

Minutes Approved Tuesday, November 26, 2019

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Darrell Lester and Sue Lee. Absent: Deanna McElveen. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Moore, Chief of Police David Hubert and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Guests registering their attendance are listed on the sign-in sheet attached to a 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 Thrasher to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Move Public Works report to be presented before the Treasurer Report.
- City Administrator Report.

Remove: Survey 6.57 acres.

Correction: Air Park Consultant to Airport Consultant

- Public Works Report. *Add:* Equipment Purchase – The MARC
- Code Enforcement Report. *Remove:* Alley Vacation

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

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 and requested the Board to consider for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Lester, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Fairchild

ABSENT: McElveen

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 those in attendance and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2019-019 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, one Alderman from each of the four 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:

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First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Lester, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: McElveen

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Lester, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: McElveen

Bill No. 2019-019 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2019-019 thus became Ordinance number 5.184.

Bill No. 2019-020 re: An ordinance vacating an alley between Lots 6 and 7, Block 2 of Hash & Crawford Addition and Lots 5 and 8, Block 4 of Hash & Crawford to the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Lester, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: McElveen

Second Reading:

AYES: Beckley, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Lester, Lee'

NOES: Fairchild

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: McElveen

Bill No. 2019-020 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2019-020 thus became Ordinance Number 10.61.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenue report to the Board. Discussion was held.
- Employee Health Insurance. Springer presented several options from HM Benefits for employee health insurance which also includes costs for dental and vision coverage. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to proceed with Option Three package and to include the dental/vision coverage. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Air Port Consultant. Springer recommended the Board approve proposal for Airport Consultant to Olsson Engineering. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with Olsson Engineering for Airport Consultant. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Atrium Windows. Springer presented a breakdown of costs to replace atrium windows at 109 N. Hickory Street. Springer noted condensation from the windows is causing wicking onto the

sheetrock and will continue to do so unless repaired. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with replacing glass and new rubber glazing for atrium windows at 109 N. Hickory Street for a total cost of \$21,000.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Task Order HDR. Springer requested approval to add an additional task order to HDR Engineering contract which will allow engineering of the plan, bid and administer installation of approximately five hundred (500) feet of sewer main on Landrum Street to the property line of 417 Athletics. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with additional task order for engineering, bidding and administrating installation for a cost of \$11,170.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Skate Park. Springer requested the Board consider placement and budget for the construction of a skate park at Gibbs Park. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to approve plan and placement of Skate Park at Gibbs Park. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Management. Springer requested the Board consider bidding out contract for management of Wastewater Treatment Facility. Springer noted there have been several issues through the years regarding the handling of storm water, processing of waste sludge and operations in general. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to give required notification of intent to terminate contract with Clean Stream and hire Everett Williams as interim plant manager. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved
- City Clerk Trainee. Springer reported he has received notification from City Clerk of intentions to retire December 31, 2020 and requested if the Board wished to hire a trainee to ensure a seamless transition. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to proceed with hiring a City Clerk trainee. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- 417 Building Permit. Springer reported Earl Alexander, representative of 417 Athletics, is requesting the Board to consider waiving the building permit cost of \$5,364.30. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden reported it was the consensus of the Board to take no action on request.
- 2020 Budget. Springer presented the proposed 2020 budget to the Board along with the Budget Summary, as required by RSMo §67.010. Springer requested the Board review the proposed budget for approval before December 31, 2019. Discussion was held.

Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Maintenance Materials and Equipment Purchases. Kelley presented the following budgeted items for approval to purchase:

Road Salt (Street Department)	\$9,451.00
Pole/wire inventory restock (Electric Department)	\$22,634.00
Turbine blower attachment (Golf Department)	\$5,380.00
Tables/chairs/miscellaneous (The MARC)	\$7,195.00

Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve purchases as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Employee Probation. Kelley reported Street Department employee Mike McCullah is doing well and requested approval to move to full-time status. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded Alderman Fairchild to approve request. 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.
- Bills Over \$5,000. Weldy presented the bills over \$5,000 and requested the Board consider approval for payment. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve bills over \$5,000 as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Bad Debt. Weldy presented bad debt report and requested the Board write-off accounts as presented in report. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to write-off accounts as presented to Bad Debt. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Moore held discussion on the following items:

- October Permit Statistical Report. Moore presented the October Permit statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Sidewalk Design. Moore reported the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on November 5, 2019 regarding text change for requirements pertaining City Code, Section 510.040 construction requirements for sidewalks. Moore noted the Commission recommends the text change to the Board for approval by ordinance.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Employee Probation. Hubert requested the Board move Officers Alan Campbell and Daniel Dunklin to full-time status. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to move employees to full-time status as recommended. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Medication Take-back. Hubert reported 168 pounds of medication was collected in the drug-take back receptacle in City Hall. Hubert noted collected medication was transported to a facility in Pittsburg, Kansas. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion.

- Alderman Phillips requested status of burnout building at 122 W. Patterson St. Discussion was held.

New Business.

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

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Closed Session.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to adjourn to close a portion of the meeting pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Lester, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: McElveen

Motion approved. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 8:11 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened at 8:26 p.m. Mayor Eden determined all Aldermen that were present for closed session adjournment had returned to the meeting. Mayor Eden requested any other business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

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 8:27 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date