

Minutes Approved June 28, 2011

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 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, Lowell Phillips, Mike Tebow, April Mieswinkel, Max Springer, Carol Millsap, Gary Albers. Absent: John Hull. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator John Rice, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Firefighter Grant Wheeler, Chief of Police Garry Earnest and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve agenda with the following amendment:

- Agenda Item XII Closed Session: Remove Section 610.021(1) Litigation and Section 610.021 (3) Personnel Issues.

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

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on May 24, 2011, was presented to the Board for approval. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Tebow, Springer, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mieswinkel, Millsap

ABSENT: Hull

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

Citizen Participation.

The following citizens requested discussion.

- Brian Wolford, owner of Freefall Express, expressed his concern with eliminating hanger leases for commercial businesses.
- Gary Fletcher expressed his concern with eliminating hanger leases for commercial businesses.
- Penny Slusinski expressed her concern with eliminating hanger leases for commercial businesses.

Report from Congressman Long's Office

Matt Baker, representative from the office of Congressman Long introduced himself to the Board and welcomed them to contact him at the Springfield office with any questions or concerns. Mr. Baker noted the office is focusing at this point on relief efforts for the City of Joplin, Missouri.

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Ordinance.

Bill No. 2011-0004 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a full requirements electrical service agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, a municipal corporation and Empire District Electric Company for a term of 10 years effective August 1, 2010, was read twice by title only, with the following roll call votes recorded:

1st reading.

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Tebow, Mieswinkel, Springer, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

2nd reading:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Tebow, Mieswinkel, Springer, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

Bill No. 2011-0004 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2011-0004 thus became Ordinance No.14.222.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Rice held discussion on the following items:

- Groundbreaking. Reported a groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for August 3, 2011 at 11:00 a.m., at the Spirit of 76 Park for the Kiwanis Club pavilion. Rice encouraged the Board and city personnel to attend.
- Vacancy. Recommended hiring Bill Craig to fill the vacant position at the Golf Course Clubhouse. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept Rice's recommendation. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Street Paving. Reported Blevins Asphalt would begin paving South East Street, on Monday, June 20, 2011, from the Business Loop to Kirby St. Rice recommended to continue paving onto North East Street, from King Street to Highway 174 at a cost of approximately \$43,000.00, which would require a budget amendment. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to proceed with paving as recommended. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Missouri Supreme Court Decision. Reported a decision by the Missouri Supreme Court sided with the City of Hermann, Missouri on transferring of funds. Rice noted if the case had been decided against the City of Hermann, the outcome would affect all Missouri cities which transfer funds and would be devastating to the City of Mount Vernon.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Requested discussion on bills which have been paid. None brought forth.

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- Treasurer Report. Presented the Treasurer Report for May, 2011. Alderman Springer made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to approve the report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Budget Amendments. Requested the following line items budget amendments:

Line Item	Budgeted Amount	Requested Increase	Requested Amended Budget Amount
10-5-110-303	\$1,333.44	\$359.40	\$1,692.84
10-5-120-025	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
10-5-140-010	\$2,3719.54	\$163.98	\$23,883.52
10-5-140-200	\$4,759.80	\$2,040.38	\$6,800.18
10-5-150-299	\$67.00	\$10.50	\$77.50
10-5-150-223	\$1,500.00	\$1,866.00	\$3,386.00
48-4-420	\$0.00	\$20.04	\$20.40
48-5-480-220	\$0.00	\$157.20	\$157.20
48-5-480-300	\$0.00	\$130.00	\$130.00

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

Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- City Square Striping. Requested permission to proceed with bidding process for re-sealing of square and asked for input of removing center parking for two-lane traffic. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tebow to remove center lane parking and to proceed with request for bids. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Stanton reported the pre-bid meeting would be held on June 21, 2011.

Planning and Zoning.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- June 7, 2011 meeting. Reported the Planning and Zoning meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.
- Statistical Report. Presented the May, 2011 Building Permit report and held discussion.

Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Statistic Report. Presented the May, 2011 statistic report and held discussion.
- Crossing Guard Report. Presented a statistical report from Edward Kimbler for the 2010-2011 Mount Vernon school year.
- Joplin Tornado. Reported the department volunteered 124 hours during the first week of the tornado.
- Armed Robbery. Reported the department was investigating the second armed robbery in the city, which occurred at Regions Bank on June 3, 2011.

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- **Unsecured Building.** Reported the property located at 705 E. Mount Vernon Blvd. was causing the department continual problems with calls on break-ins and theft of metals. Earnest noted he has consulted with Rice and Conway on the problems the building is causing.
- **Vehicle Status.** Reported the 2011 Crown Victoria was delivered and is being prepared to be used for patrol. Earnest noted the new car would replace a 2001 Crown Victoria and requested the Board sell the car, as is, to the City of Everton. Alderwoman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the request to sell the vehicle for \$500.00. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Tebow, Mieswinkel, Springer, Albers

NOES: Millsap

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

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

Fire.

Wheeler held discussion on the following items:

- **Fire Call.** Responded on June 11, 2011 to 925 Walnut Terrace in reference to a fire alarm.
- **Maintenance.** Routine maintenance was performed on all vehicles. Alderman Albers questioned if a log on vehicle maintenance was kept. Wheeler reported logs are kept on all vehicles.
- **Training.** Training on vehicle operation will be given on June 16, 2011 at the monthly fire meeting.

Committee Reports.

Airport. Alderman Greene reported the committee had met at 4:30 p.m. on June 14, 2011, with discussion on the future of the airport and options the city should take. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Mieswinkel to cease issuing hanger lease agreements, including renewals. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips

NOES: Tebow, Mieswinkel, Springer, Millsap, Albers

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

With all present members voting, Mayor Eden declared the motion failed. Mayor Eden reported the Work Session for the June 28, 2011 meeting, at 6:30 p.m. would be to review language on hanger lease agreements.

Finance. Alderman Springer reported the committee has not met.

Parks. Alderman Tebow reported the committee has not met.

Personnel. Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported the committee has not met.

Public Works/Streets. No report was submitted due to absence of Alderman Hull.

Waste Franchise. Alderman Albers reported the committee had met earlier in the evening and had discussed codification text change for Chapter 235, and Petrus will present an ordinance at the next Board meeting. . Discussion was held.

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New Business.

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

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business brought to the floor for discussion.

- Alderman Springer requested status of air conditioner at City Hall. Rice reported it has been purchased and installed.

Closed Session.

Alderman Mieswinkel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(2) Real Estate issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Phillips, Tebow, Mieswinkel, Springer, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hull

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 8:10 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:30 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other item to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

Alderman Tebow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to adjourn meeting. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon Neely, City Clerk

Date