

Minutes Approved October 22, 2019

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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, 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 K. 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 with the following additions:

- Add: Mayoral Appointment for Alderman be placed on the agenda before Citizen Participation and renumber remaining agenda items accordingly.

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

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the September 24, 2019 Board of Aldermen meeting and requested approval. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Phillips

ABSENT: None

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

Mayoral Alderman Appointment for Vacancy.

Mayor Eden announced with the resignation of Sandy Martin, he is recommending the Board consider Darrell Lester to fill the vacancy left in Ward Three. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to accept Mayor's recommendation to appoint Darrell Lester to fill remaining term of vacancy in Ward Three until the next General Election. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. At this point, City Clerk Neely conducted the Oath of Office to Alderman Lester.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Department Reports.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer reported the regular sales tax report has not been received, but the city has received additional interest payment for 2019. Discussion was held.
- Change Order#1 Gibbs Park Storm Water. Springer presented Change Order #1 for Gibbs Park Storm Water Project and noted the change order included all changes/additions made throughout the project for a total cost of \$37,800.99. Springer also requested the Board consider for approval the Change Order for South Street Culvert Project for a cost of \$1,214.75. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden noted it was a consensus of the Board to move approval of the change order to be included with bills over \$5,000 for Board approval.
- Gibbs Park Contaminated Soil. Springer reported the original number of loads of contaminated soil to be removed was originally thought to be approximately two hundred-fifty (250) tons, but there was more dirt than estimated with approximately four hundred-fifteen (415) tons currently removed for a cost of \$14,000.00. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to amend original motion to include spending up to \$14,000.00 for removal of contaminated soil. With all members of the Board voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Dirt for Gibbs Park. Springer requested approval for forty-seven (47) loads of fill dirt, forty-four (44) loads of black dirt and hydro-seeding/mulching for a total cost of \$20,125.00. Discussion was held. Alderwoman McElveen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to grant request as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Telephone Outage. Springer reported the telephone outage on October 3, 2019 was caused by an employee with K & B Construction at Gibbs Park by hooking a phone cable while moving a large piece of construction equipment. Springer reported the damage will be covered by K & B Construction Company.
- Presentation of Bid Tab for Six Acres North. Springer reported bids were due by Friday, October 4, 2019 and presented the sealed bid packet to City Clerk Neely to open bids. Neely reported the only bid received was from Kelsie Rutledge, who submitted a bid for \$4,600.00 per acre. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to accept bid of \$4,600.00 per acre for six acres north to Kelsie Rutledge. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Springer announced Governor Parson is expected to be in attendance to the Apple Butter Making Days on Saturday, October 12, 2019.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bill paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Bills Over \$5,000. Weldy presented the bills over \$5,000 and requested approval from the Board. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve payment of bills over \$5,000.00 and to include additional costs for Woody's Express Trucking, LLC for hauling contaminated dirt and K & B for change order #1. With all members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Wastewater Collections – Cleaning CCTV (video) Inspection. Kelley presented a proposal from Ace Pipe Cleaning to clean and camera approximately 8,629 feet of sewer line. Kelley discussed the locations for the project, which include an area near the wastewater treatment facility which we have had complaints about and a second area is a line from Interstate Highway 44 to the Mount Vernon Boulevard. Kelley noted the proposal from Ace Pipe Cleaning is based on the 2018-2019 bid pricing from the City of Joplin which contained a cooperative purchasing option, allowing the city to use best bids received. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve project as presented for costs not to exceed \$20,000.00. With all present members in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Kelley reported five (5) commercial roll-off dumpsters and two (2) metal dumpsters were filled during the city wide cleanup event. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- September Statistical Report. Moore presented the September statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Commission Report.
 - Moore reported a public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 2019 to review sidewalk design requirements for subdivision design standards.
 - Moore reported a non-compliance hearing was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. to allow F & G Enterprise to comment on reasons clean-up for 1025 S. Market Street has not been completed. Moore noted F & G Enterprise did not attend the non-compliance hearing, which will result in the Building Commissioner sending notification in which they have thirty (30) days to complete the work, per city code, Chapter Five, Dangerous Buildings. Moore noted if work is not completed in the thirty days, the city will take over clean-up and will issue a special tax bill for lien on said property. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Taser Certification. Hubert reported Officer David Young and Officer Ed Evat are now certified Taser instructors and will now certify other city officers.
- Range qualifications. Hubert reported all officers will be participating in handgun and rifle qualifications on November 2, 2019.

Old Business.

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

- Alderwoman Thrasher reported she received several complaints from her constituents that WCA will be charging a thirty (\$30) dollar fee to pick up customers poly-carts. Thrasher noted her constituents have asked if the city will pay these fees. Springer noted customers should try to provide a thirty (30) day notice to their providers to end their contracts.
- Mayor Eden requested information on the burn-out on Patterson Street. Petrus noted the grass has been mowed but no additional work. Discussion was held.

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New Business.

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

- Petrus reported he will be presenting ordinances at the October 22, 2019 meeting to address five county roads which the county gave to the city.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date