



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 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 24, 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, Police Chief David Hubert, 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:

- New Business – Add: Bill No. 2021-25, New Law on Use Tax
- City Administrator – Remove: Policies for Transportation
- Public Works - Add: Electric Department – Inventory

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 Phillips moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

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.

- Donna Pritchard – Requested an update on the progress of storm water issues in the Sunset Heights subdivision. Discussion was held.

Resolution

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Bill No. (R)2021-02 re: A resolution stating proposed Mountaintop Homes Development is consistent with zoning regulations and the comprehensive plan adopted by the City of Mount Vernon was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2021-02 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Resolution (R)2021-02.

Department Reports

City Administrator

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Springer reported the sales tax for August is up \$8,904.02 from the previous year, and year to date sales tax is ahead \$120,825.20 from 2020. Use tax is up from August of last year by \$2,016.29, for the year use tax is also up \$1,751.97 from 2020.
- **Nuisance Abatement.** Springer stated he'd read an article in the MML Review magazine about nuisance violations and how to handle them. After reading the article, Springer stated he thought the City should have an ordinance in place to cover decisions made by the Board of Alderman about abating a nuisance, when the City must enter onto a person's property. Discussion was held.
- **Olsson Contract to Prepare New Concept for Spirit of '76 Park.** Springer informed the Board that he contacted Olsson Engineering about providing the City with an updated concept for the development of Phase 1 of the buildout of the Spirit of '76 Park. Olsson prepared two concepts of the proposed master plan back in 2014. Springer believes Concept 1 offers the best solution. It will allow the City to build a new ball field, rehab the existing mighty-mite football field, build another set of restrooms, a new concession stand, two new parking lots, and build a road from the main parking lot to East Street. The plan would also allow the City to build an ADA compliant playground, renovate the pool and pool house, move the shop building and have some money left over to make some improvements at other parks. The new concept drawings will be used on the educational campaign to show our citizens what they will be getting. The new conceptual drawings will cost \$2,000.00 plus reimbursable expenses. Alderman Phillips moved to go with Concept Plan 1 from Olsson for \$2,000.00, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

Also, on this subject Springer stated he contacted Westport Pools and asked them if they can provide the City with a concept drawing of the pool renovation, to include a lazy river, zero entry ramp with rail, a beach entry with children's play features, zip line swing, rock climbing walls, a large slide, and large umbrellas for shade. The proposal from Westport Pools for a design has a fee of \$5,675.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve Westport Pools designing the pool for \$5,675.00 and writing the check, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **MPUA Annual Meeting.** Springer reported the he would be attending the MPUA Annual meeting along with Mr. Kelley, on October 6th through October 8th. Springer stated they will also attend the SWMPEP board meeting while they are there as well.
- **Repair HVAC at 109 N Hickory St.** Springer requested approval to replace two hydraulic actuator valves on the large unit upstairs at City Hall. The valves are what control the temperature. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to repair the HVAC unit at 109 N Hickory Street for a cost of \$2,562.00, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion Passed.

- **First Amendment to Power Supply & Administrative Agreement.** Springer informed the Board that originally the billing agreement with Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (MJMEUC) was the City would get an estimated bill by the 10th of each month and then get a true-up the next month. MJMEUC has decided to just go to a true bill and do away with the estimated and true-up bills. MJMEUC has asked each member enact a new ordinance and contract with the change in billing practice. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve Max signing the MJMEUC contract and the ordinance in new business, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher.

Motion passed.

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 Thrasher moved to approve the bills over \$5000.00 as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

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

Motion passed.

- **Transportation Audit.** Weldy requested approval for the Mayor to sign two policies. These are policies the City previously had but needed to be updated. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the Mayor signing the two policies, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **Taxi Driver.** Weldy reported that a taxi driver would be leaving the City in the near future, and requested to use Penmac to hire another driver. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve using Penmac to hire another driver, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen.

Motion passed.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Electric Department – New Service Expansion.** Kelley report an industrial business within the City is expanding and will need electrical upgrades and with the electric department being short-handed, he requested approval to hire BBC Electric to help with the electrical expansion. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips moved to approve hiring BBC Electric to help with the expansion for \$16,000.00, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

- **Gold Course – Fall Chemical Purchase.** Kelley requested to purchase the budgeted fall chemicals for the golf course in the amount of \$12,579.85. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the fall chemical purchase at the golf course for \$12,579.85, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **Electric Department – Inventory.** Kelley requested to purchase streetlights and hardware to replace used inventory for the electric department. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve purchasing electric inventory supplies for \$9,710.40, seconded by Alderman Fairchild.

Motion passed.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **Planning & Zoning Report.** Moore updated the Board on a public hearing scheduled for September 7, 2021 and the Substantial Damage Class he attended in Neosho. Discussion was held.

Police

Chief Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Statistics for July 2021.** Hubert presented the statistics for July 2021 to the Board for review, and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

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.

- **Bill No. 2021-25 re:** First and second reading of an ordinance authorizing execution of a first amendment to the power supply and administrative agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission was read twice, in full, 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:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2021-25 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 14.339.

- **New Law on Use Tax.** Mr. Springer wanted to give an FYI about the new use tax bill that the governor signed, called the “Wayfair bill” that there were some public notices that had to be taken care of to be in compliance, and that the City Clerk had already completed the items. 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 8.09 pm.

Jason Haymes, Mayor

Date

Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

Date