

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 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, Barbara Rubison, Sue Lee. 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, and Toni Buttram. Absent: City Clerk Shannon Neely.

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

Agenda.

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

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson 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 for participation from the public and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2013-033 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 four wards, each for a term of two years and one Alderman from Ward Four 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, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2013-033 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-033 thus became Ordinance Number 5.166.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax Revenue. Revenue down by -0.0073586% from last month report. Springer noted the total year to date total is -2.3729% lower than 2012. Discussion was held.
- ISO Survey Request. A request for a survey to the Insurance Services Office (ISO) to determine if improvements made over the past twenty (20) years could lower our insurance rating has been submitted by the City of Mount Vernon. Springer noted our current ISO rating is "6", and will need to drop by 2 points for the city to see a difference in our current premiums. Discussion was held.
- Parks Consultant. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to receive input from the public for future park uses.
- 2014 Budget. Springer submitted the proposed 2014 budget and requested the Board to review and discuss at the November 26, 2013 meeting. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild requested a detailed budget, by line-item account, be presented for review, with other Board members agreeing to the request.
- Enhanced Enterprise Zone. The Board met on October 28, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. to review a request from Reyco-Granning to be granted a 50% abatement of property tax for ten years as stipulated in the city's current code.
- DNR Grant for Scrap Tire Playground Material. Springer reported he is currently working on two grants from the Department of Natural Resources for use of scrap tire material in playground and non-playground settings. Discussion was held.
- Farm Road 1147. A request has been submitted to the Lawrence County Commissioners to abandon Farm Road 1147 from Industrial Drive to Farm Road 2130. Springer noted the City would take over maintenance of this section of road and right-of-way so that it will allow an area for utilities to be ran under the interstate for future development. Discussion was held.
- Industrial Land Farm Rental Bid. The City received two bids for lease the North Industrial Park land, located on North Highway 39. Springer presented the bid proposals and requested direction from the Board. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept proposal for rental and improvements from Dusty Dostal for five years lease. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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. The October report was presented for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request for Utility Write-offs. Weldy presented a write-off request for unpaid utility accounts totaling \$7,654.31. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to grant the request as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Employee Probation. Stanton requested the Board consider putting public works employee Jonathan Waters to full-time status, as he has reached the end of his probation period. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to grant request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Narrow Band Radio. Installation of narrow-band radios should be completed by end of the week. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Public Hearing to rezone north of square and west end of Business Loop. Both hearing were held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Conway noted he has not received any negative response from the public.
- Annexation of 995 Daniel Drive Property. The request from the City to annex 995 Daniel Drive was discussed. Conway noted a public hearing will be held at the City Council meeting, Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to receive input from the public.
- Interstate Sign District. Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission has directed him to review and “clean-up” city code for the Interstate Sign District. Discussion was held.
- Application of waiver. An application for waiver or requirements was received by the Planning and Zoning Commission from Mark Lee for a lot-split located at 526 S. McCause Street. Conway reported the commission reviewed the request and was recommended, by motion, to proceed to the Board for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to grant request for waiver. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- October Statistic Report. Presented the October report and requested any discussion.
- Narrow Band Radio. Radio units have been installed in all patrol vehicles. The repeater unit has yet to be installed. Hubert thanked the Board for purchase of narrow-band compliant radios, as it has increased communication distance, which benefits the safety of the officer.
- Patrol Car. The new car has been ordered and is scheduled for the production line on November 25, 2013, with a date of completion in December. Discussion was held.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. The department responded to one call, since last report, at Kum & Go for a fuel spill on November 7, 2013.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Maintenance was performed on all equipment and vehicles. DeLay noted certification of the aerial and ground ladder is scheduled for November 21, 2013 and pump certification will be on November 26, 2013.
- Training. Training sessions were held on the following dates:
  - ♦ Ammonia Spill Response – November 7, 2013
  - ♦ Schreiber Hazwopper Exercise – November 9, 2013
  - ♦ Fire Suppression Certification training – November 9, 2013
- Community Activities. The following activities were attended by members of the department:
  - ♦ Participated in the annual fire prevention activities at the Mount Vernon Elementary School on October 31, 2013.
  - ♦ First annual trick-or-treat for kids was held at the Fire Station on October 31, 2013.
  - ♦ Attended the Veterans Celebration at Monett High School on November 5, 2013.
  - ♦ Attended the veterans Home 5K run in Mount Vernon on November 16, 2013.
- Miscellaneous. Discussion held on ISO evaluation.

Committee Reports.

- *Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- *Finance.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee met on October 29, 2013 to finalize items on the 2014 Budget.
- *Parks.* Alderman Nelson reported the committee met on October 29, 2013 to discuss operation of the concession stand at the Spirit of 76 Park. Alderman Nelson noted the Baseball/Softball Youth Leagues will take over operation at \$300.00 fee, per season.
- *Personnel.* Alderwoman Fairchild reported the committee has not met.
- *Public Works/Streets.* Alderman Phillips reported the committee has not met.
- *The MARC/Community Center.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.

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New Business.

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

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. Mr. Petrus reported he has formally filed an eviction notice for 995 Daniel Drive. Discussion was held.

Closed Session.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(1) Litigation and RSMo, Section 610.021(3) Personnel Issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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 8:18 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other discussion. None brought forth.

Adjourn.

With no other business to come before the Board Mayor Eden declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Date

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Toni Buttram

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Date