

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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, November 10, 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, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild and Sue Lee. Absent: Barbara Rubison. 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.

Mayor Eden offered special sympathy to family and friends for the unexpected death of Alderwoman Barbara Rubison. Mayor Eden commended Ms. Rubison for her years of service to the City, first as Treasurer for many years and then her time served as Alderwoman for Ward Three.

Approval of Agenda.

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from Tuesday, October 27, 2015 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Kimbler, Fairchild, Lee

ABSENT: None

With all present members voting, 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. None brought forth.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2015-030 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and CLJM, LLC d/b/a HM Benefits for consulting and brokerage services was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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First reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2015-030 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-030 thus became Ordinance Number 14.254.

Bill No. 2015-031 re: An ordinance calling for a general election in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, for the purpose of electing a Mayor for a term of two years and one Alderman from each of the Wards, each for a term of two years and one Alderman from Ward Three for a term of one year, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2015-031 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2015-031 thus became Ordinance No. 5.171.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer reported sales tax has remained steady at a 35.498% and 28.261% for year to date. Discussion was held.
- Platform Lift at The MARC. Springer reported construction has began at The MARC for installation of the platform lift and should be completed by the end of the year.
- Housekeeping Bid. Springer reported two bids were received for housekeeping services for City Hall and were opened on Friday, November 6, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Springer noted both bids were reviewed by staff and it is his recommendation to accept the bid from Jani-King at \$310.00 per month. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by

Alderman Greene to accept recommendation for Jani-King, with services to begin on January 1, 2016, for one year, with option to renew agreement. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Water/sewer rates. Springer reported due to increases in bond and COP payments beginning in 2016, water and sewer rates needed to be raised. Springer presented the following proposed rates, which would begin January 1, 2016:

	Current Rate	Proposed Increased Rate
Water	\$6.53 Base Charge	\$8.53 Base Charge
	\$4.37 per 1,000 gallons volumetric rate	\$5.33 per 1,000 gallons volumetric rate
Sewer	\$8.87 Base Charge	\$8.87 Base Charge
	\$4.95 per 1,000 gallons volumetric charge	\$5.97 per 1,000 gallons volumetric charge

Discussion was held. Springer requested the Board review proposed rates. Springer noted a public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2015 to receive citizen input regarding the rates.

- 2016 Proposed Budget. Springer presented the proposed budget for 2016 and requested the Board review. Springer announced a public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2015 to receive citizen input regarding the budget. 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.
- October Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the October Treasurer Report to the Board. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to accept the October Treasurer Report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton reported he had no items to report but welcomed any questions. Alderman Greene requested discussion on construction on Hickory and Market Streets. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- October Statistic Report. Conway presented the October Statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Report. Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission has ended discussion on the Comprehensive Plan for the year, but will begin review again in 2016. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- October Statistic Report. Hubert presented the October Statistic report and requested any discussion. Discussion was held regarding the statistics for recovered property.
- Resignation of Officer. Hubert reported he has received resignation from Police Officer Chad Whiteaker and requested permission to advertise for the vacancy. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene granting request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received four calls since last report.
- Training. DeLay reported training would be held on November 19, 2015.
- Community Events. DeLay reported the department welcomed approximately 220 kids for Halloween.
- Miscellaneous. DeLay noted the department participated in the Monett, Missouri Veteran's Appreciation day on November 9, 2015.

Committee Reports.

- Finance. Alderman Greene presented the minutes from the Finance Committee from the November 2, 2015 meeting. Greene reported it was the consensus of the Committee to recommend the proposed water/sewer rates and proposed budget for 2016. Discussion was held.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any input from the Board regarding the vacancy for Alderman for Ward Three due to the passing of Alderwoman Rubison. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any discussion regarding old business. The following discussions were held:

- Alderman Greene held discussion regarding skateboard parks.
- Alderwoman Lee requested discussion regarding a committee for Veterans' Way. Discussion was held with Mayor Eden appointing Alderwoman Lee as Chairwoman of the ad-hoc committee. Mayor Eden instructed Alderwoman Lee to report at the next meeting who she would like to serve on this committee. Discussion was held.

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 7:48 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date