

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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, October 9, 2018 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, Deanna McElveen, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Steve Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. Absent: Jason Haymes. The following city personnel were also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Counselor William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert 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.

Approval of Agenda.

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

- City Administrator Report. Remove Sales Tax.

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

Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the minutes from the City Council meeting held on Tuesday, September 26, 2018 to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to accept the minutes as presented. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, McElveen, Phillips, Thrasher, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Fairchild

ABSENT: Haymes

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 wish to address the Board. None brought forth.

Resolution.

Bill No. (R)2018-06 re: A resolution expressing support of the City of Mount Vernon's application for funds through MoDots's Transportation Alternative (TAP) Program and authorizing the submission of an application relating to the proposed Route 174 sidewalk improvements project was read once, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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First Reading:

AYES: Greene, McElveen, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Bill No. (R)2018-06 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. (R)2018-06 thus became Resolution number (R)2018-06.

Ordinance.

Bill No. 2018-025 re: An ordinance authorizing execution of a master reimbursable utility agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission regarding utility relocation and adjustment was read twice, by title only with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Greene, McElveen, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Second Reading

AYES: Greene, McElveen, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Bill No. 2018-025 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2018-025 thus became Ordinance Number 14.295.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

- Golf Course. Springer reported the Mount Vernon School District administration inquired if the city would allow a discount for golf memberships to teachers and school staff as part of an effort to get them more involved with the community. Discussion was held. Alderman Greene made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve ten percent (10%) discount on yearly golf memberships, \$1.00 off the regular fee for nine-holes or \$2.00 off the regular fee for eighteen-hole for Mount Vernon School District staff and city employees. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Gibbs Park. Springer reported Public Works crew installed a temporary fix to the collapsed area at Gibbs Park. Discussion was held.
- Culvert Project Pay Request #4. Springer presented a pay request from A-Y-1 for final-out of the culvert project for 2018. Alderman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to proceed with payment of \$17,443.80 to A-Y-1 for Pay Request #4. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- SWMPEP Update. Springer reported he attended the quarterly meeting of the Southwest Missouri Public Energy Pool (SWMPEP), along with Public Works Director Kelley,

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which was held in Columbia, Missouri. Springer noted the SWMPEP Board voted to authorize negotiations and to finalize a contract for a proposed purchasing agreement. Discussion was held.

- Additional Items of Discussion.
 - 911 Dispatch. Springer reported a 911 dispatch meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2018. Springer noted discussion will include if a 911 tax will be put on the ballots. Discussion was held.
 - Fire District Status. Alderman Fairchild requested discussion on status of the Fire District. Discussion was held.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the bills paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Bills Over \$5,000. Weldy presented bills over \$5,000 for September/October and requested approval to pay. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman McElveen to proceed with payment of bills over \$5,000 as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.
- Bad Debt. Weldy reported she has mailed out bad debt notification letters to past due accounts. Discussion was held.

Director of Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Fall Cleanup. Kelley reported fall cleanup was held on Friday, October 5th and Saturday, October 6th and received a large turnout. Discussion was held.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- September Statistical Report. Conway presented the September statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Commission Report. Conway reported the Commission did not meet at the regular meeting, which was scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, 2018, due to lack of agenda items. Conway requested any discussion. None brought forth.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- September Statistic Report. Hubert presented the September statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Employee Probation. Hubert reported Police Officer Tannya Benitez has reached her three month probation with no issues and recommended the Board move her to full-time status. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve moving Officer Benitez to full-time status. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

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Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor.

- Alderwoman Martin asked why the City Hall staff and business has not moved to 109 N. Hickory Street. Discussion was held.
- Mayor Eden requested discussion on cost of abatements for King and Fillmore Street and if the city can recoup these costs. Discussion was held.
- Petrus reported he has received notification from an attorney regarding the burn-out building located on 155 West Patterson Street. Discussion was held.

New Business.

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

Closed Session.

Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to adjourn to close a portion of the meeting pursuant to RSMo, Section 610.021(2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate. The following roll call vote was recorded:

AYES: Greene, McElveen, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Haymes

Motion approved. Meeting adjourned for closed session at 7:23 p.m.

Reconvene.

Meeting reconvened at 7:41 p.m. Mayor Eden determined all Aldermen that were present for closed session adjournment had returned to the meeting. Mayor Eden requested any other business to be brought to the floor for discussion. None brought forth.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date