over \$5000.00 as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

- **July 2021 Treasurer's Report.** Weldy presented the July 2021 Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Thrasher moved to approve the July 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **Write-off Bad Debt.** Weldy requested to write-off bad debt in the amount of \$4,202.89. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to write-off bad debt for \$4,202.89, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

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- **Six Month Financials.** Weldy presented the six month financials, and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Waste Water Collection – UV Service Contract.** Kelley requested approval to sign the yearly preventative service contract with WEDECO and also approval for Ms. Weldy to write a check for the amount of the contract, \$6,910.00. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve writing the check for \$6,910.00 and to sign the contract, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **Planning & Zoning Report.** Moore updated the Board on various projects around town, zoning changes and training he is attending. Discussion was held.
- **Resolution for Mountaintop Homes.** Moore stated Mountaintop Homes would be applying for grants and funding to build townhomes on the 600 N Main property and requested a resolution. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the writing of a resolution for Mountaintop Homes, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen.

Motion passed.

- **July 2021 Permit Report.** Moore presented the Permit Report for July 2021 and requested any questions or discussion. None brought forth.

Police

Assistant Chief Lacey held discussion on the following items:

- **National Night Out.** Lacey reported the National Night Out event was a big success. Officer Evatt is in charge of the event and has made great strides in building it up. Lacey said everyone had a great time. Discussion was held.
- **Permission to Hire Dawlton Pittman.** Lacey requested to hire Dawlton Pittman as a full-time patrol officer. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips moved to hire Dawlton Pittman, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Motion passed.

Old Business

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

New Business

Mayor Haymes requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion.

- Alderman Nelson stated he had spoken with Lorrie Tennison and she said if the City would purchase the paint she had volunteers to paint Ewing Park. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Thrasher moved to approve buying paint for Ewing Park, not to exceed \$200.00, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen.

Motion passed.

- **Personnel Committee Report.** Alderman Fairchild stated the Personnel Committee had reviewed the resumes for the City Administrator position, which will be open at the end of the year due to Max Springer retiring. They selected four applicants for interviews with the Board of Aldermen. They are William C. Smith, Fred Ventresco, Mike Randall, and Joe Kelley. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the Personnel Committee Report as presented, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **Bill No. 2021-24 re:** First and second reading of an ordinance imposing a city sales tax in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, to provide funding for local parks and calling an election on such tax to be held on November 2, 2021, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2021-24 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 5.188.

- **Missouri 200th Anniversary.** Mayor Haymes stated he attended the ice cream social at the Adamson Cabin for the Missouri's 200th Anniversary, and said a few words. Discussion was held.

Adjournment

Mayor Haymes announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8.10 pm.

Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

Date