

Minutes Approved October 27, 2009

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 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, Chet Hunter, John Hull, Mike Tebow, April Canchola, Max Springer, Carol Millsap and Gary Albers. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator John Rice, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Assistant Chief of Police David Hubert, Treasurer Shari Weldy and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: City Attorney William Petrus, Jr.

Agenda

Mayor Eden presented the agenda for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve the agenda with an amendment to remove Item XV, Closed Session. Motion approved.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last regular meeting, which was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 and minutes reflecting the vote of the Closed Session, which was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve regular minutes and Closed Session minutes of votes taken as presented. Motion approved.

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested any comments from visitors. None brought forward.

Resolution.

**Bill No. 2009-0013 Re:** A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri entering agreement with Kevin Ooley, D/B/A Oak Creek Hydrant Services for testing and maintenance of fire hydrants was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Hunter, Hull, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. (R)2009-0013 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2009-0013 thus became Bill No. (R)2009-0013.

## **Department Reports.**

### City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Council Work Sessions. Requested more active study sessions before Council meetings. Rice scheduled a work session for Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the new electric substation for review of progress.
- Revenues. Presented a revenue report of current revenues. Rice noted sales tax revenues were down by 10.5% from 2008. Rice also noted collections for electric, water and sewer were down, possibly due to the mild weather.
- Personnel Meeting. Requested a Personnel meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.
- Pet Licensing. Presented a draft application for pet licensing. Rice requested the board review and consider at the next council meeting.
- Ed Kimbler. Reported Ed Kimbler's last day of work is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2009. Rice noted Mr. Kimbler has worked for the city for approximately 37 years.
- N.W. Industrial Park. Reported Lot One, Northwest Industrial Park, which was sold to Geno Bratanov on February 13, 2007, has not been improved upon as per the agreement. Rice noted he has met with Petrus in regards to re-acquiring the property for non-improvement.

### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented bills to be paid with the following additions: NFPA Conference, Bruce Conway, 10-5-112-301, \$1,295.00 Training Fees and 10-5-112-302, \$150.00, Membership Dues. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to approve payment of bills with additions and amend the budget to the listed line items. Motion approved.
- Investment Bid. Reported a Certificate of Deposit at Liberty Bank for \$164,102.30 would mature on October 15, 2009. Also noted a Certificate of Deposit for \$99,000.00 at Edward Jones was closed by the FDIC, which was to mature August, 2010 at an interest rate of 4.2%. Weldy reported she had sent out bid tabs for up to \$268,000.00 for the Light Fund. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to invest \$164,102.30 with Liberty Bank for six months at 1.70% interest and invest \$104,000.00 into CDARS with Great Southern at 1.65% interest. Motion approved.
- Budget Amendment. Reported the original budget for Police Department, training fees and licenses, mileage and expenses was miscalculated. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Canchola to amend the budget to reflect 10-5-120-301, Training Fees currently \$3,500.00, amend to \$2,000.00 and 10-5-120-380, Licenses, mileage and expenses currently \$500, amend to \$2,000.00. Motion approved.
- Direct Deposit. Reported the first direct deposit payroll has been processed and would be in effect on October 15, 2009.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Sewer Line Cleaning. Stanton presented a proposal from Ace Pipe Cleaning, Inc. The project will consist of root cutting, jet cleaning and televised inspection of the sanitary sewer lines. Stanton noted cost would be approximately \$200,000.00, which could be funded with surplus funds. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to direct Petrus to present a resolution for contract with Ace Pipe Cleaning, Inc. with a minimum of 10,000 linear feet processed. Motion approved.
- New Substation Requested the Board consider allowing installation of two feeders from the new substation to the Mount Vernon High School, Intermediate School and the Missouri Rehabilitation Center, to relieve pressure at the old substation. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hunter to proceed with installation of two feeder lines at new substation for approximately \$255,000.00 with surplus money from COP funds. Motion approved.
- Excessive Rain. Reported the city had approximately 9” of rain on October 9, 2009 which resulted in barricading several streets.
- Apple Butter Making Days. Requested the Board express their appreciation to the employees of Public Works, Police Department and the Fire Department for work during Apple Butter Making Days. Stanton noted the large rainfall made work difficult. Alderwoman Canchola requested the city send a thank you letter to the Division of Youth Services and the City of Monett for their assistance in clean-up.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Activity Report. Presented the Activity Report for September.
- Missouri Municipal League. Discussed attendance at the Missouri Municipal League Annual Conference.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Activity Report. Presented the Activity Report for September.
- Training. Discussed attendance of Earnest at the F.B.I. Law Enforcement Executive Development training in Lawrence, Kansas.
- DARE. Reported Detective Jason Lacey attended the D.A.R.E. Mentor Officer Training in Kansas City.
- Traffic Enforcement Program. Reported participation in a month long Traffic Enforcement Program which is funded by Missouri Department of Transportation.
- Federal Grant. Received \$1,500.00 from a \$3,000.00 grant for purchase of two bullet-proof vests.
- Apple Butter Making Days. Discussed the use of additional officers during Apple Butter Making Days for assistance during the excessive rain.
- Complaints. Requested issuance of a Special Use permit to allow fireworks during home football games. Earnest noted fireworks are used only when the Mount Vernon team scores a touchdown and are set-off away from school property. Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to allow a Special Use permit for fireworks during football games held in Mount Vernon. Motion approved.

Committee Reports.

***Airport.*** Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

***Finance.*** Alderman Springer reported the committee has not met.

***Parks.*** Alderman Tebow reported the committee has not met.

***Personnel.*** Alderwoman Canchola reported a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Old Business.

***Fireworks.*** Alderman Albers noted he had requested discussion, but due to the absence of Petrus requested discussion be held until next council meeting.

***Trash Service.*** Discussion was held regarding trash service franchise. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Canchola to direct Rice to present information at the next meeting for a trash service franchise for the City of Mount Vernon. Motion approved.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business. Alderman Greene discussed a report in the Missouri Municipal League newsletter regarding the sales tax lawsuit for Purdy, Missouri.

Adjournment.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to adjourn meeting. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk