

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 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, August 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Deanna McElveen, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. 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.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the agenda as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin 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 to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion.

- Debra Nelson requested discussion on the drainage ditch and bridge at Walnut Drive. Discussion was held.
- Dallas Gramm held discussion on his opinion of sewer issues, 109 N. Hickory Street, Gibbs Park, Skate Park, but gave positive feedback for residential single-source trash services.

Department Report.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenue report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Mutual Aid Agreement. Springer requested the Board consider renewing a mutual aid agreement with the Missouri Veterans Home to provide temporary housing at the MARC during emergencies. Springer noted the original agreement was for a period of one (1) year with four (4) extensions, each for a one year period. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to authorize City Administrator to sign mutual aid agreement for use of the MARC during emergencies with the Missouri

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

- Utility Insurance. Springer requested the Board provide input on offering the Service Line Warranty Program which was previously presented at the meeting held on August 27, 2019. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden reported it was a consensus of the Board not to endorse this specific program as other companies also offer this coverage.
- MDC Active Shooter Training. Springer presented a request from the Missouri Department of Conservation to conduct active shooter training at 600 N. Main Street facility. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden reported it was a consensus of the Board to allow the MDC use of the 600 N. Main St. facility for active shooter training.
- Sidewalk Market Street/South Street. Springer requested the Board consider approval of a change order which will allow continuing the sidewalk up to the corner of Pleasant Street. Springer noted the cost for additional concrete and labor is \$4,000.00. Springer also requested the Board consider finish the portion at old alley entrance to the basin, to the west alley at the edge of the park. Springer noted city will provide labor to dig out and sub-contractor will pour for a cost of \$4,800.00. Springer noted we do have money budgeted in sidewalk account to use on both extension requests. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with requested extensions to Market Street sidewalk project. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- 109 N. Hickory St. Springer presented an updated version of signage for the Board to consider. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve signage for 109 N. Hickory Street as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- University of Missouri Research Center Conference Building. Springer invited the Board to attend the ribbon cutting for the new conference building at the University of Missouri Research Center on October 25, 2019.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any questions. None brought forth.
- Bills over \$5,000. Weldy presented bills over \$5,000.00 and requested approval to pay. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to approve the bills over \$5,000.00 as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- July 2019 Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the July Treasurer Report to the Board. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Bad Debt. Weldy reported she has processed bad debt notification letters. Discussion was held.

Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Inventory Replacement. Kelley requested approval to purchase street lights for inventory replacement. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to purchase a pallet of street lights for inventory replacement for \$5,265.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- Market Street Nuisance. Moore reported the court date for nuisance violation for 1025 S. Market Street has been postponed and may tentatively be re-filed as a civil case. Moore noted the property is owned by a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC). Discussion was held.
- International Building Codes. Moore noted the Board had previously approved adopting the 2018 International Building Codes, but after lengthy review of the codes, Moore recommends the Board consider adopting 2012 International Building Codes instead. Discussion was held. Moore reported he will schedule a Public Hearing to be held by the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider adoption of 2012 codes.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Employee Probation. Hubert recommended the Board move Police Officer Stephen Nelson from probation to full-time employment. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to accept recommendation as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- New Officer Introduction. Hubert introduced Police Officer Daniel Dunklin to the Board.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Alderwoman Thrasher requested discussion on crossing guard protocol at Hickory Street/Missouri Boulevard intersection. Hubert reported with absence of a crossing guard, police officers are manning the intersection and only required to escort halfway across the street. Alderwoman Lee requested discussion on school drop-off procedures at the elementary school. Discussion was held.

New Business.

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

- Springer requested scheduling for a Personnel Committee meeting and a Public Works committee meeting. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden announced the Personnel Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. and the Public Works/Street Committee will meet on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion.

- Alderman Haymes requested discussion on residential single-source trash service and how the city will be notifying the public. Mayor Eden held discussion on recycling and determined it was the consensus of the Board to offer recycling on an optional basis. Alderwoman Lee requested if a residential customer could opt-out if they have

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commercial service at a business. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden announced it was a consensus of the Board that residential service is mandatory for all customers.

- Mayor Eden requested status of roof leak at 109 N. Hickory Street. Discussion was held.

Closed Session.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to adjourn to close a portion of the meeting pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 7:42 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened at 8:09 p.m. Mayor Eden determined all Aldermen that were present for closed session adjournment had returned to the meeting. Mayor Eden requested any other business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Lowell Phillips, Acting President of the Board

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date