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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, 319 E Dallas Street, on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Haymes with the following roll call recorded: Scott Beckley, Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Marda Gramm, and Sue Lee. Absent: Deanna McElveen. The following city personnel were also in attendance: Counselor Darlene Parrigon, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Public Works Director Joe Kelley, Chief of Police David Hubert, and City Clerk Melissa Aduddle. Absent: City Administrator Max Springer, Code Enforcement Terry Moore.

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

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Haymes presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Lee moved to approve the agenda as presented, then rescinded original motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips, and with a unanimous in favor vote, the motion was rescinded.

The following changes were requested:

- City Administrator - Add: Extension of Missouri Drive  
New Truck Stop/Auto Plaza  
Airport Water Line

Alderman Phillips moved to approve the agenda with the aforementioned changes, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

Closed Session

Alderman Phillips moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(3) Personnel, RSMo. 2018, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Beckley, Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Gramm, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: McElveen

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 7:10 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened at 7.27 p.m. Mayor Haymes determined all Aldermen that were present for closed session adjournment had returned to the meeting.

### Presentation of Minutes

Mayor Haymes presented the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

### Citizen Participation

Mayor Haymes announced this portion of the meeting was set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested any discussion. None brought forth.

## **Department Reports**

### City Administrator

Mr. Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- **Extension of Missouri Drive.** Kelley updated the Board that the City has contracted with Anderson Engineering on the Missouri Drive Project. Anderson's survey crew is scheduled to be onsite after the holidays.
- **New Truck Stop/Auto Plaza.** Kelley informed the Board that the City is working with the engineering firm on the project, for the waterline relocation. This project will relocate approximately 800 feet of 12 inch water main to the North of the Auto Plaza site. The pipe and related fittings have been ordered and crews are awaiting delivery.
- **Airport Water Line.** Kelley reported the City's Public Works Department completed the installation of approximately 1800 feet of 2 inch water line to service the airport. This was a joint project with the University of Missouri Southwest Research Center to replace the former water line that was taken out of service due to age and condition. During the installation two frost-free hydrants were installed, one on the University property and the second by the former café site.

### Treasurer

Ms. Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- **Bills Paid.** Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- **Bills over \$5,000.00.** Weldy presented the Bills over \$5,000.00, the Board had previously approved the payments to Potter Equipment. Weldy updated the Board that the backhoes should be delivered later this week.

Motion passed.

- **November 2021 Treasurer Report.** Weldy presented the November 2021 Treasurer Report to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild moved to approve the November 2021 Treasurer Report as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

### Director of Public Works

Mr. Kelley didn't have any items for discussion, but gave an FYI that City crews would be able to install the 2 18 inch culverts on Patten Street to alleviate water issues in that area.

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Code Enforcement

Mr. Moore was not present at the meeting.

Police

Chief Hubert has no items for discussion, but requested any questions. None brought forth.

Old Business

Mayor Haymes requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

New Business

Mayor Haymes requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. The following item was brought forth:

- **Personnel Committee Meeting.** Alderman Fairchild reported the Personnel Committee had met and interviewed candidate for the Utility Clerk position. The committee recommended to the Board to hire Teresa Hoover, at a rate of pay of \$12.00 per hour for the three month probationary period and upon completion raise her pay to \$13.85 per hour. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Gramm moved to accept the recommendation to hire Teresa Hoover as the new Utility Clerk at \$12.00 per hour with an increase to \$13.85 after 90 days, seconded by Alderman Beckley.

Motion passed.

- **Public Works Director.** Alderman Fairchild moved to hire Dustin Davis as the Public Works Director, pursuant to the offer that was made, see Exhibit A, seconded by Alderwoman Lee.

Motion passed.

Adjournment

Mayor Haymes announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Lowell Phillips, Acting Board President

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Date

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Melissa Aduddle, City Clerk

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Date