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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, October 3, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, October 3, 2022 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.

Pastor Micah Arcuri of Bonnie Church of God led the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journals for the September 12, 2022 Special City Council Meeting and the September 19, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting were presented for approval.

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

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 \$1,075,588.15. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented Bid Results for the Financing of the 2022 Ladder Fire Truck. There were four bidders. Staff recommendation is to accept the low bid from Banterra Bank for a five-year term at 2.75%. The other bids were 4.15%, 4.50% and 4.85% respectively.

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| Banterra Bank | 5-year term – 2.75% | 7-year term – 2.95% |
| U.S. Bancorp | 5-year term – 4.15% | 7-year term – 4.18% |
| First Mid Bank | 5-year term – 4.50% | 7-year term – 4.75% |
| Peoples National Bank | 5-year term – 4.85% | 7-year term – 5.04% |

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to accept the Bid Results for the Financing of the 2022 Ladder Fire Truck to Banterra Bank. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for approval of a Subdivision Preliminary and Final Plat. Petitioning Party: Times Square Realty LLC (Hobby Lobby). This subdivision was recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission 5-0. The owners of Hobby Lobby are seeking to subdivide the Hobby Lobby building from the rest of the Times Square Mall property. The subdivision plat does address shared parking and ingress/egress on the property. The property is zoned B-PL - Planned Business which allows for shared parking.

Council Member Mike Young motioned for approval of a Subdivision Preliminary and Final Plat. Petitioning Party: Times Square Realty LLC – Hobby Lobby. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Waive Bidding Procedures to Purchase Three Police Squad Cars. This is to purchase on the State Contract. These vehicles will not be available until next year (if they are available). Cost is expected to be approximately \$45,000.00 each. This cost is for cars only.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to Waive Bidding Procedures to Purchase Three Police Squad Cars. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission for a Street Closure on 9th Street from Main Street to Harrison Street on October 14, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a Vendor Fair. Requesting Party: The Granada. Staff recommendation is to approve the temporary closure.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure on 9th Street from Main Street to Harrison Street on October 14, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a Vendor Fair. Requesting Party: The Granada. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel introduced City Engineer Brad Ruble for the presentation of the Veterans Avenue and South 42nd Street Traffic Study which was conducted by Milano & Grunloh Engineers. The areas in this study have been an area of concern from community members. The study shows the peak hour of traffic for that area is between 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. City Engineer Ruble stated that from the study, it is recommended that a signal light is needed at 34th and Veterans. In the future, signal lights are recommended for 42nd & North Water Tower and 42nd & South Water Tower as those areas develop. City Engineer Ruble answered questions posed by Council Members. Mayor Lewis suggested that the Council Members give their opinions to the City Manager as to what direction the City should go as pertains to this study.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for approval the 2022 Comprehensive Plan. A presentation was given regarding the Plan at the last council meeting. City Manager stated she had not received any calls or comments regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Staff recommendation is to approve the 2022 Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve the 2022 Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Second Reading an Ordinance to Reduce the Planning and Zoning Commission to 5 (Five) Members. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that she had not received any calls or comments on this since the First Reading. This Ordinance reduces the number of commissioners to five and establishes a quorum of three.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve Ordinance #2022-33, an Ordinance to Reduce the Planning and Zoning Commission to 5 (Five) Members. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

City Attorney David Leggans presented an Ordinance to Rezone Property at 907-909 Forest Avenue and 1401 and 1407 South 9th Street from R-2 to B-2. Petitioning Party: Michael Small. This item was recommended for approval at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting 5-0. Mr. Small purchased four lots from the City and intends to build a storage unit facility at the site.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2022-34, an Ordinance Approving the Rezoning of Property at 907-909 Forest Avenue and 1401 and 1407 South 9th

Street from R-2 to B-2. Petitioning Party: Michael Small. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Proposal from Westport Pools for Swimming Pool Service Maintenance for the Aquatic Zoo. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that the current three-year agreement with Westport is on the final year. This agreement will be for another three-year term beginning next spring. The previous agreement was for \$9,915.00 per year, this agreement has an increase of \$910 per year to \$10,825.00. Staff recommendation is to approve the agreement.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Proposal from Westport Pools for Swimming Pool Service Maintenance for the Aquatic Zoo. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Approving the Lincoln Park Concession Stand and Field Rental Agreement with LLB Sports LLC. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that Jefferson County Little League did have an agreement to operate the concession stand, however are unable to provide the services for all agreed upon events. LLB Sports is a local travel team organization that intends to bring more tournaments to Mt. Vernon and will provide concession for all events at Lincoln Park. The city will receive 10% of gross sales revenue from the concession stand operation. LLB Sports will be allowed to host 3 weekend tournaments at no charge for the field use. All other tournaments or games they host will be at regular rental charges. Staff recommendation is to approve the agreement. Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna responded to questions from the Council regarding the contract.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve a Resolution Approving the Lincoln Park Concession Stand and Field Rental Agreement with LLB Sports LLC. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Approving the Lincoln Park Field Rental Agreement with Jefferson County Little League. Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna stated that while JCLL could not fulfill their obligations with regards to the concessions, they still want to continue to use Lincoln Park for local league games. In an effort to support youth sports for local residents, this agreement allows them to continue using the fields Monday – Thursday. They will continue to seek sign sponsorships for the outfield fencing. The City will receive \$50.00 per sign. The fields will also be available for other organizations to rent when not in use.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve a Resolution Approving the Lincoln Park Field Rental Agreement with Jefferson County Little League. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Authorizing Representatives to Sign Public Works Supply Loan Program Application Documents. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that this Resolution allows the Mayor or City Manager to sign the IEPA documents for the water tower and next water line project.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution Authorizing Representatives to Sign Public Works Supply Loan Program Application Documents. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

MAYOR

Mayor John Lewis wanted to thank all of the departments involved in this year's Fall Fest. It was very successful and well attended.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Members wanted to also thank all of the departments involved in the 2022 Fall Fest.

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: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk