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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, August 16, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, August 16, 2021, 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>. Log-in for the meeting is <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/357016389> Call in Number: (872) 240-3212, Access Code: 357-016-389.

Mayor John Lewis opened the meeting.

Rev. Harold Bumper Quick of West Salem Trinity United Methodist 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, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the August 2, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

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

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mike Beard, Executive Director of Jefferson County of Chamber of Commerce, presented the Mayor and City Council with a plaque/photo of the ribbon cutting for the new road, Progress Drive.

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$2,027,651.64. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented Bid Results for the Demolition of Johnston Funeral Home Building. There were three bidders for this. The low bidder was Kenneth A. Hails Excavating for a total of \$123,884.00. Staff recommendation is to award the bid to Kenneth A. Hails Excavating. The demolition cost will be paid from the Downtown TIF funds.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to accept the Bid Results from Kenneth A. Hails Excavating for the Demolition of Johnston Funeral Home Building in the amount of \$123,884.00. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

Kenneth A. Hails Excavating	Texico, IL	\$123,884.00
S. Shafer Excavating	Pontoon Beach, IL	\$147,300.00
RCRA Inc. dba Earth Services	Benton, IL	\$138,250.00

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for Council’s approval of Subdivision Preliminary and Final Plat at Broadway and 34th Street – 4.3 acres; AJM, LLC – Aldi & Harbor Freight parcels. This will separate part of the parking lot in front of the former Aldi Store from the whole parking lot. This passed unanimously at the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting. Staff recommendation is to approve this subdivision.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Subdivision Preliminary and Final Plat at Broadway and 34th Street – 4.3 acres; AJM, LLC – Aldi & Harbor Freight parcels. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for Council’s approval of Subdivision Preliminary and Final Consolidated Plat at Broadway and 34th Street – 2.37 acres; AJM, LLC – Aldi & Harbor Freight parcels. This action will combine the parking lot that has been subdivided with the former Aldi parcel making it all one parcel. There is also an easement that allows access to the subdivided parking lot. This passed unanimously at Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting. Staff recommendation is to approve this subdivision.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Subdivision Preliminary and Final Consolidated Plat of Broadway and 34th Street – 2.37 acres; AJM, LLC – Aldi & Harbor Freight parcels. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested a Street Closure for 9th Street from Harrison Street to Broadway on August 25, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Clydesdales Parade. Requesting Party: City of Mt. Vernon Tourism. Staff recommendation is to approve the closure.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure for 9th Street from Harrison Street to Broadway on August 25, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Clydesdales Parade. Requesting Party: Mt. Vernon Tourism. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented an Ordinance to Approve Rezoning of Property at 1706 & 1708 South 14th Street from R-M2, Medium Density Residential & Mobile Home and R-2, Medium Density, to B-2, Secondary Business, for the Purpose of New Business Construction. This was unanimously approved by Planning and Zoning Commission. Requesting Party Kenneth Aydt addressed the council stating this is for a heating and cooling business on Veterans and the back two lots needed rezoned. The front two lots are already zoned for business.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-29, an Ordinance to Approve Rezoning of Property at 1706 & 1708 South 14th Street from R-M2, Medium Density Residential & Mobile Home and R-2, Medium Density, to B-2, Secondary Business, for the Purpose of New Business Construction. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for consideration an Ordinance to Approve Rezoning of Property at 501 N. 34th Street from A-G, General Agriculture, to R-1, Low Density Residential, for the Purpose of Constructing a Storage Building. The petitioning party is C. Kent and Marinda J. Renshaw. This did not pass the Planning and Zoning Commission with a vote of 2 to 3. There were objectors at the meeting. The minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting were included with the Council packet.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve the Ordinance, an Ordinance to Approve Rezoning of Property at 501 N. 34th Street from A-G, General Agriculture, to R-1, Low Density Residential, for the Purpose of Constructing a Storage Building. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Mayor Lewis opened the floor for discussion.

Reid Sipe, resident of Queens Lake neighborhood, spoke representing a large group of the Queens Lake neighborhood. He spoke to the Council stating the reasons they were in opposition of the rezoning.

Kent Renshaw, the petitioning party, spoke to the Council stating the reasons he believes the Council should allow the rezoning.

Cissy Hanagan, President of the Rec Club Board of Directors, spoke regarding the sale of the land to Mr. Renshaw and stating the reasons the Rec Club is in opposition of the rezoning.

Mayor Lewis had received twenty e-mails in opposition of the rezoning that were added to the packet to be filed with the city clerk's records.

Mr. Renshaw stated he wanted to withdraw his Petition/Application for the Rezoning. Mr. Renshaw and City Attorney Leggans (via telephone) discussed his options for withdrawing the Petition. Mr. Renshaw then stated he would just like to withdraw the application for the zoning and any variance at this time.

Mayor Lewis stated there is a motion and second for an Ordinance regarding Mr. Renshaw's Rezoning on the table.

