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

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 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 Brian Fuller of First Baptist Church of Woodlawn 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 August 16, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Journal 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 \$1,388,964.82. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented Bid Results for the North 12th Street Curb Replacement Project. This is for the curb replacement on North 12th Street from Main to the former hospital property. There were three bidders. The low bidder was Bevis Construction at \$117,459.50. Staff recommendation is to award this project to Bevis Construction.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to accept the Bid Results from Bevis Construction for the Curb Replacement on North 12th Street from Main to the former hospital property in the amount of \$117,459.50. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

Luke Rollie Construction	Woodlawn, IL	\$121,883.75
Guinzy Construction	Ashley, IL	\$144,471.98
Bevis Construction	Mt. Vernon, IL	\$117,459.50

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Bid the Downtown Sidewalk & Curb Project 2021. This project will replace some sidewalks in the downtown area along Broadway in between 14th and 12th Streets and a short length on Main Street from 9th Street on the north side of the County Courthouse. A map showing locations was distributed to Council.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Bid the Downtown Sidewalk & Curb Project 2021. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Seek Bids for a Skid Steer.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for a Skid Steer. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young and Lewis.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First 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 explained this is for First Reading only. In order to accommodate a proposed development on

North 42nd Street, this draft is presented to the City Council. This will allow a conditional use for a wedding and private reception venue in a residential zoning area. The minimum lot size is 25 acres, and the Ordinance describes all other restrictions or allowances. City Manager Bechtel read the proposed Ordinance. A First Reading on this Ordinance will give the public time to respond before the Ordinance is finalized.

Mayor Lewis invited Ms. Talia Campbell to give her presentation about the proposed venue. Ms. Campbell spoke to the Council and gave her presentation. Council Members asked questions to better understand the proposed Ordinance and any changes needed and how Ms. Campbell would carry out the stipulations of the Ordinance.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Authorizing Application to the Boat Access Area Development Grant Program. City Manager Bechtel explained that the City received a Notice of available grant funding from IDNR for Boat Access areas. We are proposing to apply for this grant to build an adaptable (handicapped accessible) boat dock with an adaptable canoe/kayak launch, redevelop the parking lot, and build an accessible sidewalk to the dock at Jaycee Lake. The total cost is estimated at \$78,400.00 which is 100% grant with no match. Staff is asking the Council to support this project.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve a Resolution Authorizing Application to the Boat Access Area Development Grant Program. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Authorizing Grant Application to the National Fitness Campaign. City Manager Bechtel explained that the City has been notified by the National Fitness Campaign about their program to expand the opportunity for outdoor fitness through the construction of an exercise court with programming managed through their proprietary phone app. The cost is about \$140,000.00 total with a grant for \$25,000.00 from National Fitness Campaign and \$115,000.00 local match which could be local funds and/or sponsorships and/or in-kind contributions. The timeline is 9 to 18 months to get this through the application process, sponsorships, etc.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution Authorizing Grant Application to the National Fitness Campaign. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young and Lewis.

MAYOR

Mayor John Lewis wanted to announce to the public that the Annual Electronics Recycling Event will take place on Saturday, September 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Public Works Building at 12th & Casey. The public needs to bring a copy of their latest water bill and there will be no charge.

CITY COUNCIL

None.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Robin Hensley, a neighbor of the proposed project on North 42nd Street, wanted to be assured that an Ordinance put in place by the Council for the property would continue to be in place if that property was later sold by Ms. Campbell. Mr. Hensley stated he is not against the plans Ms. Campbell has for the venue, but just wanted assurance that the restrictions imposed by the proposed Ordinance would continue to be in place if the property changed hands. He would like safeguards to protect the neighborhood.

Council had discussion regarding additional conditions and restrictions that could be included in the Ordinance. Ms. Campbell addressed the Council and Mr. Hensley about the concerns. Ms. Campbell will submit a site plan giving square footage, measurements, etc. to the Council for review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk