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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, 319 E Dallas Street, on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Haymes with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Deanna McElveen, Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor Darlene Parrigon, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Public Works Director Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Moore, Assistant Police Chief Jason Lacey, and City Clerk Melissa Aduddle. Absent: David Hubert.

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

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Haymes presented the agenda to the Board for approval. The following changes were requested:

- Public Works – Add: Electric Department – Service Expansion

Alderman Phillips moved to approve the agenda with the aforementioned change, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

Citizen Participation

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

Employee Recognition

Mayor Haymes presented Parks & Recreation Supervisor Geoff Ford with a jacket and thanked him for his 21 years of service with the City of Mount Vernon.

Ordinance

**Bill No. 2021-29 re:** First and second reading of an Ordinance amending Section 600.020(C) and (D) hours of operation and sales of intoxicating liquor for consumption off premises, of the Code

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of Ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2021-29 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Acting Board President for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 7.60.

## **Department Reports**

### City Administrator

Mr. Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Sales Tax/Use Tax.** Springer reported the sales tax for October is up \$11,941.48 from the previous year, and year to date sales tax is ahead \$157,508.28 from 2020. Use tax is up from October of last year by \$2,954.52, for the year use tax is also up \$39,269.35 from 2020.
- **MDSS Low Income Household Assistance Program.** Springer informed the Board the Missouri Department of Social Services has a new Water/Wastewater assistance program for low-income households. The City has participated in the program they have for energy assistance for several years. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the signing of the Low Income Household Assistance Program agreement, seconded by Alderman Phillips.

Motion passed.

- **Missouri Drive.** Springer stated that as the owner/developer of the 40 acres located in the Mt . Vernon Commercial Park South, 1<sup>st</sup> Subdivision the City will need to complete the street to the south end of the property, including water and sewer, stormwater, and street lighting. The cost of the project is estimated at \$1,600,000.00. Springer also stated he has discussed financing the project with Ed McKliney through a Certificate of Participation (COP). He will be at the meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the project. Discussion was held.
- **Widening of Highway 39 and signalization of intersection.** Springer reported that the intersection of Schweiger Drive, and Highway 39 will need the road widened and a signal light installed. The cost to do both parts of the project are estimated to be \$589,400.00. The City could combine Missouri Drive project and Highway 39 project into one financing package. Discussion was held.
- **Townhall Meeting October 19<sup>th</sup>.** Springer informed the Board that the City will be hosting a Townhall Meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 providing information about the request for a ½ cent Park Sales Tax for fund renovations at the pool and to help begin

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Phase 1 of the expansion of the Spirit of '76 Park and upgrades to some of the other parks. Discussion was held.

- **Budget for 2022.** Springer requested to schedule time to meet with the Finance Committee to go over the proposed budget for 2022. The tentative dates are October 25<sup>th</sup>, October 27<sup>th</sup>, and October 29<sup>th</sup> or November 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion was held. Meeting are set for October 25<sup>th</sup>, October 27<sup>th</sup>, and October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at City Hall.
- **FYI.** Springer reported that the City has had two incidents of vandalism. The first is one of the taxis, while at Hill's Automotive, had the catalytic converter stolen. Second, the vandalism at the restrooms continues. Discussion was held.

#### Treasurer

Ms. Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- **Bills Paid.** Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Bills over \$5,000.00.** Weldy presented the Bills over \$5,000.00 for to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the bills over \$5000.00 as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Gramm.

Motion passed.

#### Director of Public Works

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Electric Department – Service Expansion.** Kelley reported that a service expansion is needed to accommodate one of our industrial customers that is expanding. Kelley requested approval to hire BBC Electric to help with the job, since the electric department is down a lineman and the supervisor in on light duty. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee moved to hire BBC Electric for \$6000.00 to help with the service expansion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen.

Motion passed.

#### Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore held discussion on the following items:

- **Final Plat Review – The Round Edge Subdivision.** Moore reported that an application was submitted by Seth Haymes, and it meets all the criteria for a Major Subdivision. The road and common area will be maintained by the property owner's association. Planning and Zoning met on October 5, 2021 and reviewed the application and Final Plat and a motion was made to accept this Final Plat for the Round Edge. Discussion was held.
- **September 2021 Permit Report.** Moore presented the Permit Report for September 2021 and requested any question or discussion. None brought forth.

#### Police

Assistant Chief Lacey held discussion on the following items:

- **Statistics for September 2021.** Lacey presented the statistics for September 2021 to the Board for review **Statistics for August 2021.** Hubert presented the statistics for August 2021 to the Board for review and requested any discussion. None brought forth and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

- **Update on E-Tickets.** Lacey reported the Digi-ticket people came down with their hardware and software, and gave everyone a day worth of training on it, and hopefully will be up and fully functional withing two weeks, after a training period for the officers to get used to using it. Discussion was held.

Old Business

Mayor Haymes requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

- Mayor Haymes stated some time back there was talk of a place opening the old Meeks area up, he asked if anything more ever became of it. Discussion was held.

New Business

Mayor Haymes requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. The following was brought forth:

- **Bill No. 2021-30 re:** First and second reading of An Ordinance approving and accepting dedication of the Final Plat of the Round Edge Subdivision, being part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 28 North, Range 26 West, Lawrence County, Missouri, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, McElveen, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2021-30 was passed by unanimous roll call vote and sent to the Mayor for signature, thus becoming Ordinance Number 1.291.

Adjournment

Acting President Phillips announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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Jason Haymes, Mayor

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Date

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Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

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