

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 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, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Barbara Rubison, Sue Lee. Absent: Kathy Fairchild. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert, Assistant Fire Chief Brad DeLay 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.

Agenda.

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

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler 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 for participation from the public and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2013-017 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing execution of an airport hangar/tie down lease agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and Charles Keeney was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

Bill No. (R)2013-017 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2013-017 thus became Resolution Number (R)2013-017.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax Revenue. Report for revenue from sales tax will be presented at the next Board meeting since the report has not yet been received.
- Fire Chief. Received a letter of resignation from Melvin Owens declaring his intent for resignation as Fire Chief, effective December 31, 2013. Springer noted Mr. Owens has served on the department for 55 years total, with 39 of those years as Fire Chief.
- Hangar Lease #6. Lease agreement with Mr. Keeney is for the Biellier hangar. This hangar is currently having some repairs done prior to the beginning date of the lease, which will be on November 1, 2013. Discussion was held.
- Purple Heart Road Signs. John Dismar, Missouri State Adjutant with the Military Order of the Purple Heart has requested the city place signs at the four city limit entrances. Springer noted total cost would be \$794.40, more or less depending on participation from other designated cities. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with purchase of signs. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Engineer Task Agreement. Springer presented Task Order #7 and #8 and requested authority to enter into agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for completion of both projects at a cost of \$48,420.00. Springer noted Task Order #7 is for design and construction documents for installation of two 12" mains from Landrum to the east side of Longley property on the southwest end of Mount Vernon Boulevard. Task Order #8 is for survey, design and development of water and sewer extensions to property located south of Interstate 44, beginning at Missouri Drive to the east side of Highway 39. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee approving request to proceed with Task Order # 7 and #8. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Apple Butter Making Days. Springer reminded the Board of the event, beginning Friday, October 11, 2013 thru Sunday, October 13, 2013.
- Employee Health Insurance. A 13.1% increase was originally quoted for employee health coverage, but due to another participating entity dropping out of the consortium we will now see an increase of approximately 19%. Representatives of Beimdiek Insurance are currently seeking better rates for the entities remaining in the consortium. Discussion was held.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- September Treasurer Report. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Free Ride. Transportation reported 37 free rides for the Fall Prevention Awareness Day which was held on September 26, 2013 and sponsored by the Missouri Rehabilitation Center.

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- Utility Write-offs. Weldy presented a utility write off report for a total of \$8,691.40 and requested permission from the Board to proceed with utility write offs. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene authorizing Weldy to proceed with write off for requested amount. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Crowder. Discussion held on Crowder t-shirts.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following item:

- Fall Clean Up. Stanton reported the event was held on Saturday, October 5, 2013 but was not well attended due to weather. Stanton noted he was very impressed with company from Branson, Missouri who accepted clean-up items and looks forward to having them participate with the 2014 Spring Clean Up.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Statistic Report. Conway presented the September Statistic Report. Discussion was held.
- Annexation. A petition for annexation from the City of Mount Vernon for property located at 995 Daniel Drive and will be reviewed by the Commission on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.
- Public Hearings. The Planning and Zoning Commission has scheduled two public hearings for Tuesday, November 5, 2013.
- Commission Vacancy. D.C. Wright has submitted his resignation from the Commission due to his upcoming marriage and moving to the Springfield area. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Statistic Report. Hubert presented the statistic report for September.
- Apple Butter Making Days. The Lawrence County Auxiliary will be assisting the Mount Vernon Police Department with patrol of the square during the event. Hubert noted the Auxiliary will also provide lighting on the booths that will be located north of City Hall for added security. Discussion was held
- Department Vacancy. Mr. Hubert requested permission to hire Jonathan Levi Chorum to fill department vacancy. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene granting request to hire as presented depending on passing of pre-employment testing. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Community Activities. The department will assist with the clean-up of Apple Butter Making Days.

Committee Reports.

- *Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- *Finance.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has rescheduled the October 14, 2013 budget meeting for Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.
- *Parks.* Alderman Nelson reported the committee met on Thursday, October 3, 2013 to discuss park activity fees. Alderman Nelson noted the committee unanimously recommended the following changes:

Spirit of 76 Concessions:

- Reorganize ballpark concession fees on the fee schedule and remove the \$25.00 rental refund.

Golf Fees:

- Add to Daily Green Fees that Monday thru Friday Seniors receive \$3.00 off and Juniors receive the same discount Sunday thru Saturday.
- Change Trail Fees to Cart Fees at \$7.00/9 holes and \$10.00/18 holes, and members only receive a \$2.00 discount.

Alderman Nelson reported that by direction of the committee that he moves to accept changes to the park fees. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Alderman Nelson also reported that at the same meeting, the committee met with Olsson & Associates for a kick-off meeting for the master plan for development of the park system.

- *Personnel.* Alderman Haymes reported the committee has not met.
- *Public Works/Streets.* Alderman Phillips reported the committee has not met.
- *The MARC/Community Center.* Alderwoman Rubison 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. None brought forth.

Closed Session.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(3) Personnel Issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Rubison, Millsap

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:40 p.m.

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At this point Alderwoman Fairchild presented herself and went directly to closed session.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 7:51 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other discussion. None brought forth.

Adjourn.

With no other business to come before the Board Mayor Eden declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date