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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, April 18, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

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Call in Number: (872) 240-3212, Access Code: 357-016-389

Mayor John Lewis opened the meeting.

Pastor Micah Arcuri from Bonnie Church of God 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 April 4, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting and the April 7, 2022 Special 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: 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 \$1,079,008.57. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that bid results for the 2020 IEPA Funded Sanitary Sewer Improvements and Midtown Sanitary Sewer Project were in. These results are for the new force mains (Maple and Wagner) and other inlet lines going into the sewer treatment plant. There was only one bidder on this project. Haier Plumbing submitted a bid for \$3,654,519.50. The second part of this is for lining of various sewer collection lines in the Midtown area. Again, Haier Plumbing was the only bidder. They submitted a bid of \$1,064,990.00. There are two bids, but this is considered one project and will be one loan. Staff recommendation is to award the projects to Haier Plumbing in the amounts of \$3,654,519.50 for the 2020 IEPA Funded Sanitary Sewer Improvements and \$1,064,990.00 for the Midtown Sanitary Sewer Project for a total of \$4,719,509.50. City Manager Bechtel suggested that the bid results be made in two separate motions.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to accept the Bid Results for the 2020 IEPA Funded Sanitary Sewer Improvements from Haier Plumbing in the amount of \$3,654,519.50. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to accept the Bid Results for the Midtown Sanitary Sewer Project from Haier Plumbing in the Amount of \$1,064,990.00. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Consent to an Assignment of a Miller Lake Lease from Nobel Dowell, Jr., and Julie Gieselman to Hope Williams and Sandra Sandweg. Staff recommendation is to approve the Assignment.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to grant permission to Consent to an Assignment of a Miller Lake Lease from Nobel Dowell, Jr., and Julie Gieselman to Hope Williams and Sandra Sandweg. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading, an Ordinance to Amend Prior Ordinance Number 2022-02 Regarding the IEPA Revolving Loan for Sewer Projects. The bids for the 2020 Sanitary Sewer and Midtown Projects came in over the estimated cost and the previous

borrowing ordinance for the IEPA loan needs to be amended to increase the loan amount from \$4,500,000.00 to \$5,100,000.00 to include the entire project cost including the engineering fees.

Council Member Donte Moore made the motion to suspend the rules and take action on the Ordinance, an Ordinance Amending Prior Ordinance 2022-02 Regarding IEPA Revolving Loan for Sewer Projects. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2022-12, an Ordinance Amending Prior Ordinance 2022-02 Regarding IEPA Revolving Loan for Sewer Projects. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading of an Ordinance to Approve the Proposed Budget for the May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023 Fiscal Year. City Manager Bechtel explained that the Budget had been discussed in the workshop on April 13 and that there had been no significant changes. One change was made since that time because of information received from the EPA that payments were going to begin July 1, so an adjustment was made in the Water Department for those payments. No other changes were made.

Council Member Ray Botch made the motion to suspend the rules and take action on the Ordinance, an Ordinance to Approve the Proposed Budget for the May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023 Fiscal Year. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2022-13, an Ordinance to Approve the Proposed Budget for the May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023 Fiscal Year. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading of an Ordinance to Raise Sewer Rates by Five (5) Percent. City Manager Bechtel stated that this is the second year of increases in the sewer rates. Discussion was held regarding sewer rates and reason for the increase.

First Reading was held.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Reclassifying Certain Accounts for Accounting Purposes as Uncollectable Debt. This is to write off bad debt from 2018 from delinquent water bills. This includes, water, sewer, sanitation (trash) and penalties for a total of \$18,484.54.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve a Resolution Reclassifying Certain Accounts for Accounting Purposes as Uncollectable Debt. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

MAYOR

Mayor John Lewis commented on the ribbon cutting held at the old US Bank Building. He stated Maestro Technologies bought the building and he is excited for them to come to Mt. Vernon and to see what they are going to bring to the community.

CITY COUNCIL

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 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk