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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, March 20, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/MtVernonIL>.

Due to the absence of Mayor John Lewis, Deputy City Clerk Becky Barbour called the meeting to order. The first order of business was to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem. Motion by Council Member Donte Moore to appoint Council Member Joe Gliosci as Mayor Pro Tem for tonight's meeting. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. All were in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Joe Gliosci opened the meeting.

Pastor Randy Steel with Southwest Christian Church led the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed present: Council Member Ray Botch, Council Member Joe Gliosci, Council Member Donte Moore, and Council Member Mike Young. Absent: Mayor John Lewis.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the March 6, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,202,504,88. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented Bid Results for the Relocation of a Building Located at 911 Broadway. This is the former Register News building. There were three bidders. The low bidder was Bevis Construction at \$1,499,000.00. This includes demolition and salvage at \$170,000.00; site work at Veterans Park at \$155,000.00 and building erection and build out at \$1,174,000.00. Staff recommendation is to award this project to the low bidder, Bevis Construction, in the amount of \$1,499,000.00.

Bevis Construction	Mt. Vernon, IL	\$1,499,000.00
Black & Sons Construction	Mt. Vernon, IL	\$2,299,000.00
Johannes Construction	Centralia, IL	\$1,637,000.00

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to accept the Bid Results for the Relocation of a Building Located at 911 Broadway to Bevis Construction in the amount of \$1,499,000.00. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel introduced Jacob Sanabia, Project Manager with Holland Construction, for the monthly update on the new Police Facility. Mr. Sanabia presented Council Members with a current book showing a progress report, schedules, contingency log and photos of progress. The completion date remains at June 22, 2023. Council Members asked questions and were updated on the new Police Facility.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for Second Reading of an Ordinance Imposing a Municipal Cannabis Retailers Occupation Tax. City Manager Bechtel explained that this Ordinance will initiate a 3% tax on non-medical cannabis sales within the incorporated limits of the City of Mt. Vernon beginning July 1, 2023.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve Ordinance #2023-14, an Ordinance Imposing a Municipal Cannabis Retailers Occupation Tax. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for Second Reading of an Ordinance to Approve an Agreement to Extend the Animal Control Agreement Between Jefferson County and the City of

Mt. Vernon. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that this is a joint agreement between Jefferson County and the City of Mt. Vernon for the maintenance and operation of the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. The proposed agreement continues the agreement with the County for the Animal Control Department Serving the City and the County.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve Ordinance #2023-15, an Ordinance to Approve an Agreement to Extend the Animal Control Agreement Between Jefferson County and the City of Mt. Vernon. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

MAYOR

None.

CITY COUNCIL

None.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel gave an update on the Cross Connection Survey. There were 1,171 commercial surveys sent out and 457 have been returned. There were 5,917 residential surveys sent out and 1,839 have been returned. This makes the return percentage at 32%. Again, asking residents to complete the surveys and return them. If the surveys are not returned, businesses and residents will be contacted by the City of Mt. Vernon. This survey is mandated by Federal and State Government and the City is required to collect this information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Mike Young motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk