

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018.**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting, at the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call recorded: J.N. Greene, Craig Nelson, Jason Haymes, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild and Sandy Martin. Absent: Lowell Phillips and Sue Lee. The following city personnel were in also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Chief of Police David Hubert and City Clerk Shannon Neely. Absent: Counselor William Petrus, Jr., and Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway.

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

Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- City Administrator Report – Add: Request to hold circus on city property
- Public Works Report – Add: Electrical System map update  
Add: Request to purchase additional AC unit/UV items for WWTF
- Treasurer Report – Remove: Request to hire employee  
Request to transfer to bad debt

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

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented minutes from the June 12, 2018 meeting to the Board for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fairchild to approve the minutes with the following correction:

- Reading of Bill No. 2018-015 – Add: ABSENT: Martin absent in both readings.

The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Thrasher, Fairchild

ABSTAIN: Haymes, Martin

ABSENT: Phillips, Lee

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

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from those in attendance and requested if anyone wished to address the Board.

Ordinance.

**Bill No. 2018-017 re:** An ordinance calling for an election to allow the qualified voters of the city to determine whether to allow liquor by the drink within the city limits was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading.

AYES: Greene, Nelson, Haymes, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Phillips, Lee

Bill No. 2018-017 was declared passed for the first reading and approved for second reading, scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, 2018.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- Request to fill vacancy (Transportation). Springer recommended the Board hire Verity Harkins to fill a vacancy in the Transportation Department. Springer noted Ms. Harkins currently is driving a taxi for the city, but is paid thru Penmac. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to hire Verity Harkins pending results from employee screening and background check. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- 109 N. Hickory Street Building. Springer reported the city will take possession of the building located at 109 N. Hickory Street on July 1, 2018 and requested if they wished to proceed to solicit bids to replace the roof. Discussion was held with no action taken. Alderwoman Martin asked if the façade could be painted instead of remodeled. Discussion was held regarding the façade. Mayor Eden instructed Springer to solicit the opinion of the architect if the façade is in need of replacement or can be repainted. Springer also requested if the Board wished to proceed to solicit for bids for a new telephone system for the building. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden declared it was a consensus of the Board to proceed with solicitation for telephone system for 109 N. Hickory Street building.
- Closing Date for Woodlawn Lot. Springer reported the closing date for the Woodlawn lot is scheduled for Thursday, July 5, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Thrasher authorizing Mayor Eden to sign for final closing and to proceed with payment for \$10,000.00 plus closing costs. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Abatement Procedure. Springer held discussion on municipal code, Chapter 220 Nuisances, specifically addressing Section 220.010 (D), Nuisances Affecting Health and abatement procedures. Springer requested if the Board of Aldermen wished to appoint a designee to conduct nuisance abatement hearings or if they wished to present cases to the Board of Aldermen. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden declared it was a consensus of the Board for nuisance abatement hearings to be conducted by the Board of Aldermen.
- Culvert Project Change Order #3 and Pay Request #2. Springer presented Change Order Number 3 for curb and guttering for the intersection of South and Landrum Street which should alleviate several issues. Springer noted Change Order #3 is for \$3,750.00. Springer also presented Pay Request #2 for a total of \$168,539.81 for the culvert project.

Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve payment to A-Y-1, LLC for Change Order #3 and Pay Request #2. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Circus. Springer presented a request to hold a circus on city property in September. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden declared it is a consensus of the Board to allow a circus on city property. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

#### Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Request to Pay Bills over \$5,000.00. Weldy presented bills over the \$5,000.00 spending limit and requested approval. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to approve the bills as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- May Treasurer Report. Weldy presented the May Treasurer Report to the Board for approval. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to approve the May Treasurer report as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Investments. Weldy presented a bid tab for investments and recommended using \$216,000.00 from Special Sales Tax Fund plus \$40,000.00 from Industrial Fund to invest with Mid Missouri Bank for eighteen months at 2.5% interest rate. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin approve investment of \$256,000.00 with Mid Missouri Bank for eighteen months at 2.5% interest rate. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Transportation Grant. Weldy requested payment approval of a 20% match toward purchase of a new van to replace the 2011 Dodge Caravan currently in use in the Transportation Department. Weldy noted this is a budgeted item. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes authorizing the Mayor to sign the payment commitment letter and proceed with payment for purchase of a new van. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Budget Amendments. Weldy presented budget amendments for the Board to review. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to approve budget amendments as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

#### Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Chemical Purchases. Kelley requested permission to proceed with purchase of chemicals for the pool and noted this should be the last purchase for the season. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to approve purchase of pool chemicals for \$6,754.76. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Computer Upgrade. Kelley requested approval of upgrade and repair of computer for the SCADA system at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Kelley noted this is not a budgeted

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item. Discussion was held. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Greene to proceed with upgrade and repair for a total of \$7,192.05. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

- Electrical System map. Kelley requested approval for payment of updating the electric system map. Kelley noted this will be conducted by Toth Engineering for estimate of \$4,750.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to proceed with updating the electrical system map. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- WWTF Equipment. Kelley requested approval for repair of ac unit and other items due to the corrosive environment at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Kelley presented a bid from xylem for a total of \$29,178.00. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to proceed with xylem for repairs to the ac unit at the Wastewater Treatment Facility for \$29,178.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Other Items of Discussion. Mayor Eden thanked Public Works employees for spraying weeds at the corner of Hickory and Alice Street.

### Code Enforcement.

With the absence of Conway, no report was submitted.

### Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- Employee Probation. Hubert reported Officer Levi Cope has reached his three (3) month probation and recommend the Board move to full-time status. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Haymes to approve moving Levi Cope to full-time employment status and to increase hourly wage to \$13.50 per hour. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- DWI Grant. Hubert reported the Department would participate in a DWI enforcement grant beginning June 29, 2018 thru July 4, 2018.
- Red White and Boom. Hubert reminded the Board of Red, White and Boom scheduled for Friday, June 29, 2018. Discussion was held.
- Introduction of new officer. Hubert introduced new officer Tannya Benitez to the Board.

### New Business.

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

- Alderman Haymes presented and read the minutes reported the Airport Committee met at City Hall on Monday, June 18, 2018 with discussion on hangar leases, new hangars, airport layout plan and water at the airport. Alderman Haymes moved that the committee report be accepted as presented and to allow lease holder Trotter to sublease hangar to Overturff, with a second to the motion by Alderman Greene. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved. Discussion was held on airport operations and improvements in the future.

### Old Business.

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

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Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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David W. Eden, Mayor

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Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

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Date