

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 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, Barbara Rubison, Sue Lee. Absent: Kathy Fairchild and Edward Kimbler. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Assistant Fire Chief Brad DeLay.

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

Public Hearing – Annexation of 995 Daniel Drive.

Mayor Eden opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. to receive public comment regarding the proposed annexation of land by the City of Mount Vernon. Mr. Springer gave an overview of the request and that the properties intended use would be commercial and the desired zoning would be B-3. Mayor Eden requested any discussion. There being no one present wishing to speak, Mayor Eden announced the hearing was closed.

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the agenda as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Minutes.

Minutes of the previous meeting, which was held on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to approve the minutes with the following amendment:

- Correction to opening paragraph – Add Barbara Rubison as being in attendance to the meeting.

The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Rubison

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Sue Lee

ABSENT: Kimbler, Fairchild

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

Citizen Participation.

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

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Cancellation of the December 24, 2013 Meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the second meeting in December falling on Christmas Eve. Alderman Haymes made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to cancel the December 24, 2013 meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Mayor Appointments.

Mayor Eden presented the following recommendations for appointments:

- Planning and Zoning Commission – Dennis Thrasher, Dallas Gramm and David W. Eden to serve a five year term.
- Enhanced Enterprise Zone – Jean Berg and Bob Walster to serve a five year term.

Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to accept Mayor's recommendation for appointments. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Resolution.

Bill No. 2013-018 re: A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to enter a lease agreement for lease of new Industrial Park land for a five year term commencing January 1, 2014 was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Kimbler, Fairchild

Bill No. (R)2013-018 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2013-018 thus became Resolution Number (R)2013-018.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2013-039 re: An ordinance granting waiver of requirement for Walmart Supercenter property was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Kimbler, Fairchild

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Kimbler, Fairchild

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Bill No. 2013-039 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-039 thus became Ordinance Number 1.261.

Bill No. 2013-040 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a sales tax rebate agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation and Walmart Real Estate Business Trust, was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Kimbler, Fairchild

Second Reading:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Phillips, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Kimbler, Fairchild

Bill No. 2013-040 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2013-040 thus became Ordinance Number 1.262.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax Revenue. Springer reported a gain of 6.035% for sales tax revenue from previous month, but a loss of -1.958% for the year.
- Request for approval of 2014 Budget. Springer requested any questions on the proposed budget. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has reviewed the 2014 budget and the consensus of the committee is to accept the budget as presented, to be in effect on January 1, 2014. Mayor Eden accepted the adoption of the budget by the committee's recommendation.
- Access Health Care Clinic. Access Health Care has signed a lease for use of a building located at 101 W. Patterson. Springer noted this location is owned by Dr. Kendall Klein, who is currently on leave from his practice at the same location.
- General Election. First day candidates will be able to file is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2013, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and last day to file is January 21, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.
- Retirement Reception for Fire Chief Owens. Springer reported a retirement reception has been scheduled at the Fire Station for Chief Owens on Thursday, December 19, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mayor Eden encouraged members of the Board to attend.
- Annexations. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed two requests for annexation at the meeting held on Tuesday, December 3, 2013. Petitions have been received by the City Clerk from Al Boswell for property adjoining his property at 209 High Street and from The City of Mount Vernon for County Road 1147. Springer reported the commission has found no problems with the requests and that they meet

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annexation requirements. Springer noted the City Clerk has scheduled public hearings for both requests for Tuesday, January 14, 2013 to receive input from the public.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the Treasurer Report for November, 2013 and requested any discussion. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Budget Amendments. Weldy presented a list of requested amendments to the current budget. Amendments included a total of \$154,048.58 increase in revenues and \$2,576.02 increase to expenditures. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Rubison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to accept amendments to the current budget. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Winter Storm. Stanton complimented city crews for keeping streets travelable during the storms that recently hit the city. Stanton noted salt supplies are low due to the storms but do not foresee any problems with next round of storms.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- November Statistical Report. Conway presented the monthly report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Additional Items. Mayor Eden requested opening date of Pizza Hut. Conway noted the expected date of opening would be Wednesday, December 11, 2013 or Thursday, December 12, 2013. Alderman Haymes requested discussion on current sign ordinance regarding marquee signage. Conway reported a marquee sign is considered temporary if it is moveable and not attached. Discussion was held.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- November Statistical Report. Presented the monthly report and requested any discussion. Discussion was held on the higher number of narcotic cases this year. Hubert noted the increase was due to a member of the COMET Team actively working with local officers in the city.
- Training. The department held "Active Shooter" training with the faculty of the Mount Vernon School system on December 2, 2013. Drills were held at each school with students and teachers participating.
- Equipment. Officers have received new bullet-resistant vests.
- Vehicles. The 2014 Dodge Charge has been delivered earlier than expected. Hubert noted once installation of equipment and lettering was added, the vehicle could be added to active duty.

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- Additional Items. Alderman Haymes commended the officers on their professionalism with staff and students at the Mount Vernon Schools during the Active Shooter training.

Fire.

Due to the absence of a representative from the Fire Department, Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. The department has received one call since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. The generator on truck number E3 is in the process of being repaired. Fire extinguishers and pump recertification was held, with both passing. Certification on the aerial and ground ladder has been rescheduled.
- Community Activities. The department participated in the Mount Vernon Christmas parade on November 30, 2013. The U.S.M.C. Toys for Tots is scheduled for December 19, 2013 at the station.
- Miscellaneous. Retirement party has been scheduled for Chief Owens on Thursday, December 19, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mayor Eden recommended the appointment of Grant Wheeler to the position of Assistant Fire Chief, effective January 1, 2014. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson to accept Mayor recommendation for appointment. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Committee Reports.

- *Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- *Finance.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met. Mayor Eden thanked the committee members and staff for work done to complete the 2014 budget.
- *Parks.* Alderman Nelson reported the committee has not met.
- *Personnel.* Due to the absence of Alderwoman Fairchild, no report was submitted.
- *Public Works/Streets.* Alderman Phillips reported the committee has not met.
- *The MARC/Community Center.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.

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. Petrus presented a report on the status of the eviction at 995 Daniel Drive. Discussion was held.

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Adjournment.

With no other business to come before the Board, Mayor Eden declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Lowell Phillips, Acting President of the Board

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date