

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 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, John Hull, Lowell Phillips, Barbara Rubison, Carol Millsap, Gary Albers. Absent: April Mieswinkel. 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, Chief of Police Garry Earnest, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Assistant Fire Chief Brad DeLay, Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Louis Woody and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Agenda.

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

- Item Number X. Remove Section 610.021(1) Litigation and Section 610.021(2) Real Estate Issues.

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

Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on April 24, 2012 were presented to the Board for approval. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden reported this portion of the meeting is set aside for participation from the public and requested any discussion to be brought to the floor. Cathy DeLay requested permission to approach the podium and asked the city to purchase a microwave for use at The MARC. Mayor Eden reported the city would take this into consideration.

**Department Reports.**

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Sales Tax. Reported the sales tax revenue for April 201 has decreased by approximately 30% from March. Discussion was held.
- Budget Amendments. Presented a list of budget amendments to be made a part of the minutes, for approval from the Board. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve budget amendments as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Fire Alarm. Reported the bid for the Fire Alarm System at the MARC was not bid correctly, as it did not furnish the total coverage needed for the size of the building. Springer noted Tyco Simplex Cornell is working with the city to find an equitable solution for both them and the city. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Millsap to authorize Tyco Simplex Cornell to do

design and installation for a complete system at The MARC. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Mowing Bid. Presented a bid tab for Abandoned Yard Mowing. Springer reported the bid opening was held on Friday, May 4, 2012 at 4:00 p.m., with the bid from Transition By Design coming in on Monday, May 7, 2012, making this company ineligible for the awarding of the bid. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to award bid to Double E Lawn Service. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Tractor Pull. Reported the Mount Vernon FFA has scheduled their annual tractor pull for June 16, 2012, in the field behind the MARC. Springer noted they have requested use of the parking lot and to allow hook-up of the concession stand to an outlet at the MARC. After much discussion, consensus of the Board is to grant request.
- Economic Development Policy. Requested the Board review the proposed Policy and he will present it at the next meeting for acceptance.
- The MARC. Reported the Arts Council has purchased track lighting for the gallery at The MARC and request installation of the lights by a contractor, to be paid for by the city. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the request. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Phillips, Rubison, Millsap, Albers

NOES: Hull

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mieswinkel

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

- Committee Volunteers. Presented a draft of an advertisement for the Lawrence County Record requesting citizens to participate on city committees. Springer noted he would have an application available and on the city's website for citizens.

#### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills. Presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Treasurer Report. Presented the April Treasurer Report for approval. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Reported the Board had approved investing \$651,000.00 with Liberty Bank at the April 24, 2012 meeting, but due to a misunderstanding of how the submitted bid read, reported Liberty Bank had actually meant for the bid to include \$249,000.00 at .55% in addition to the approved amount. Weldy reported this amount is available from the Great Southern Bank. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hull invest the \$249,000.00 at Liberty Bank for one year at .55% interest rate. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Signature Cards. Reported since Alderwoman Rubison was elected as Acting President of the Board, Liberty Bank required direction from the Board to add Alderwoman Rubison as an additional name on accounts. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene authorizing Mayor Eden, Weldy, Neely and Alderwoman Rubison as authorized signatures on the signature cards, effective immediately. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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- Investments. Presented a bid tab for a CDARS maturing on May 17, 2012 for approximately \$204,841.40. Weldy recommended re-investing with Great Southern CDARS for one year at .35%. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Rubison to accept recommendation for reinvestment. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

### Public Works.

Stanton held discussion on the following items:

- Tri-State Water Coalition. Presented a proposed joint contract between the City of Mount Vernon and the Southwest Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission for the Board's review. Stanton noted he would present the contract for approval by ordinance at the next council meeting. Stanton encouraged the Board to contact him regarding any questions or concerns they may have after review of the document.
- City Hall Parking Lot. Reported concrete parking-stops have been installed on City Hall's south parking lot. Stanton noted he would have a trial period of thirty days to see if the new parking set-up works and then will begin process to close alley.
- Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Noted to the Board that Ace Pipe Cleaning had begun the sewer line rehabilitation project and would be working in different areas of town.

### Planning and Zoning.

Woody held discussion on the following items:

- Temporary Signs. Reported the Commission had recommended Conway visit with the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation for input on action to resolve the issue and for the city to rely on voluntary compliance until the issue is resolved.
- Meeting Time. Reported the Commission has changed their time of meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.

### Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- 608 Seneker. Reported the asbestos removal was complete and anticipated tear-down of the building to begin soon.
- Training. Reported he had attended FEMA training in Kansas City, MO regarding safe rooms/houses requirements for severe weather.

### Police.

Earnest held discussion on the following items:

- Statistic Report. Presented the statistic report for April 2012 and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Medication Take-Back. Reported 102 pounds of medication was dropped off during the event.
- Abandoned Bicycles. Noted a citizen had picked up the abandoned bicycles and provided repair for donation to the Hope Center.
- Mount Vernon Prom. Reported there were no related calls during prom on May 5, 2012. Earnest noted the department participated in under-age drinking enforcement to coincide with the event, with no arrests made.

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Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following item:

- Calls. Reported the department had received and responded to two calls since last meeting.

Committees.

*Airport.* Alderman Greene reported the committee had met and discussed bathrooms and signage. Alderman Greene noted a request from a renter to move the hangar her rents from the airport to his home had been denied.

*Finance.* Alderwoman Mieswinkel reported the committee had met and discussed budget amendments, which were presented earlier in the meeting.

*Parks.* Alderman Hull reported the committee had met and discussed the following:

- Presented a list of candidates for employment with the pool and recommended the Board hire all listed. Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to accept recommendation from the committee to hire listed individuals. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Requested the Board allow the sixth grade to be dropped from the Park Program, due to lack of participation and to add children who have completed Kindergarten to the program. Alderwoman Millsap made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to grant the request. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Presented a request for water aerobics during adult swim. Discussion was held with request for more information before a decision is made.
- Discussed location of the Kiwanis Pavilion bathrooms. Springer reported city crews will shoot the grade to determine best location and then he would more information to determine costs for installation.

*Personnel.* With the absence of Alderwoman Mieswinkel, no report was submitted.

*Public Works/Streets.* Alderman Phillips reported the committee has not met.

*The MARC/Community Center.* Alderwoman Millsap reported the committee would meet on May 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., at City Hall.

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. None brought forth.

Closed Session.

Alderman Hull made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to close a portion of the meeting, pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(3) Personnel Issues. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Hull, Phillips, Rubison, Millsap, Albers

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mieswinkel

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With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:20 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:35 p.m. Mayor Eden requested any other discussion. None brought forth.

Adjourn.

Alderman Hull 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 8:35 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon Neely, City Clerk

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