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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, October 18, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, October 18, 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.

Pastor Ron Lash of Corinthian Missionary Baptist 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 Journals for the October 4, 2021 Public Hearing and the October 4, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting were presented for approval.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and 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 Ray Botch motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,604,379.90. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented bid results for a Skid Steer/Track Loader. Staff recommendation is to award this to Erb Equipment for \$63,995.00. This equipment is for Public Works Department and will be paid from the 1% capital account.

Erb Equipment	\$63,995.00
Bobcat of Marion	\$66,901.39
Bobcat of Marion	\$67,708.35
Diamond Equipment	\$72,805.95
Diamond Equipment	\$73,595.95
Taza Supplies	\$135,786.00

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to accept the bid results for the Skid Steer/Track Loader from Erb Equipment for \$63,995.00. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented bid results for a New Aerial Fire Truck. There were three bids for this purchase. Fire Chief Kevin Sargent and Fleet Services Director Mike Shannon went through the bid items by each line item. City Manager Bechtel introduced Fire Chief Kevin Sargent who presented information regarding the proposals submitted by the three companies. None of the companies met the bid specifications, but they all met the intent of the specifications that were supplied to them. Ferrara has a stock truck that can be built to the specifications given on a chassis that already has the ladder on it that can be ready in 180 days. Fire Chief Sargent answered questions posed by the Council. This delivery time keeps the City on track for equipment maintenance and replacement strategy for the Fire Department. Staff recommendation is to award to Ferrara for the Build Spec from Stock Truck H6899 with F-Shield (an anti-rust application on the chassis) in the amount of \$893,332.00. City Manager Bechtel explained that there are four communities nationwide that are considering purchasing this same stock truck and it is first come, first serve as to who would purchase this equipment. If another community purchases this before Tuesday morning (assuming Council votes to purchase), Ferrara will have another one in stock, but the price will be a little more, estimated to be less than \$10,000.00 more. The Council would need to plan for that alternative if this truck is not available. The City could purchase the second truck at no more than \$905,000.00. The Council also needs to make a decision on the color of the new truck. The City's current inventory is red; however, a proposal was made that this new truck be orange. The color of the truck does not change the price of the truck. There was discussion regarding color for the truck. The Council unanimously agreed to stay with red.

Rosenbauer	\$925,022.00	425 Days Build Time
Ferrara	\$935,485.00	330 Days Build Time
Ferrara – Stock Truck	\$893,332.00	180 Days Build Time
E-One	\$931,195.00	450 Days Build Time

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to accept the bid results for a New Aerial Fire Truck from Ferrara in the amount of \$893,332.00, and in the Alternative, to Allow for the Purchase of the Second Stock Truck from Ferrara if the First Truck is not Available. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY MANAGER

None.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Article 21, Section 21-300 “Schedule of District Regulations” of the Revised Code of Ordinances Regarding Conditional Use Language for Cannabis Dispensing Organizations. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated this amends the conditional use for cannabis dispensing organizations to align with the same regulations as an alcohol dispensing organization to one hundred feet distance from any church, daycare, pre-school facility, primary or secondary school or residential care home as measured from each property line.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-33, an Ordinance Amending Article 21, Section 21-300 “Schedule of District Regulations” of the Revised Code of Ordinances Regarding Conditional Use Language for Cannabis Dispensing Organizations. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for a Wedding & Private Reception Venue at 600 N. 42nd Street. Petitioning Party: Talia Campbell. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that changes were made to the Site Plan in an effort to appease the objectors. The revised Site Plan is included in the packet. Kyle Lansdowne of Round Table Design spoke representing Petitioner Talia Campbell. He explained that Round Table Design was hired to submit all of the paperwork and to make sure everything was in compliance with the Ordinances. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated this was passed unanimously by Planning and Zoning. Staff recommendation is to approve the zoning changes.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-34, an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for a Wedding & Private Reception Venue at 600 N. 42nd Street. Petitioning Party: Talia Campbell. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Abstain: Gliosci.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution to Approve a Facility Encroachment Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained this is for the next sewer line replacement project. This allows the city to bore under the railroad tracks. Total fee is \$12,700.00.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution to Approve a Facility Encroachment Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution to Approve a Pipeline Crossing Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained this is also the next sewer line replacement project. The cost is \$5,000.00.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve a Resolution to Approve a Pipeline Crossing Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution to Approve a Pipeline License Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railroad Company. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained this is again for the next sewer line replacement project. This is a large project; the City is going under three separate railroad tracks. The cost is \$20,300.00.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve a Resolution to Approve a Pipeline License Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railroad Company. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Public Hearing and Resolution to Approve an Agreement to Annex for Property on Savanna Road. Petitioning Party: Brian and Amy Gamber. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that the petitioning party wants access to the municipal water distribution system. With this agreement, when the property becomes contiguous with the incorporated limits, it will be annexed into the City. Staff recommendation is to approve the agreement.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve a Resolution to Approve an Agreement to Annex for Property on Savanna Road. Petitioning Party: Brian and Amy Gamber. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading of an Ordinance Adopting Article 34 of the Revised Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Amusement Taxes for the City of Mt. Vernon. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that the State of Illinois legislators may consider a vote on this tax, called a Push Tax on video gaming in the next session beginning Tuesday, October 19. There is controversy surrounding this. However, if the City has this ordinance passed before it is

voted on by the legislators, it could stand as a local tax. If not, the City, very possibly, would not be allowed to impose this tax in the future. Staff recommendation is to pass this Ordinance to collect \$.01 (1 cent) per push (or play) on the video games to get this on the record for the City of Mt. Vernon. This tax is paid by the Terminal Operator (actual owner of the video game) and is remitted directly to the City of Mt. Vernon. If you want to make changes, or, if we have to make changes, that can be done in the future.

Council Member Donte Moore made the motion to suspend the rules and take action on the Ordinance Adopting Article 34 of the Revised Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Amusement Taxes for the City of Mt. Vernon. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-35, an Ordinance Adopting Article 34 of the Revised Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Amusement Taxes for the City of Mt. Vernon. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

MAYOR

None.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk