

Minutes Approved October 8, 2019

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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, September 24, 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, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. Absent: Lowell Phillips. The following city personnel was 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. Alderwoman Thrasher made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the agenda with the following deletion:

- Remove: Item #XII Closed Session
Item #XIII. Reconvene/roll call

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

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the City Council meeting minutes held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to accept minutes as presented with the following correction:

- Treasurer Report, third bullet: Spelling correction: Change Bekckley to Beckley.

The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Haymes, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: McElveen, Thrasher

ABSENT: Phillips

With all present members voting, 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.

- Sherry Mikkelson addressed the Board with concerns of the proposed grow facility.
- Dean Mikkelson addressed the Board with concerns of the proposed grow facility.
- Cheryl Johnson and Samantha Reid addressed the Board on feral cats and the TNR program.
- Dallas Gramm addressed the Board with concerns of the proposed grow facility.

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Single-source Residential Trash Service.

John Hull requested discussion on allowing owners of commercial businesses to opt out of mandatory residential services due to using his business service instead. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden announced it was the consensus of the Board to leave single-source residential services mandatory to all residents and not make allowances for a few.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2019-03 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri in support of trap, spay, neuter, treat, adopt or return cat control was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Bill No. (R)2019-03 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2019-03 thus became Resolution (R)2019-03.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2019-014 re: An ordinance changing zoning designation from B-3 General Commercial District to M-2 Heavy Industrial District and directing change to be indicated on the District map, as adopted by the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Bill No. 2019-014 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2019-014 thus became Ordinance number 2.196.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenue report to the Board and held discussion.

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- Skate Park/Gibbs Park. Springer requested the Board approve payment of \$2,500.00 to the design stage for the proposed skate park. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with payment of \$2,500.00 for city share of skate park design. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Springer noted the city has received permission to relocate contaminated soil from the construction project on Market Street to the Springfield Landfill. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve to pay up to \$12,100.00 to Springfield Landfill for relocation of contaminated soil. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Single-source Residential Trash Contract. Springer reported he attended a meeting, along with Mayor Eden, Mr. Petrus, and representatives of Doty Trash Service to work on the contract. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden determined it was a consensus of the Board to not exclude owners of commercial businesses from residential service at their home address.
- Williams Creek Pond. Springer reported the Missouri Conservation Department has sent the official 120 day notice of termination of the Community Assistance Program, which has included maintenance, stocking of fish, plant life management and algae bloom control. Springer noted the program will end on December 31, 2019 which will include removal of signage. Discussion was held.
- City Hall. Springer noted staff will participate in a walk-thru at 109 N. Hickory St. on Thursday, September 26, 2019 for review of punch-list items. Springer noted move-in date will be around January 1, 2020.
- Market Street. Springer reported Anderson Engineering has agreed to fix the issue with a two-inch lip on the entrance to Tom's Auto by removing the gutter and replacing it with a new gutter, with a depressed curb of 1 1/2" which should eliminate the issue.

Treasurer.

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. Weldy presented the Bills over \$5,000 report and requested the Board approve. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve the bills over \$5,000. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- August 2019 Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the August Treasurer Report to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Unclaimed Property. Weldy reported she has sent \$654.40 to the State of Missouri for unclaimed property.
- Bad Debt. Weldy requested the Board approve moving accounts totaling \$3,809.06 to bad debt and requested approval. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve request as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Walnut Motel Property. Kelley reported he has been researching the road at 301 W. Mount Vernon Blvd. and has determined per Ordinance Number 122 that it was abandoned in 1948 and is not a city-maintained road. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- Planning and Zoning Commission Report.
 - Moore reported he has set a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. for 1025 S. Market Street which has been in violation due to expired permit.
 - Moore reported he has received the 2012 International Building Code books for review. Moore noted he will be scheduling a contractor meeting in the future to review the changes in code. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- August Statistical Report. Hubert presented the August statistical report and requested discussion. None brought forth.

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. None brought forth.

- Springer reported someone has been cleaning up the burn-out on Patterson Street. Discussion was held.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2019-015 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and Timothy S. Hogan for sale of real property by the city, and authorizing Mayor to sign all documents necessary for the conveyance was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

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Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips

Bill No. 2019-015 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2019-015 thus became Ordinance number 14.308.

Alderwoman Thrasher made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to authorize Mayor to sign realtor commission agreement which includes change in realtor commission. With all present members voting to approve, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Additional Item of Discussion.

- Springer requested dates for Finance Committee to meet to review the proposed 2020 budget. Discussion was held. Springer noted dates for Finance committee to meet are October 17 and 24th, with both starting at 4:30 p.m.
- Alderwoman Martin reported her resignation immediately as representative of Ward Three on the Board as she is moving out of her Ward. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden noted his appreciation of service from Alderwoman Martin.

Adjourn.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date