Council Member Ray Botch made the motion to Amend the Original Motion and Allow Mr. Renshaw to Withdraw His Motion. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented a Resolution to Approve Amendment Three to the Agreement for Operation, Maintenance, and Management Services for the City of Mt. Vernon Wastewater Treatment Facilities Between the City and Veolia Water Contract Services. This agreement will extend the current contract with Veolia for five years with a 5-year option for renewal. We have three years remaining on the current contract, with five added to that for total of eight years and then a 5-year option for renewal. Staff recommendation is to approve the resolution.

Sean Wright, Veolia Water Contract Services, was present to answer questions presented by Council.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve a Resolution to Approve Amendment Three to the Agreement for Operation, Maintenance, and Management Services for the City of Mt. Vernon Wastewater Treatment Facilities Between the City and Veolia Water Contract Services. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented a Resolution to Request Permission from IDOT to Close IL-15 and IL-37 on December 11, 2021, from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for the Christmas Parade. The date of the parade has been changed; therefore, a new Resolution was needed. Staff recommendation is to approve the resolution.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve a Resolution to Request Permission from IDOT to Close IL-15 and IL-37 on December 11, 2021, from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for the Christmas Parade. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented a Resolution to Approve the Updated Agreement with Farnworth Group, Inc., to Include Construction Management Services With Holland Construction Related to the Police Station Project. This puts the agreement into the correct format adding the construction management. Staff recommendation is to approve the resolution.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution to Approve the Updated Agreement with Farnworth Group, Inc., to Include Construction Management Services With Holland Construction Related to the Police Station Project. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented a Resolution to Approve an Additional Service Agreement for Architect Services with Farnsworth Group, Inc., Related to the Improvement of the Street Intersection at Logan Street and South 27th Street. Farnsworth will redesign the realignment of intersection at 27th and Logan Streets. Holland will manage this along with the construction of the police department. This will coordinate design and construction for both projects.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve a Resolution to Approve an Additional Service Agreement for Architect Services with Farnsworth Group, Inc., Related to the Improvement of the Street Intersection at Logan Street and South 27th Street. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

MAYOR

Mayor Lewis gave the July 2021 stats. (See attached).

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Joe Gliosci thanked the residents who came out on both sides of the rezoning issue.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Barbour".

Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk

July 2021

Police, Fire, Public Works, & Inspection Department Activity Summary (your tax dollars at work)

For the month of July, the Mt. Vernon Police Department handled 1851 calls which equals to about 60 calls each and every day. 65 people were arrested during the month. There were 88 Criminal charges, 23 drug charges and 28 warrants served. They also conducted 309 traffic stops resulting in 130 citations. They responded to 82 traffic crashes, arrested 11 for DUI and answered 85 alarms. The Detective Division was assigned 55 new cases (9 narcotics, 46 criminal), cleared 18 by arrest and referred 2 cases to the States Attorney. Our K9 team had 18 deployments and there were 7 crime scene callouts.

The Fire Department responded to 328 alarms and calls. The City Hall station answered 161 alarms, the Airport station answered 17 alarms, and the 42nd Street station answered 150 alarms. Of the responses, 228 were recorded as EMS related, 19 of the responses were recorded as fire related, and 9 of the responses were recorded as hazard related. They responded to 7 structure fires, 1 portable building fire, 4 outside rubbish fire, 2 passenger vehicle fires, 1 road freight vehicle fire, 15 motor vehicle crashes with injuries, 1 search for person in water, 3 gas leaks, 27 false alarms, and gave mutual aid on 5 calls and received mutual aid on 3 calls for the month. The Fire Inspection Dept. performed 2 business site inspections, 5 consultations and 2 Plan Reviews. The Fire Prevention Division performed 1 public education event, 4 car seat inspections, 1 station tour, 2 CPR classes and 1 Red Cross Blood Drive for the month. As summer starts to wind down, it is time for children to start going back to school. We ask that you pay attention to bus drivers and their signals for when they are picking up or dropping off children on our streets. Never pass a bus while loading or unloading children. Also, be aware of those children that may walk to school and make sure you are keeping a watchful eye out for anyone crossing a street so that you see them, and they see you. Obey school zone speed limits and follow your school's drop-off procedure. The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children, stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus. Stay safe and let's all have a great school year.

Our Public Utilities Department responded to 9 water breaks, repaired or replaced 2 valves, exercised 38 valves, flushed 41 fire hydrants, processed 233 JULIE locates, had 120 red letter disconnects, 14 landscaping site restorations, 6 concrete site restorations, 1 new tap inspection, collected 21 water samples and had 6 boil water orders.

Engineering and Inspection Department. There were 45 nuisance postings along with 15 nuisance abatements. The total # of condemned properties waiting to be demolished is 55. We also had 11 building permits for the month totaling \$8,783,600.