

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2013.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Acting President Lowell Phillips with the following roll call recorded: J. N. Greene, Craig Nelson, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild. Absent: Mayor David W. Eden and 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, Assistant Chief of Police Jason Lacey, Firefighter Rick Richardson and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Chief of Police David W. Hubert.

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

Agenda

Acting President Phillips presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Remove Item III. Public Hearing
- Remove Item VIII. Bill No. 2013-035.

With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Minutes.

Minutes of the previous meeting, which was held on Tuesday, November 12, 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, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

Acting President Phillips announced this portion of the meeting is set aside for participation from the public and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2013-034 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:

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First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill Number 2013-034 was declared passed and sent to the Acting President for signature. Bill Number 2013-034 thus became Ordinance Number 5.167.

Bill No. 2013-036 re: An ordinance changing zoning designation of eight (8) parcels of real estate from M-2 Heavy Industrial District to B-2 Central Business District and directing change to be indicated on the district map, as adopted by the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill Number 2013-036 was declared passed and sent to the Acting President for signature. Bill Number 2013-036 thus became Ordinance Number 2.163.

Bill No. 2013-037 re: An ordinance changing zoning designation of fifteen (15) parcels of real estate from M-1 Light Industrial District to B-3 General Business District and directing change to be indicated on the district map, as adopted by the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

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Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill Number 2013-037 was declared passed and sent to the Acting President for signature. Bill Number 2013-037 thus became Ordinance Number 2.164.

Bill No. 2013-038 re: An ordinance granting waiver of requirement for lot currently denominated 526 S. McCause was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill Number 2013-038 was declared passed and sent to the Acting President for signature. Bill Number 2013-038 thus became Ordinance Number 2.165.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- 2014 Budget. Springer presented a summary of the proposed 2014 budget, with discussion including requested capital expenditures. Discussion was held.
- Lawrence County Dispatch Agreement. A dispatch contract from the Lawrence County Sheriff Department was presented for approval. Discussion was held regarding a \$700.00 increase from 2013. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement and to include the \$700.00 increase in the 2014 budget. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- ACCESS Health Care Clinic. The U. S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded \$325,000.00 to ACCESS Family Health Care to open a family clinic in Mount Vernon, which will be located at 101 Patterson Street.
- Village of Lights. Invited Board members to attend the annual Village of Lights and Home tour, for Saturday, November 30, 2013, sponsored by the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce.

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- Hickory Street Sidewalk Project. Soliciting of bids will begin the first week of December, with construction expected to begin early Spring of 2014.
- Mesothelioma Liability. Springer requested the Board grant authorization to the Missouri Department of Labor, Division of Workers' Compensation, to accept Mesothelioma liability under the city's current self-insurance authority approved by the Division pursuant to §287.280, RSMo, as amended. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison granting request. With all present members voting in favor, Acting President Phillips declared the motion approved.
- Other Items of Discussion. Alderman Kimbler questioned if the Hickory Street Sidewalk project will be completed by beginning of 2014 school year. Springer noted he was not sure when project would be complete. Discussion was held.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Public Works.

Stanton noted he did not have a report to present, but would welcome any questions from the Board. Alderman Kimbler requested discussion on the stops signs at The MARC. Stanton noted city staff would be setting the posts of the signs in concrete for more stability. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Annexation 209 High Street. The commission will be reviewing a petition for annexation request from Al Boswell. Mr. Boswell has requested the location be zoned as R-1.
- Annexation County Road 1147. The commission will be reviewing a petition for annexation request from the City of Mount Vernon for County Road 1147. Discussion was held.

Police.

Assistant Chief of Police Lacey held discussion on the following items:

- Drug Task Force. The department has been working with the Southwest Missouri Drug Task Force and have two arrests from seized felony amounts of synthetic marijuana (K2) and marijuana.
- Training. Officers Robison and Sanker participated in Defensive/Pursuit Driving training on November 4, 2013 in Jefferson City, Missouri. Chief Hubert, Assistant Chief Lacey and Officer Chorum are scheduled for this training on December 12, 2013.

Fire.

Firefighter Richardson held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. The department has received one call since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Maintenance has been performed on all vehicles and equipment, with the following items in the process:

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- Generator on E-3 truck is out for repair, but is unsure of completion date at this time.
- Recertifying fire extinguishers.
- Certification of aerial and ground ladder scheduled for November 21, 2013.
- Pump certification scheduled for November 26, 2013.
- Community Activities. The United States Marine Corps will be using the fire station on December 10, 2013 for the Toys for Tots program.

Committee Reports.

- *Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- *Finance.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee met on November 4, 2013 to discuss the 2014 proposed budget. Alderwoman Rubison noted the committee found no problems with the proposed budget and recommended the Board pass it at the December 10, 2013 meeting.
- *Parks.* Alderman Nelson reported the committee has not met.
- *Personnel.* Alderman Haymes reported the committee has not met.
- *Public Works/Streets.* Acting President Phillips reported the committee has not met.
- *The MARC/Community Center.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.

New Business.

Acting President Phillips requested any new business to be brought to the floor. None brought forth.

Old Business.

Acting President Phillips requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. Mr. Petrus announced the eviction case was scheduled for December 17, 2013, with Judge Sifferman presiding due to Judge Jones recusing himself from the case. Discussion was held.

Adjournment.

With no other business to come before the Board, Acting President Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date