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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, July 19, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, July 19, 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>.

Mayor John Lewis opened the meeting.

Angela Schrum, Director of Mt. Vernon Convention & Visitors Bureau, 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 Mayor John Lewis. Absent: Council Member Mike Young.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the July 6, 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, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

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 Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,331,965.39. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented Bid Results for the Roof Replacement at Station #4 on S. 42nd Street. This is the second time this project has gone out for bid. This is for replacement of the metal roof with another metal roof. Only one bid was received from McMillen Construction LLC for \$86,590.00. The bid meets the requirements and staff recommendation is to award the bid to McMillen Construction LLC.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to accept the Bid Results for Roof Replacement at Station #4 on S. 42nd Street from McMillen Construction LLC for \$86,590.00. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented Bid Results for the Demolition of 30 Residential Properties. The City received a grant for \$167,000.00 and the City budgeted another \$100,000.00 for demolition. There were six bids. Kenneth A. Hails Excavating was the low bidder with a bid of 268,000.00. Staff recommendation is to accept the low bid.

Heck's Excavating	Mt. Vernon, IL	\$294,500.00
Kenneth A. Hails Exc.	Texico, IL	\$268,000.00
S. Shafer Excavating	Pontoon Beach, IL	\$368,469.00
Hank's Excavating	Belleville, IL	\$430,000.00
Petroff Companies	Collinsville, IL	\$365,700.00
Green Demolition Cont.	Chicago, IL	\$428,225.00

Council Member Moore asked what the completion date is for the demolition. City Engineer Brad Ruble stated the completion date on this project is December 15, 2021. All demolition of these properties should be done by December 15.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to accept the Bid Results for the Demolition of 30 Residential Properties from the low bidder, Kenneth A. Hails Excavating, with a low bid of \$268,000.00. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Lewis. Absent: Young

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented Bid Results for two Single-Axle Dump Trucks. Only one bid was received from Truck Centers, Inc., in the amount of \$222,244.00. Staff recommendation is to accept the bid for the two dump trucks with snow equipment.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to accept the Bid Results for two Single-Axle Dump Trucks with snow equipment from Truck Centers, Inc., in the amount of \$222,244.00. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Lewis. Absent: Young

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for Council's approval the Preliminary and Final Consolidated Plat of Hardiek's Subdivision. The general location is 14853 N. Loyola Road. The property owner is Broc Hardiek. The Zoning and Planning Commission unanimously approved this request. City Manager Bechtel introduced Kyle Lansdowne of Round Table Design who explained the request for rezoning and the plans to subdivide the ground. City Manager Bechtel stated it is staff recommendation to approve the Subdivision.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve the Preliminary and Final Consolidated Plat of Hardiek's Subdivision. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel introduced Brian Paul and Stacie Vasquez of Farnsworth Group to update the Council on the progress of the New Police Department Project status. Copies of the proposed interior floor plan and aerial view was distributed to the Council. Farnsworth had met with Police Department personnel, Mayor Lewis, City Manager Bechtel, Assistant City Manager McKenna, and Council Member Donte Moore to develop the proposed floor plan. Mr. Paul and Ms. Vasquez discussed the floor plan and answered questions posed by the Council. The new facility will be located on about 3.71 acres at the northwest corner of Veterans Park with a proposed floor plan area of about 24,203 square feet. The next step is to develop some elevation options and work with the team in Mt. Vernon and the construction manager, Holland Construction Services, to develop preliminary cost figures.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested a Street Closure for 29th Street from Jones Street to Veterans Memorial Drive on Saturday, July 24, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a Food Distribution Event. Requesting Party: West Side Baptist Church. Mr. Chesney was present to represent West Side Baptist Church and explain the event and the reason for the road closure. Staff recommendation is to approve the closure.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure for 29th Street from Jones Street to Veterans Memorial Drive on Saturday, July 24, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a Food Distribution Event. Requesting Party: West Side Baptist Church. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented an Ordinance Approving Rezoning of Property at 14853 N. Loyola Road from A-G, General Agriculture to R-1, Low Density Residential for the Purpose of Subdividing 6.1 Acres for Residential Use. Petitioning Party is Broc Hardiek.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-28, an Ordinance Approving Rezoning of Property at 14853 N. Loyola Road from A-G, General Agriculture to R-1, Low Density Residential for the Purpose of Subdividing 6.1 Acres for Residential Use. Petitioning Party is Broc Hardiek. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Naming New Road Running Between Potomac Blvd. and Davidson Avenue. The name submitted by Council Member Mike Young was the name Staff agreed upon. It will be named Progress Drive.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Resolution Naming New Road Running Between Potomac Blvd. and Davidson Avenue as Progress Drive. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Chastain & Associates for the Design of Traffic Signals at South 45th Street and Veterans Memorial Drive. This was an engineering project that we did bid. Chastain & Associates was the low bid. Staff recommendation is to accept the bid of Chastain & Associates for \$22,847.00.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Resolution Approving an Agreement with Chastain & Associates for the Design of Traffic Signals at South 45th Street and Veterans Memorial Drive. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Approving a Pipeline Crossing Agreement Between Union Pacific Railroad and the City of Mt. Vernon for the Railroad Crossing at Opdyke Avenue. This is in preparation for the next water line project that goes through IEPA. Staff recommendation is to approve this Agreement.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Resolution Approving a Pipeline Crossing Agreement Between Union Pacific Railroad and the City of Mt. Vernon for the Railroad Crossing at Opdyke Ave. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Approving a Pipeline Crossing Agreement Between Union Pacific Railroad and the City of Mt. Vernon for the Railroad Crossing at Shawnee Street. This is in preparation for the next water line project that goes through IEPA. Staff recommendation is to approve this Agreement.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Resolution Approving a Pipeline Crossing Agreement Between Union Pacific Railroad and the City of Mt. Vernon for the Railroad Crossing

at Shawnee Street. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds in Conjunction with an Illinois Community Development Block Grant. This is for the funds for the hearing held at 6:30 p.m. this evening. The matching funds are \$121,904.00 and the grant amount of \$550,000.00 which is the maximum the City can apply for. The total cost of the project is \$671,904.00 which does not include the grant administration fees. This is the sewer relining project.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve the Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds in Conjunction with an Illinois Community Development Block Grant. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Permitting Leaf Burning Due to Special Circumstance. Republic has contacted the City and it is likely the suspension of collection of yard waste will extend to the month of August. City's recommendation is to lift the burn ban for each weekend for the remainder of July and all of August. Citizens will be able to burn Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of each weekend. The City has reached an agreement with Republic that they will reimburse the City for these two months for a total of \$23,395.00. The cost attributed to yard waste pick up in the contract is \$2.50 per month. There will not be a roll off container at the Armory, but citizens will be able to burn yard waste each weekend or they can collect it until the yard waste pick up is reinstated. Residents will have a \$2.50 reduction in the cost of their trash fees in August (for the month of July) and September (for the month of August).

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Resolution Permitting Leaf Burning Due to Special Circumstance. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

MAYOR

Mayor Lewis wanted to commend Angela Schrum and the Tourism Department on successful Market Days and for having the National Guard there giving Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccines. They will be back on August 14. Mayor Lewis stated that it was a great service to the community.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Donte Moore wanted to ask the public to look at the City's Facebook page and the Sentinel for the renderings of the new Police Department at the park so they would have the information for themselves.

Council Member Joe Gliosci wanted to wish Councilman Young a quick recovery.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk