

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 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 28, 2017 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, Sherie Thrasher, Kathy Fairchild and Sandy Martin. Absent: Sue Lee. The following city personnel were also in attendance to the meeting: 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, 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.

Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

- Treasurer Report. – Add: Request to approve investments.

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the City Council meeting held on Tuesday, November 14, 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.

Empire District Electric Company.

Brent Baker, Vice President of Customer Experience with Empire District Electric Company, held discussion regarding electrical power purchases.

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.

- Lorie Tennison requested the Board approve use of the city square for the second annual Recovery Day. Ms. Tennison noted, if request receives Board approval, the event is tentatively scheduled for June 23, 2018, from noon to 10:00 p.m. on the city square. Ms. Tennison requested the city provide stage, picnic tables and trash receptacles for the event. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips granting permission to hold the event and city provide requested items. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2017-06 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri adopting a fee schedule of charges and fees assessed by the City of Mount Vernon for the Mount Vernon Airport was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill NO. (R)2017-06 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2017-06 thus became Resolution Number (R)2017-06.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2017-021 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a power supply and administration agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission was read for the second and final reading, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill No. 2017-021 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2017-021 thus became Ordinance Number 14.281.

Bill No. 2017-024 re: An ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri at Section 700.130(A) regarding monthly charges for water was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill No. 2017-024 was declared passed on the first reading. Second reading of Bill No. 2017-024 will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

Bill No. 2017-025 re: An ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri at Sections 710.210 regarding monthly charges for sewer use was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

Bill No. 2017-024 was declared passed on the first reading. Second reading of Bill No. 2017-024 will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

Department Reports.

Administration.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Proposed 2018 Budget. Springer presented the 2018 proposed budget and budget summary to the Board and held discussion on revenues/expenditures for the upcoming year. Springer requested the Board review the proposed budget. Springer noted a public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. to receive input from citizens and members of the Board.
- Public Hearing. Springer reported a public hearing to review water and sewer rate increases and to receive public comment is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
- Electric Rate Structure. Springer reported a public hearing to review proposed restructuring of the electric rate and to receive public comment is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
- Employee Health Insurance. Springer reported the Board approved costs for employee health insurance at the November 14, 2017, but HM Benefits has presented lower costs than originally quoted. Springer noted he accepted the proposal to take advantage of the cost savings and since the total costs was under the original amount approved by the Board. Discussion was held.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following item:

- Bills. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Request to Transfer Bad Debt. Weldy requested approval to move past-due utility accounts for a total of \$14,046.91 to bad debt status. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Weldy presented a bid tab for a certificate of deposit for \$206,000.00, which matured on December 1, 2017 and recommended the Board award to Old Missouri Bank for 1.82% interest rate for eighteen (18) months. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept recommendation for investment of matured certificate of deposit. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

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- Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Kelley reported Visu-Sewer crews have completed approximately 2,000 linear feet and should have the project completed by the week of December 4, 2017. Discussion was held.
- Request for funds for WWTF. Kelley requested approval of funds for \$6,000.00 for repair of two (2) sand filter pumps at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Kelley noted each pump will cost \$3,000.00 and that this request is an unbudgeted item. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to approve requested expenditure for repair of two pumps \$6,000.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Conway noted he had nothing to report but welcomed any questions or discussion. None brought forth.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Active Shooter. Hubert reported Lawrence County Sheriff Brad DeLay and himself would hold an Active Shooter presentation at the First Baptist Church on Thursday, November 20, 2017.
- Escaped Inmate. Hubert gave a synopsis of the events on Monday, November 27, 2017 of city participation with the capture of the escaped inmate from the Lawrence County Jail during a transportation event. Discussion was held.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received three calls since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported maintenance has been performed on equipment and vehicles.
- Training. DeLay reported the regular scheduled training meeting for December will not be held.
- Community Activities. DeLay reported the department participated in the Mount Vernon Village of Lights Christmas Parade earlier in the evening.

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.

- Stanton reported costs for Country Lane extension west were estimated at approximately \$400.00 a linear foot and would include curbs/gutters on each side. Stanton held discussion.
- Mayor Eden requested an update to King Street. Hubert reported an extension for additional time for clean-up was given in Municipal Court. Discussion was held.

Closed Session.

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Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to adjourn the meeting to closed session for the purpose of discussing real estate issues, as allowed by RSMo, Section 610.021(2). The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:47 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:24 p.m. in which Mayor Eden determined all Aldermen were present and accounted for.

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 8:25 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date