Minutes Approved January 10, 2017


The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the regular meeting place, City Hall, on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 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, Ed Kimbler, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin 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, 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 Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

• Add - Bill No. 2016-031 to be read in its entirety
• City Administrator Report – Add Discussion of Addendum to Crowder College

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

Presentation of Minutes.
Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the December 13, 2016 meeting to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene 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 citizen input and welcomed any discussion from those in attendance. None brought forth.

Ordinances.
Bill No. 2016-030 re: An ordinance amending the Mount Vernon Municipal Code at Section 405.440, Use Table, permitting location of manufactured homes-residential design in zoning district R-1, Single-family Residential District, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call votes recorded:

First Reading:
AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
Second Reading:
AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2016-030 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2016-030 thus became Ordinance Number 2.186.

**Bill No. 2016-031 re:** An ordinance authorizing execution of a contract by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation, and K & B Equipment, LLC regarding clearing of land owned by the city, was read twice in its entirety, with the following roll call votes recorded:

First Reading:
AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Second Reading:
AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Bill No. 2016-031 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2016-031 thus became Ordinance Number 14.266.

**Department Reports.**

**City Administrator.**

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- **Soar Properties.** Springer reported Soar Properties has submitted an application to the Planning and Zoning Commission requesting to rezone property located on Johnston Street from B-3 Commercial to R-3 Multi-family. Springer requested the Board give direction for a small parcel of land at the west end of Johnston Street, on the south side of the cul-de-sac, which was dedicated as a street, but due to location of church will never be developed. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to vacate property back to adjacent land owner. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- **End of Year Payment Request.** Springer requested the Board consider annual payment to Potter Equipment for backhoe leases and also the Chamber of Commerce membership be paid in December instead of current payment schedule each January. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild approving request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
• Skate Park. Springer reported a meeting to discuss the skate park design phase is scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers and invited those interested to attend. Discussion was held.

• Vision Advisory Committee. Springer reported a Vision Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers and invited those interested to attend. Discussion was held.

• IFI. Springer reported IFI will be meeting with the National Housing Partnership Foundation to discuss development of 600 N. Main Street and is requesting a letter of support from the Mayor and Board Aldermen. Springer noted a meeting with the Missouri Housing Commission is scheduled for January 23, 2017 in which IFI plans to submit an application for tax credits. Springer noted Mid-Continent Holdings, LLC also plans to submit an application for forty-eight (48) units of affordable workforce housing and added the Housing Commission allows only one company per town to receive tax credits. Springer requested the Board direct him on whom they choose to support if both apply for the credits. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to support Mid-Continent Holdings, LLC and not provide a letter of support to IFI. The following roll-call vote was recorded:
  AYES: Greene
  NOES: Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Kimbler, Fairchild, Martin, Lee
  ABSTAIN: None
  ABSENT: None

Mayor Eden announced the motion failed. Further discussion was held. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Fairchild to provide a letter of support to IFI, with understanding if another entity which the city has previously supported applies for tax credits, the city will again support this entity and to also send a letter to Mid-Continent Holdings, LLC stating city support if needed. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

• Crowder College Addendum. Springer reported Crowder College will be closing after the spring semester and requested the Board consider an addendum to their current lease to reflect the time period and to include the previous Board approved rate of $1.00 per room, per month. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to proceed with the addendum to the agreement with Crowder College. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

• MML Legislative Conference. Springer reported the Missouri Municipal League annual legislative conference is scheduled for February 14th and 15th and requested if any Board member wished to attend. 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.
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**Director of Public Works.**
Stanton announced he had nothing to report but welcomed any questions or discussion. None brought forth.

**Police.**
Hubert held discussion on the following items:
- Holiday DWI Grant. Hubert reported the department received a grant for holiday DWI enforcement.
- Introduction New Officer. Hubert introduced Police Officer Justin Harper to the Board.

**Fire.**
DeLay held discussion on the following items:
- Calls. DeLay reported the department has received seven calls since last report.
- Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance. DeLay reported maintenance has been performed on vehicles and equipment.
- Training. DeLay reported training was cancelled due to the Christmas Holiday.
- Miscellaneous. DeLay reported three smoke detectors were installed since last report.

**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. None brought forth.

**Closed Session.**
Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to adjourn to closed session pursuant to RSMo. 610.021(2) Real Estate. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Fairchild, Martin, Lee
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:50 p.m.

**Reconvene.**
Meeting reconvened from closed session at 8:00 p.m. with all members of the Board in attendance.
Adjournment.
Mayor Eden announcing there being no other business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor      Date

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Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk     Date