

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017.

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 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call recorded:

Craig Nelson, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. Absent: J.N. Greene. 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, Director of Public Works in-training Joe Kelley, Chief of Police David Hubert, Fire Chief Brad DeLay and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway.

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 Lee to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Treasurer Report – Add: Additional budget amendments to present budget amendment report.
Add: Request to advertise for two (2) part-time taxi drivers
- New Business – Add: Discussion of extending Country Lane

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the Board of Aldermen minutes from the meeting held Tuesday, October 24, 2017 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin 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 those in attendance to the meeting and requested if anyone wished to address the Board.

- Pastor Tim Burgess reported the First Baptist Church will be hosting other local churches on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Burgess noted the meeting will review active shooter situations. Class will be presented by Lawrence County Sheriff Brad DeLay and Chief of Police David Hubert.
- Pastor Burgess also requested discussion on conditions of sidewalks on Hickory Street.

Relay for Life.

Patti McBride and Amanda Bradshaw requested the Board grant permission to hold the Relay for Life event June, 2018 on the square and Bark for Life and 5K for Life to be held at 600 N. Main Street at later dates. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve requested Relay for Life events. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2017-023 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 was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Greene

Second Reading:

AYES: Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Greene

Bill No. 2017-023 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2017-023 thus became Ordinance Number 5.178.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Springer presented the sales tax revenues and held discussion.
- Power Purchase. Springer held discussion on Generation Formula Rate (GFR) and the Transmission Formula Rate (TFR), two components billing is based off of from Empire District Electric Company. Discussion was held.
- Employee Health Insurance. Springer presented employee health insurance options to the Board for review. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to accept health insurance proposal from Cox Health Plans. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- End of Year Purchase Approval. Springer presented a list of proposed end of year purchases for the following items:

Tiger Mower – pay-off remaining balance - \$35,934.57.

Clay for ballfields - \$10,200.00.

Salt spreader for dump truck - \$12,000.00

Ventrac Slope mower - \$46,380.00

2018 Ford ¾ ton Diesel Pickup (Water Department) - \$35,000.00

Utility Bed for new pickup truck - \$6,900.00.

Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve request for purchase of end of year purchases for a total of \$146,414.57. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Water and Sewer Rates. Springer recommended the Board approve the following rate increases:

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Water		
Minimum Monthly Charge		\$8.53
Volumetric Charge		\$5.33 (per 1,000 gallons)
Over 50,000 gallons		\$5.44 (per 1,000 gallons)
Sewer		
Minimum Monthly Charge		\$10.00
Volumetric Charge		\$6.55 (per 1,000 gallons)

Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve the proposed water and sewer rates as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Hangar Lease Rate Increase. Springer recommended the Board consider increasing the private hangar lease from the current amount of ninety-five (\$95.00) dollars to one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars. Springer noted the increase will assist in costs incurred from electric usage which the city purchases from Ozark Electric Cooperative. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to increase the private hangar rental rate to one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00). With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Notification of Fire District. Springer reported he has received official notification from the Lawrence County Circuit Court that a petition has been file for the formation of a proposed fire district. Discussion was held

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- October Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the October Treasurer report and requested any discussion. None brought forth. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Budget Amendments. Weldy presented a request for budget amendments to the Board. Weldy noted amendments were sent via email with the normal council packets, but presented additional amendments for the Board to consider and include with the requested amendments. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the complete amendment packet as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to Advertise for Vacancies. Weldy reported full-time taxi driver Ronnie Wright plans to retire January, 2018 and requested the Board approve advertisement for two (2) part-time taxi driver positions. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Probationary Employee. Kelley reported Steve Evatt has successfully completed his three month probationary period and requested the Board move him to full-time status.

Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to move Evatt to full-time status. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Employee Vacancy. Kelley reported he has received notice of a vacancy in the Electric Department due to an employee accepting employment with PAR Electrical Contractors and requested permission from the Board to advertise for the vacancy. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to proceed with advertisement of vacancy in the Electric Department. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

With the absence of Conway, Springer held discussion on the following item:

- October Statistic Report. Due to the absence of Conway, Springer presented the October Statistic Report to the Board and held discussion.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- October Statistic Report. Hubert presented the October Statistic report to the Board. Discussion was held.
- Medication Take-back. Hubert reported a total of one hundred thirteen (113) pounds of medication has been sent to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) for disposal. Discussion was held.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Hubert presented a letter of acknowledgement for Officer Jeff Romine and his assistance to the public. Discussion was held.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received three (3) calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported maintenance has been performed on equipment and vehicles. DeLay added the annual hose testing was conducted with eighteen (18) sections, which is approximately one thousand two hundred (1,200) feet of hose that did not pass testing. Discussion was held.
- Training. DeLay reported training would be held on November 16, 2017 and would include winterization of equipment. Discussion was held.
- Community Activities. DeLay reported the department participated in the following community activities:

October 31, 2017	Trick or Treat for children (at the Fire Station)
November 10, 2017	Pep Rally Bon Fire (Mount Vernon R-5 School)
November 11, 2017	Veterans' Day Parade (Veterans' Way)
November 11, 2017	Mount Vernon R-5 Football Play-off Game
- Miscellaneous. DeLay reported seventy-eight (78) smoke detectors have been installed in thirty-nine (39) local homes. Discussion was held.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is to discuss any old business and requested any brought to the floor.

- Mayor Eden requested status of single-source trash service. Springer reported November is the one year anniversary of sending notices of single-source trash service and will be addressed in November 2018. Mayor Eden requested discussion from the audience. Martha Eden addressed the Board and noted her support of single-source trash service. Discussion was held.

New Business.

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

- Springer reported he has received a request from a constituent in Ward Two requesting Country Lane be extended west due to school buses and trucks attempting to turn around in the current cul-de-sac. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden directed city staff to research costs for easement, street extension and utility installation to be presented at the next meeting. Discussion was held.
- Discussion was held regarding status of hoarding situation on King Street. Hubert noted a summons for Municipal Court has been issued to the resident on King Street for a court date on Tuesday, November 28, 2017. Discussion was held.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date