

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, July 9, 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, Lowell Phillips, Edward Kimbler, Gary Albers, Barbara Rubison, Sue Lee. Absent: Jason Haymes. 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, Assistant Chief of Police David Hubert, Assistant Fire Chief Brad DeLay 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.

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:

- Move Agenda Item Number VI. Mayoral Proclamation to Item Number IV and re-number subsequent items.
- Move Treasurer's Report to follow Public Works Report.
- Add the following items to the Public Works Report:
 - Request to offer employment - two seasonal employees (Golf Course and Park)
 - Request -easement at Kum & Go
 - Request to purchase soft start board on irrigation pump at Golf Course and amend the budget.

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

Mayoral Proclamation.

Mayor Eden presented a proclamation to the family of Marion Falmer honoring his service to the community.

Minutes.

Minutes from the last regular meeting, which was held on June 25, 2013 was presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the minutes with the following amendment:

- Request for Destruction of Records. Correction to motion, change Alderwoman Greene to Alderman Greene.

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 for participation from the public and requested any discussion.

- David Wright voiced his opinion of "against Bill No. (R)2013-010.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2013-010 re: A resolution of intent to participate in natural hazard mitigation and to work toward becoming a safer community was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Kimbler, Albers, Rubison, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Bill No. (R)2013-010 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2013-010 thus became Resolution Number (R)2013-010.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Reported the sales tax revenue was -1.6373%.
- Park Program Employee. Reported the Park Program was in need of an additional employee for safety reasons due to the large number of pre-kindergarten children enrolled in the program. Springer noted he gave his approval to use a current lifeguard employee to fill the void. Discussion was held.
- MML Conference. Requested Board members to RSVP if interested in attending the Missouri Municipal Conference scheduled for September 15, 16, 17 and 18, 2013 in Branson, Missouri.
- Donation to The MARC. Reported contributions to The MARC were received in memory of Marion Falmer totaling \$170.00.
- Picnic Table Donation. Presented a letter of appreciation from the Lawrence County Historical Society for the donation of a picnic table at the Adams Cabin.
- LWCF Grant. Reported the Land and Water Conservation Fund will cease funding on September 30, 2014. Springer noted Governor Nixon has signed a proclamation showing his support for the program and has invited communities across the state to schedule some type of celebration on or near September 3, 2013 to show support for continued funding of the program. Discussion was held with a consensus of the Board to hold an event at the Spirit of 76 Park.
- Certified Municipal Official Program. Presented information on the Municipal Governance Institute sponsored by the Missouri Municipal League and requested if any member of the Board was interested in attending the program to become a certified local government official. Discussion was held.
- In God We Trust. Reported installation of the phrase "In God We Trust" is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2013.
- Vehicle Sales Tax. Discussed the action by Governor Nixon to reinstate the vehicle sales tax and how it will affect the city. Discussion was held.

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Request to Hire Employees. Requested the Board allow him to proceed with hiring, per the outcome of employee screening, Larry Matthews in the Parks Department, and Lee Hood, to the Golf Course, both for seasonal mowing. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to approve hiring for seasonal mowing. With all members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Easement. Presented an easement agreement from Kum & Go, located at 900 East Mount Vernon Boulevard for a sewer main that was discovered under their parking lot. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler authorizing the Mayor to sign agreement to accept easement agreement. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Request to Purchase Equipment. Reported the soft start board on the irrigation pump at the Golf Course had failed from either a lightning strike or natural use due to age of equipment and must be replaced. Stanton noted money was in the budget to purchase but would require an amendment. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to proceed with purchase of the soft start board for \$2,169.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Requested questions on bills paid. None brought forth.
- Treasurer Report. Presented the Treasurers Report for June, 2013 and requested approval. Alderman Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve report. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Six Month Financial. Reported the financial report has been submitted to the paper as required by city code, Section 110.100 and will be published in the July 17, 2013 edition.
- Budget Amendments. Requested approval for budget amendments for a total of \$49,227.44 on the following line items:
 - 10-5-113-360 Postage and Office Supplies
(Certified mailing for Mixed Use Text Change) \$843.18
 - 41-5-410-700 Power Purchased move to 48-5-480-700 \$41,500.76
 - 10-5-111-225 Bldgs. Ground Maintenance move to
10-5-111-220 Equipment Purchase \$4,714.50
 - 10-5-610-101 Part time wages move to
10-5-160-220 Equipment Purchase \$2,169.0

Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to approve the budget amendments as requested. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Crowder Shirts. Weldy thanked Alderman Phillips and Alderman Nelson for response to request for shirt size and requested the remaining members of the Board to submit their shirt sizes at the end of the meeting.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- Permit Report. Submitted the June 2013 Permit Report to the Board for review.
- Fireworks Code. Reported he has reviewed language in the code for fireworks and will be making text change to include a permit and fee.
- Zoning for West Mount Vernon Boulevard. Reported 701, 719, 803, 809, un-numbered empty lot, 815 and 821 W. Mount Vernon Boulevard was re-zoned as R-2 several years ago. It has been B-3 on the city map for years and thought to have been re-zoned as R-1, Single Family. Conway noted Gary Johnson is now be allowed to build a duplex in this area.
- Zoning Request. Reported a public hearing for rezoning of 313 South Market Street from R-1 to B-2 will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2013. Discussion was held.
- Mixed Use District B1-A. Reported a public hearing was held on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 and will be presented to the Council for approval after the fourteen (14) day protest period.
- Chickens. Alderman Greene asked if Conway has received any interest in chickens from residents. Conway noted he has issued two permits to allow chicken coops.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Statistic Report. Presented the statistic report for June, 2013 and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Southwest Missouri Drug Task Force. Reported the department has assisted the task force in conducting two search warrants on July 2, 2013. Four arrests resulted from the search warrants with investigation continuing and possibly two more arrests will be made.
- Homicide. Reported the department is investigating a death on Thurman Avenue as a homicide. Discussion was held.
- Emergency Action Plan. Reported a rough draft of the plan will be sent to the Board within the next week for their review.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. Assisted Police Department with death on Thurman Avenue.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. Reported the air conditioner on the ladder truck is not functioning properly.
- Community Activities. Reported the department assisted with the Red, White and Boom, Mount Vernon Place Care and Veteran's Home fireworks shows. DeLay reported the ladder truck was utilized at the Veteran's Home by extending the ladder and hanging a large flag on the end.

Committee Reports.

- *Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee has not met.
- *Finance.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee would meet on July 15, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
- *Parks.* Alderman Nelson reported the committee has not met.
- *Personnel.* Alderman Albers reported the committee has not met.
- *Public Works/Streets.* Alderman Phillips reported the committee has not met.
- *The MARC/Community Center.* Alderwoman Rubison reported the committee has not met.
- *Ad-hoc Dogs At Large.* Alderman Nelson reported the committee met and received input from the public on Thursday, June 27, 2013.

New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion. Alderman Albers turned in his resignation from Ward Three, effective July 24, 2013.

Old Business.

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

Adjournment.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kimbler to adjourn the meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date