

Minutes Approved January 14, 2020

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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, Deanna McElveen, Jason Haymes, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Darrell Lester and Sue Lee. 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 and made a part of the minutes.

Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for consideration. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve the agenda with the following changes:

- Add after Citizen Participation: Presentation of Sidewalk Inventory (SMCOG) Report.
- City Administrator Report.
  - Add: 109 N. Hickory Street
- Move: Director of Public Works Report to follow City Administrator Report.
- Police - Add: Unpaid Intern

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from Tuesday, November 26, 2019 meeting to the Board for consideration. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve the minutes with the following corrections:

- Ordinance.
  - Bill No. 2019-021 – Second Reading: Absent: change Lee to Lester
  - Bill No. 2019-022 – Second Reading: Absent: change Lee to Lester

The following voice vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Fairchild, Lester

ABSENT: None.

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.

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SMCOG Sidewalk Inventory.

Megan Clark, Senior Planner with Southwest Missouri Council of Governments presented a sidewalk inventory to the Board. Ms. Clark reported approximately 13.17 miles of sidewalk was traversed and cataloged while SMCOG staff assessed and ranked all existing sidewalks within the city. Discussion was held.

Second Meeting – December 2019.

Mayor Eden announced the second meeting in December will fall on Christmas Eve. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to cancel the regular scheduled meeting for Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. due to the Christmas Eve holiday. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2019-023 re:** An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Title III, Traffic Code, Schedule III, Parking Restrictions, Table III-B, Restricted Parking was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Second Reading:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2019-023 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill NO. 2019-023 thus became Ordinance Number 12.69.

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.
- Wastewater Treatment Facility. Springer reported the WWTF is currently under emergency protocol by Department of Natural Resources. Springer reported sludge is being hauled daily to Springfield, but will also be spreading on local properties. Springer also reported several repairs would need to be completed at the facility, but with no second meeting in December is requesting the Board authorize spending up to \$35,000.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to authorize City Administrator to spend up to \$35,000.00 for Wastewater Treatment Facility repairs. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- DNR Assistance. Springer presented an agreement with Frantz Water Solutions, LLC for operation of the wastewater treatment facility. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Fairchild to proceed with agreement with Frantz Water

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Solutions, LLC with first three (3) months at \$10,000.00 per month, then \$8,500.00 per month for the remainder of three years. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Residential Single Source Trash Service Exemptions. Springer presented policy regarding residences and buildings required to have trash services. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beckley to approve Residential Single-source Trash Service policy as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- 2020 Budget. Springer requested any questions or concerns regarding the proposed 2020 budget. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to approve the 2020 budget as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- 600 N. Main St. Springer reported he would be conducting a walk-thru on December 13, 2019 with Scott Chapin, Emery Brafford, Tim Hogan and two engineers from Anderson Engineering. Discussion was held.
- Additional Items of Discussion. Springer noted Bethuram Electric evaluated the current lighting and recommended replacement to LED for less energy costs and longer life. Discussion was held. Springer presented a quote for fifty-three (53) light fixtures, \$80.00 per fixture, and installation for \$6,740.00. Springer noted we could add an additional quote of \$1,500.00 for replacement of lights in the council chamber at 109 N. Hickory Street. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with replacement of lighting as presented for a total of \$8,240.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Equipment Purchase – Parks. Kelley noted purchase of a Grasshopper mower for the Parks Department is included with Treasurer Bills over \$5,000, for a cost of \$7,626.00. Kelley noted this purchase was originally in the 2020 budget but due to excess funds in 2019 budget, can be purchased this year. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to approve during Treasurer Report.

### 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 to the Board for review. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve payment of bills over \$5,000 as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Weldy requested the Board consider investment for a matured certificate of deposit at Old Missouri Bank and presented a bid tab for investments. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to invest the matured amount of \$315,541.85 plus \$458.15 from the Electric Fund for a total of \$316,000.00 with Old Missouri Bank for eighteen (18) months with a interest rate of 1.76%. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Weldy requested the

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Board authorize investment of two certificates of deposit that will mature on December 29, 2019 as there will not be a second meeting in December. Discussion was held.

Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher to allow Treasurer to use her discretion for best investments of two certificates of deposit at Mid Missouri Bank which mature on December 29, 2019. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- **Bad Debt.** Weldy presented delinquent accounts and requested the Board approve moving to requested accounts to bad debt. Discussion was held. Alderman Beckley made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with moving the delinquent accounts to bad debt. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- **Record Destruction.** Weldy presented a report of invoices to be destructed and noted the invoices range from year 2015 through year 2016 and have met requirements for destruction as required by the Missouri Secretary of State. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with destruction of records are requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Code Enforcement.

- **November Statistical Report.** Moore presented the November Statistical report to the Board and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Planning & Zoning.** Moore reported the Board reviewed a proposed strip mall on property next to Wal-Mart. Discussion was held. Moore noted he had received a letter from Missouri State Emergency Management in regards to special flood areas. Discussion was held.

### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- **Employee Training.** Hubert reported Officer David Young attended a CSI training session in Jefferson City, Missouri.
- Hubert reported the live scan fingerprinting machine has been installed. Discussion was held.
- Hubert reported he had received a request for an individual to do intern work in the department. Hubert reported this will be an unpaid position. Discussion was held. Alderwoman McElveen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with allowing an unpaid intern to work in the Police Department. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Old Business.

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

- Petrus reported no further progress on Patterson Street burnout.

### New Business.

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

- Springer noted during the November 12, 2019 meeting for approval of work at 109 N. Hickory Street, the minutes did not reflect the cost to remove the drywall around windows

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for a cost of \$5,826.29. Discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Lee to approve remove and replace drywall around the windows for a total cost of \$5,826.29. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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(3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of a particular employee. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved. Meeting adjourned for Closed Session at 7:20 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened at 7:42 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 7:43 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Date

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Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

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Date