

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 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, Barbara Rubison. Absent: Kathy Fairchild, Sue Lee and Edward Kimbler. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert, 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.

Approval of Agenda.

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

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from Tuesday, October 3, 2015 to the Board for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips 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 to receive input from the public and requested any discussion.

- Robert Johnson requested discussion of the Board regarding licensing of dogs and cats. Mr. Johnson noted he keeps his dog on a leash while walking, but has been subjected to other dogs running loose and approaching his dog. Mr. Johnson also discussed the large amount of cats, not only in his neighborhood but other areas of the city. Discussion was held.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Employee Health Insurance. Springer reported HM Benefits presented different options for employee health care rates. Springer recommended remaining with Cox Health Plans, which offers composite rates instead of age-banded rates and has no changes in the plan. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to accept recommendation to remain with Cox Health Plans for 2016. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Belmont Development Hearing. Springer reported he attended the Missouri Housing Development Commission's Public hearing with Mayor Eden and Belmont Development,

on Monday, October 26, 2015 in Springfield, to submit testimony for funding of The Villas of Mount Vernon. Discussion was held.

- Other Items of Discussion. Mayor Eden requested any additional items of discussion.
 - Springer reported Alderwoman Lee and himself would be attending the Missouri Municipal League Southwest Regional Workshop, on Thursday, October 29, 2015.
 - Springer reported IFI is continuing to reach out to government entities regarding funding for 600 N. Main, with the most recent being the Missouri Veterans Administration. Discussion was held.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- September Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the September Treasurer report for approval. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the September Treasurer Report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to pay-off Cushman Truckster. Weldy presented a buy-out option for the Cushman Truckster at the Golf Course. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve payment for the Cushman Truckster for a final price of \$9,945.81. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. .
- Other Items of Discussion. Weldy reminded the Board a Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. to review revenue/expenditures and final balancing of the proposed 2016 budget.

Public Works.

Stanton reported he had no items to discuss, but welcomed questions from the Board. Mayor Eden requested discussion for installation of street lighting for areas around town, including areas of Landrum Street and McCanse Street and Hayward Drive. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Planning and Zoning Case #2015-10-16-01 – Rezoning Request. Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on October 6, 2015 regarding rezoning of three areas in the city, which are:
 - Part A: R1 to R3
Area: Separate private lot on Walnut Street.
 - Part B: B2 to B1A
Area 1 – East side of Market Street to the west side of Vine Street, from Pleasant Street to South Street.
Area 2 – North side of Water Street to the south side of North Street, from Hazel Street to Landrum Street

Conway noted the Planning and Zoning Commission received and heard input from the public, and after much discussion made the recommendation to approve the rezoning

request and to proceed to the Board of Aldermen for consideration. Mayor Eden presented three petitions received by the City Clerk, against the rezoning request for private lot on Walnut Street stating proper procedure for rezoning was not followed. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to approve rezoning requests for Case #2015-10-16-01, all of Part A and Part B. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Rubison

NOES: Nelson, Haymes, Phillips

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Fairchild, Kimbler, Lee

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

- Other Items of Discussion. Licensing of Dogs and Cats. Conway addressed the discussion held during Citizen Participation regarding current city code for dogs and cats, and added there is currently no code addressing licensing of dogs or cats. Alderman Haymes noted he was aware of a catch and release grassroots campaign in a Florida city in which the citizens raised funds for spaying and neutering cats. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion to begin looking into licensing of animals, which failed as it received no second.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Training. Hubert reported officers received training on how to deal with subjects with mental health issues, on October 13, 2015 from Cynthia Hester, Mental Health Liaison with the Clark Community Mental Health Center.
- Annual Fundraiser. Hubert reported officers in his department were participating in the annual fundraiser within their department to be allowed to grow facial hair by donating weekly to a fund to assist needy families during the holidays.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has not received any calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported regular maintenance has been performed on vehicles and equipment.
- Training. DeLay reported the following training sessions were held:
 - October 15 – Schreiber Foods Ammonia Training
 - October 25 – Annual Hose testing
- Community Activities. DeLay reported the department participated in the Mount Vernon Elementary School Safety Program and would provide a safe place for children to trick or treat at by opening the Fire Station on October 31, with firefighters handing out treats. DeLay noted this is an annual function the firefighters look forward to.
- Miscellaneous. DeLay noted National Fire Prevention month is almost to an end, but reminded people to continue to be safe.

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New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to the Board for discussion. None brought forth.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden reminded everyone that daylight savings time would end this weekend and to remember to turn back clocks.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date