

Minutes approved February 23, 2010

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI, HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 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, Chet Hunter, John Hull, Mike Tebow, April Canchola, Max Springer, Gary Albers. Absent: Carol Millsap. The following city personnel were in attendance: City Administrator John Rice, Attorney William Petrus, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Treasurer Shari Weldy and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda for approval. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve agenda with the removal of Item XVIII. Closed Session. Motion carried.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Comments of Visitors.

Mayor Eden requested any comments from visitors. None brought forward.

Reconsideration for Re-zoning – 1221 S. Market St.

Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission had met on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, with a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen to approve the request to re-zone property located at 1221 S. Market St., from R-1 to R-2. Conway noted he had received six petition withdrawals from area neighbors. Conway reported four remaining petitions and now does not qualify for the 30% requirement by the City Code. Dick Healey noted he had sent out letters to the surrounding neighbors and had received responses which he would deliver to Conway.

Mount Vernon Economic Development Corporation Representative.

Mayor Eden requested the Board appoint a representative from the City to serve on the Mount Vernon Economic Development Board. Alderwoman Canchola made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to appoint John Rice as City representative to serve on the Mount Vernon Economic Development Corporation Board. Motion carried.

Resolution.

**Bill No. (R)2010-0004 re:** A resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri issuing an Industrial Wastewater Discharge permit to Schreiber Foods, Inc. effective through February 28, 2015 was read once by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Hunter, Hull, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

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ABSENT: Millsap

Bill No. (R)2010-0004 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2010-0004 thus became Resolution No. (R)2010-0004.

Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2010-0004 re:** An ordinance establishing the offense of unlawful transactions with a child was read twice by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

AYES: Greene, Hunter, Hull, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Millsap

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

AYES: Greene, Hunter, Hull, Tebow, Canchola, Springer, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Millsap

Bill No. 2010-0004 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2010-0004 thus became Ordinance No. 3.40.

**Department Reports.**

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- 2010 International Dump Truck. Reported the new dump truck was on display in the parking lot at City Hall.
- Employee Health. Reported the Lawrence County Health Department had received a grant for tobacco cessation and offered a program for the city in which several city employees are participating.
- Empire District Electric Company Contract. Reported a study session will be held at the February 23, 2010 at council meeting to review the Empire District Electric Company contract. Mike Palmer, Vice-President for Commercial Operations will be in attendance to answer questions at the session.
- Revenue. Reported a small increase of 5 ½% in revenues for January.
- Server. Reported the Finance Committee had discussed purchase of the new server.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented bills to be paid. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Springer to pay bills with the addition of gym membership for Alderwoman Canchola. The following voice vote was recorded:

Ayes: Greene, Hunter, Tebow, Springer, Albers

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NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Canchola, Hull

ABSENT: Millsap

Motion carried.

- Budget Amendment. Requested the Aldermen amend the budget to correct proper accounting for the police grant money received. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to amend the budget as follows:
  - 10-4-416 Police Training fees – change from \$1,000.00 to \$1,573.88
  - 10-5-120-301 Training fees - change from \$2,000.00 to \$2,573.88
  - 10-5-120-370 Contract Labor – change from \$7,500.00 to \$9,000.00

Motion carried.

#### Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following item:

- 2010 International Dump Truck. Thanked the Aldermen for the purchase of the new dump truck.
- Petrus commended Stanton and Archer Engineering for contract work on the Schreiber Foods, Inc. wastewater discharge.

#### Planning & Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following item:

- Zoning Issues. Requested the Aldermen contact him regarding any questions concerning rezoning issues.

#### Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- January Statistic Report. Presented the statistics report for January. Earnest noted juvenile cases are higher than in previous years.
- Grants. Reported has been working on paperwork of two grants, but has not brought to council for approval because funds may not be available from the Federal government.

#### Committee Reports.

*Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.

*Finance.* Alderman Springer reported the committee had met on Thursday, January 28, 2010 and presented the minutes for review of the council. Alderman Springer reported the following discussions were held:

- Committee recommends the purchase of a new server at City Hall, with the transfer of the current server to the Police Department. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Canchola to purchase new server for \$7,951.30. Motion carried.
- Committee recommends delay of purchase of new software for Police Department until the new fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2010.
- Committee discussed changing of the fiscal year and the benefits of doing so. Rice noted the change would require a short budget year, which would begin July 1, 2010 and end December 31, 2010. Upon completion of the short budget year, regular budget year

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would begin January 1, 2011 and end December 31, 2011. Petrus noted the change would require an ordinance.

- Discussed Empire District Electric Company contract renewal with proposed increases.

*Parks.* Alderman Tebow reported the committee has not met.

*Personnel.* Alderwoman Canchola reported the committee would meet on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

*Public Works/Streets.* Alderman Tebow reported the Committee had met on February 4, 2010 with the following items discussed:

- Committee discussed enforcing of designating streets for no parking and snow routes. Mayor Eden requested no action until receive public input. Petrus noted he would continue research and would report his findings at the next council meeting.
- Committee recommended paving of McCanse Street. Alderman Springer explained to the council due to water-line improvements, McCanse Street has been patched in areas. Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull to approve milling and paving of McCanse Street when weather permits. Motion carried.

#### Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor. Petrus reported he would present a “draft” fireworks ordinance at the next meeting.

#### New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor. Alderman Hunter reported he had attended a meeting in which the inspection and licensing of carnivals was discussed. Petrus reported he would research licensing and inspection of carnivals and report at the next council meeting.

#### Adjournment.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk