

Minutes Approved November 8, 2011

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 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, Lowell Phillips, Mike Tebow, April Mieswinkel, Carol Millsap, Gary Albers. Absent: John Hull. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, 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 part of the minutes.

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Remove the following Items:
  - VI. Mayor Appointment – Ward Three Vacancy
  - VII. Oath of Office – Ward Three
  - IX. Mayor Proclamation – Great American Smoke-Out
- Move Item XII. McLiney & Company to follow immediately after Citizen Participation
- Item XIX. Closed Session, remove Section 610.021(1) Litigation and Section 610.021(2) Real Estate Issues.

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

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on October 11, 2011 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden noted this was the portion of the meeting open for citizen participation and requested if anyone in attendance wished to speak. None brought forth.

McLiney & Associates.

Tyson Markham, from McLiney & Associates, presented a refinancing proposal to the Board for their consideration. Mr. Markham suggested refinancing the 2003 Lease Purchase since interest rates have dropped from 5.05% to 3.965%. Approximately \$100,000.00 in interest savings would be realized. The maturity date would remain the same, 2023. Mr. Markham also advised the Board that portion of the reserve would be available as cash. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to proceed with refinancing. Mr. Petrus will prepare a resolution for adoption at the first meeting in November. With all members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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Nomination and Election of Acting President of the Board.

Mayor Eden reported the position of Acting President of the Board was vacant since former Alderman Springer has resigned. Mayor Eden asked for nominations to fill the vacancy. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow, to elect Alderwoman Mieswinkel as Acting President of the Board. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Tebow, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mieswinkel

ABSENT: Hull

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

The MARC Logo.

Steve Snyder presented options for a logo for the new community center. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to approve the first sample presented to be the new official logo for The MARC. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Arts Council.

Karen Millsap presented a timeline for phases of improvement to the Community Center. Ms. Millsap noted the Arts Council was currently working on Phase One, which included adding light gels and re-focusing the light system. Mount Vernon School district is providing a lift for the light adjustments. Ms. Millsap asked for assistance from city personnel to make the adjustments. Stanton agreed to provide personnel for the light adjustment project.

Ordinances.

**Bill Number 2011-0007A re:** An ordinance vacating an alley between Lots 2 and 3, Block 2 of Hash and Crawford's Addition to the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Tebow, Mieswinkel, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Mayor Eden declared the first reading of Bill No. 2011-0007A approved and directed the second reading to be held at the November 8, 2011 meeting.

**Bill Number 2011-0008 re:** An ordinance authorizing execution of a lease agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and the Community College District of Newton and McDonald Counties, Missouri D/B/A Crowder College was read twice by title only, with the following roll call votes recorded:

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Tebow, Mieswinkel, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Tebow, Mieswinkel, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Bill No. 2011-0008 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2011-0008 thus became Ordinance No. 14.224.

### **Department Reports.**

#### City Administrator.

Max Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Notification Period for Waste Removal Services. Reported the two year waiting period would end in November and reported he would be required to report the city's intention for waste removal services.
- Property Rental. Noted he would begin the bid process for the new industrial park land, which is currently leased.
- Tri-State Water Resource Coalition. Reported Mayor Eden, Stanton and he would attend the Tri-State Water Coalition annual conference on November 17 and 18, 2011 in Springfield, MO.
- The MARC. Reported Crowder College requested to begin move into the facility by November 1, 2011. Springer noted the facility needed several items completed before the College opened in January, such as striping and sealing of the parking lot, security lights installed, HVAC system replaced and survey of the property. Springer reported this would be large dollar items in which the budget would need to be amended. Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported the Board should approve the spending for these items for the facility.
- Re-districting Wards. Reported Petrus would present an ordinance at the November 8, 2011 meeting for re-districting of the Wards.
- Missouri Public Utility Alliance. Reported Mayor Eden, Stanton and he would attend this meeting on November 2, 2011 in Nixa, MO.
- Village of Lights. Reported the Chamber of Commerce had requested the city approve vendor booths at the Village of Lights festival on the square. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to grant the request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

#### Treasurer.

- Bills. Presented the Bills Paid report and requested discussion. None brought forth.
- Investment Bids. Presented a bid tab for monies made available due to closed CDARS-Electric accounts and Mid-Missouri electric account, totaling \$555,808.00. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to invest \$400,000.00 at Mid-Missouri Electric Fund Certificate of Deposit for twelve months at .50% and deposit \$156,121.35 at Great Southern into

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the Electric Interest bearing checking account. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

#### Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- AMR Electric Meters. Reported he would like to use any surplus money at the end of the budget year to purchase AMR Electric meters, to complete the residential install.

#### Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Kiwanis Pavilion. Reported the footings had been installed.
- First Baptist Church Expansion. Reported the masonry work was at a halt until steel could be delivered.

#### Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Training. Department had completed the following training:
  - Blood borne pathogen
  - Sexual Harassment.
- Personal Protective Equipment. Department in the process of adding personal protective equipment.
- King Park. Department has been pro-active in eliminating park problems by stepping up patrol and talking with potential offenders.
- Apple Butter Making Days. Department has conducted interviews with nine juveniles regarding thefts of booths during the festival.

#### Fire.

DeLay reported due to lack of activity, he had no report to present to the Board. Alderwoman Millsap thanked DeLay for the Lawrence County Sheriff's actions in protecting the Freistatt Church earlier in the month.

#### Committee Reports.

*Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee had met on October 13, 2011 to review existing leases and proposed draft of commercial and private leases. Alderman Greene reported the next scheduled meeting would be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at 5:30 p.m.

*Finance.* Mayor Eden reported the committee had met on Monday, October 24, 2011 to discuss budget. Due to resignation of Springer who was chairman of the committee, Mayor Eden appointed Alderwoman Millsap to be Chairwoman of the committee and Alderman Albers to serve on the Finance Committee.

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

*Personnel.* Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported the committee would meet in closed session.

*Public Works/Streets.* Due to absence of Alderman Hull, no report was submitted.

*Community Center.* Mr. Springer reported the committee had met previously with discussion of selling signage rights for advertisement in the gymnasium. Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported a Disaster Shelter meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 27, at 5:30 p.m.

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New Business.

Mayor Eden held discussion on the request for one meeting in November and December, due to holidays. Discussion was held with Mayor Eden postponing this request until first meeting in November.

Old Business.

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

Closed Session.

Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap 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, Phillips, Tebow, Mieswinkel, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:52 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:35 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Date

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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