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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, September 20, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, September 20, 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.

Casey Brandt from Rend Lake Chi Alpha Campus Ministry 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 September 7, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. 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 \$1,281,687.67. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

None.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested a Street Closure for 7th Street from Main Street to Newby on Saturday, September 25, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for Fall Fest Parade Staging. Requesting Party: Mt. Vernon Festivals. Staff recommendation is to approve the closure.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure for 7th Street from Main Street to Newby on Saturday, September 25, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for Fall Fest Parade Staging. Requesting Party: Mt. Vernon Festivals. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young and Lewis.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented an Ordinance Approving Rezoning of Property at 522 S. 13th Street from R-M2, Medium Density Residential & Mobile Home, to B-2, Secondary Business. Petitioning Party: Marc Black. Mr. Black was not present. City Manager Bechtel stated this was approved by Planning and Zoning 4-2.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-30, an Ordinance Approving Rezoning of Property at 522 S. 13th Street from R-M2, Medium Density Residential & Mobile Home, to B-2, Secondary Business. Petitioning Party: Marc Black. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young.

There was discussion regarding the property at 522 S 13th Street. Mayor Lewis explained there are some pre-existing ordinance violations on that lot that need to be addressed prior to approving the Planning and Zoning Commission's vote and finding out the exact use for this property.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to table this matter and to have Mr. Black come to the next Council Meeting to address the Council on these issues. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented an Ordinance Approving Rezoning of Property at the Corner of 42nd Street and Heritage Avenue from R-3, High Density Residential, to B-2, Secondary Business for the Purpose of Commercial Development. Petitioning Party: Bonan Brothers Properties, LLC. This was passed unanimously by Planning and Zoning. Staff recommendation is to approve the zoning changes.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-30, an Ordinance Approving Rezoning of Property at the Corner of 42nd Street and Heritage Avenue from R-3, High Density Residential, to B-2, Secondary Business for the Purpose of Commercial Development. Petitioning Party: Bonan Brothers Properties, LLC. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for a Kennel at 730 IL Hwy. 15 East. Petitioning Party: James Kennard. This was approved unanimously by Planning and Zoning. No objectors at the meeting. Staff recommendation is to approve the zoning changes.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-31, an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for a Kennel at 730 IL Hwy. 15 East. Petitioning Party: James Kennard. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Article 21, Section 21-300 of the Revised Code of Ordinances, Adding Weddings and Private Receptions Venue as a Conditional Use for R-1, R-2, and R-3 Zoning Classifications. City Manager Bechtel stated there are two things that are not finalized on this Ordinance. One is the set back and the other is the hours for amplified sound. City Attorney Leggans stated that this Ordinance will require a site plan and further details when Conditional Use is applied for.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-32, an Ordinance Amending Article 21, Section 21-300 of the Revised Code of Ordinances, Adding Weddings and Private Receptions Venue as a Conditional Use for R-1, R-2, and R-3 Zoning Classifications. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci.

Mayor Lewis asked if there were comments from the public.

Liz Hensley, property owner next to the proposed wedding venue, spoke about concerns with the venue, including noise, privacy issues, placement of the reception building, water run-off from the property, lighting, and the gravel road for delivery area.

Monica Heinzman, property owner close to the proposed wedding venue, spoke to numerous neighbors that have the same concerns. They are concerned about the noise. The biggest concern is about the zoning change and rules that apply.

Council Member Moore spoke about the Ordinance and the Zoning. This Ordinance does not change the current zoning of the property. This property is zoned R-1. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated this is setting up a way in R-1 for a Wedding and Event Venue, it is Conditional Use only. It is establishing Conditional Use in R-1.

Talia Campbell addressed the Council and answered questions regarding the project and addressed concerns stated by the property owners present.

Council Member Donte Moore spoke about his visit to the site. This will still come before Council to vote after going through Zoning and Planning. There was discussion regarding sound ordinances.

City Attorney Leggans spoke regarding amplified sounds. During the hours placed in the Ordinance, sound on the property can not be heard more than two hundred feet from the boundary line. Whether there is an event going on inside or outside the building, there should be no noise leaving the property. There are sound regulations in place. This is specific to this Ordinance. Council will need the motion to include a time to end amplified sound and the minimum setback to vote on the Ordinance tonight.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-32, an Ordinance Amending Article 21, Section 21-300 of the Revised Code of Ordinances, Adding Weddings and Private Receptions Venue as a Conditional Use for R-1, R-2, and R-3 Zoning Classifications With Inserting a Minimum Setback of 150 Feet and a Late Night Time of 10:00 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Municipal Real Property. City Manager Bechtel stated that the purchaser is not ready for this transaction, so asking Council to table this matter.

Council Member Ray Botch made the motion to table the matter. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution to Approve a Proposal for Professional Architectural Services from FGM Architects, Inc., Related to the Municipal West Building Assessment and Concept Design for Renovations. City Manager Bechtel stated there is a mold problem, outside surfaces have failure and are getting moisture in the building, the windows are leaking, and there are many challenges with the building. The City is proposing that FGM Architects, who were the original architects of this building, give the City recommendations for renovations of the building.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve a Resolution to Approve a Proposal for Professional Architectural Services from FGM Architects, Inc., Related to the Municipal West Building Assessment and Concept Design for Renovations. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution to Approve a Proposal from Westport Pools for Changing Filters at the Aquatic Zoo. City Manager Bechtel stated that the pool is ten years old and needs maintenance. The estimated cost is \$22,585.02. It could go over the amount

depending on the damage inside the filters. The City's recommendation is to approve the Resolution.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve a Resolution to Approve a Proposal from Westport Pools for Changing Filters at the Aquatic Zoo. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young and Lewis.

MAYOR

Mayor Lewis commented that the City Electronic Recycling event was successful.

CITY COUNCIL

None.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Tourism Director Angela Schrum spoke regarding Fall Fest which will be held this Friday, September 24, and Saturday, September 25, on 9th Street. #618Strong is the theme this year, celebrating the heroes of the pandemic. There will be a car show, entertainment, parade, and many vendors.

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 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk