

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2012.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 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, Craig Nelson, John Hull, Lowell Phillips, Gary Albers, Barbara Rubison, Carol Millsap. Absent: Edward Kimbler. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, City Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Fireman Rick Richardson and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

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

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Remove Planning and Zoning from Department Reports.
- Remove Item XIV. Closed Session.

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

Minutes.

Minutes from the Public Hearing and the regular meeting minutes from Tuesday, August 14, 2012 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve the minutes with the following correction:

First paragraph, city personnel in attendance, correct spelling of Luis Woody to Louis Woody.

The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Hull, Phillips, Albers, Rubison

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Millsap

ABSENT: Kimbler

With all present members voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden reported this portion of the meeting is set aside for participation from the public and requested any discussion to be brought to the floor. Chief of Police Earnest introduced new police officer Josh Sanker to the Board. Mayor Eden welcomed Mr. Sanker as a new employee for the City.

Proclamation.

Mayor Eden presented a proclamation to Detective Jason Lacey honoring him as the State of Missouri D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year. Mayor Eden thanked Mr. Lacey for his dedication to the D.A.R.E. program, his service to the city and congratulated him for the state recognition as D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year.

Missouri Superfund Clean-up Site.

Mr. Petrus presented De Minimis Settlement Payment Options for the Board to consider regarding the MEW Superfund Site. Mr. Petrus explained the difference in Option A compared to Option B and noted Option B would cost \$13,074.00 more, but could possibly save the city money with any future costs such as higher legal fees. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Option B and for payment of costs for Option B. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Record Destruction.

Stanton presented a list of records for destruction. City Clerk Neely certified that these records met the requirements under Section 1302 of the Missouri Secretary of State Retention Schedule, with a retention order of five years after date of origination. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to proceed with destruction of records. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2012-11 re: An ordinance repealing Ordinance Number 13.83 of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, and enacting new regulations pertaining to the electrical energy rates for Residential, Non-Residential with demand meters, Non-Residential without demand meters and Industrial Service within the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Hull, Phillips, Albers, Millsap, Rubison

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Kimbler

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Hull, Phillips, Albers, Millsap, Rubison

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Kimbler

Bill No. 2012-11 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2012-08 thus became Ordinance Number 13.87.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- The MARC.
 - Roof. Reported the composition roof was installed and Pro Tech is currently finishing the membrane portion, with completion of the project estimated later in the week.

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- Parking Lot. Reported the project was proceeding slowly due to company working in the evenings.
- Fire Alarm. Requested the council approve a change order for an additional \$989.00 to the contract with SimplexGrinnell, due to the asbestos hazard identified in the old Fellowship Hall. Springer also held discussion on adding a change order for installation of smoke detectors in the HVAC units for a cost of \$5,915.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Albers to proceed with change order to address the asbestos hazard. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Marketing. Presented an advertising campaign for the facility which would allow a business to sponsor a portion of the building or a room, for a fee, which would be broken down to a set payment per year. Springer noted the fee could be used for large projects, such as installation of an elevator, bleachers or other remodeling projects. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Board to proceed with sponsorship.
- Peak Flow Voluntary Compliance. Springer reported the city has received a finalized copy of the agreement and noted improvements will need to be budgeted for during the five year agreement.
- Millsap Building. Springer reported the building was in terrible shape with the walls in need of stabilization, floors replaced and many other items repaired. Springer noted if the building could be purchased cheaply, the Historical Society may partner with the purchase, but funds are limited for them. Springer noted if action is not taken soon, the building is in danger of falling in. Mayor Eden polled the Board if they wished Springer to contact owner for a lowered purchase price of the building. The following voice vote was recorded:
AYES: Nelson, Hull, Phillips, Rubison, Millsap
NOES: Greene, Albers
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Kimbler
Mayor Eden directed Springer to proceed with inquiry.
- Ruzicka. Reported he had received the annual booklet from State Representative Don Ruzicka, which included legislation Chief of Police Earnest had assisted in writing.
- Not-So-Square Arts Festival. Reported the festival was scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2012.
- MARC Signage. Presented a final draft of the specs for the signage at The MARC for the Board to review.
- Speed Limit. Reported he has been contacted by MoDot regarding lowering the speed limit on Highway 174, during morning and evening rush. Springer noted MoDot had presented him with costs for signs and flashers. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Board is for Springer to contact the school if they could share in the costs of installation of signs.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following item:

- Bills. Presented the Bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Missouri Rehabilitation. Reported the facility switched to the city's new substation on August 22, 2012.
- Spirit of 76 Mighty-Mite Field. Reported the Mighty-Mite football organization had submitted a check for \$800.00 to be used towards purchase of new lights for the west side of the field. Stanton reported the total cost for purchase of lighting would be \$1,600.00 and requested permission to fund the remaining amount and to proceed with installation. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to proceed with installation. With all members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Sewer Rehabilitation. Reported finalization of the sewer rehab project was approximately one week from completion.

Code Enforcement.

Conway reported he had no items to report on, but welcomed any questions. None brought forth.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- School. Reported there were very few problems associated with the first day of school.
- Interstate 44 On/Off Ramps. Reported he had received an opinion from the legal department with MoDot that the on/off ramps for Interstate 44 interchange would be under the jurisdiction of the Highway Patrol.
- Speed Limits. Reported he was working with Mr. Petrus on changing the speed limit on Market Street. Earnest noted the codification declaring the speed limit for this street was confusing.
- No Parking Zones. Mayor Eden noted two cars were parked in the no parking zone on McCause Street and requested Earnest to look into this matter. Earnest requested direction from the Board on how to handle parking in this area during Apple Butter Making Days and other special events which are not mentioned in the ordinance. Mayor Eden directed Earnest to research this with Mr. Petrus.
- House Bill 1252. Reported House Bill 1252 has passed and was signed by Governor Nixon on August 20, 2012.

Fire.

Richardson held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. The department received four calls since last report.
- Maintenance. All maintenance has been performed on equipment and vehicles.
- Activity. Inspected the Senior Citizen Complex and re-inspected the Mount Vernon Place Care Center.
- Boot Drive. Volunteers conducted the annual Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive on Saturday, August 25, 2012. Richards reported a total of \$1,500.00 has been collected for donation.

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Committee Reports.

Airport. Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

Finance. Alderwoman Millsap reported the committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. to continue budget review.

Parks. Alderman Hull requested a meeting scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Personnel. Alderman Albers reported the committee met on August 16, 2012 and recommended a 2% COLA raise for the 2013 budget. Discussion was held. Proposed increase will be presented with the final budget for approval by the Board.

Public Works/Streets. Alderman Phillips reported the committee has not met.

The MARC/Community Center. Alderwoman Millsap reported the committee has not met.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Old Business.

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

- Alderman Albers requested discussion on declaring “no parking” on West Sloan Avenue, from Mayberry Market to the 39 Highway, on Friday nights during football season. Discussion was held.

Adjournment.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Shannon Neely, City Clerk
