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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, November 15, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, November 15, 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 Harold "Bumper" Quick from West Salem Trinity United Methodist Church led the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the November 1, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

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

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 \$4,249,758.77. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas:

Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci (Botch had stepped out of the meeting for a moment).

BIDS AND QUOTES

None.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission for a Street Closure for North Street between 10th Street and 11th Street on November 25, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for Central Christian Church's Thanksgiving Dinner. Requesting Party: Central Christian Church. Staff recommendation is to approve the closure.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure for North Street between 10th Street and 11th Street on November 25, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for Central Christian Church's Thanksgiving Dinner. Requesting Party: Central Christian Church. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci (Botch had reentered the meeting).

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission for a Street Closure for North Street between 10th Street and 11th Street on December 20-23, 2021, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. for Central Christian Church's Christmas Services. Requesting Party: Central Christian Church. Staff recommendation is to approve the closure.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure for North Street between 10th Street and 11th Street on December 20-23, 2021, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. for Central Christian Church's Christmas Services. Requesting Party: Central Christian Church. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission for a Street Closure for 9th Street between Jordan and Harrison on December 11, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for Christmas Festivities. Requesting Party: Downtown Mt. Vernon Development Corporation. Staff recommendation is to approve the closure.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure for 9th Street between Jordan and Harrison on December 11, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for Christmas Festivities. Requesting Party: Downtown Mt. Vernon Development Corporation. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel introduced Greg Charlton from Krehbiel & Associates (via telephone) to present the 2020-2021 Fiscal Budget Audit. A copy of the Audit was distributed to

the Council Members. Finance Director Steve Tate was also present to answer questions regarding the Audit.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to accept the 2020-2021 Fiscal Budget Audit as presented. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Second Reading of an Ordinance for Property Tax Levy. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that there have been no changes since the First Reading at the last Council Meeting. The City is not levying anything for General Corporate Operations; Parks and Recreations - \$279,700.00; Emergency Management Agency Operations - \$9,700.00; Firefighters Pension Fund - \$954,500.00; Police Pension Fund - \$895,200.00; IMRF - \$440,000.00; Social Security - \$301,000.00; Special Service Area #1 - \$74,800.00 making a total of \$2,954,900.00, which is no increase from last year. This does not leave enough for contributions for pensions this next year. The City will be using \$611,000.00 of the 1/4% Sales Tax to make up the difference for pension obligations. The Levy for 2020 Bonds authorized by Ordinance #2020-31 is abated. The City is not levying any money for the payment of any of the 2020 Bonds issued. Staff recommendation is to pass the Ordinance approving the Property Tax Levy.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-37, an Ordinance for Property Tax Levy. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci

City Attorney David Leggans presented an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for a Licensed Home Daycare Facility in an RM-2 Medium Density Residential and Mobile Home District at 1904 S. 9th Street. Petitioning Party: Jonah Beth Prince. City Manager Bechtel stated this was passed unanimously by Planning and Zoning. Staff recommendation is to approve the conditional use.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-38, an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for a Licensed Home Daycare Facility in an RM-2 Medium Density Residential and Mobile Home District at 1904 S. 9th Street. Petitioning Party: Jonah Beth Prince. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci

City Attorney David Leggans presented an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for the Construction of the New Sunshine Center Facility and Parking Lot in an R-2, Medium Density Residential District at 1706-1708-1710 S. 13th Street. Petitioning Party: Jefferson County Comprehensive Services. City Manager Bechtel stated this was passed unanimously by Planning and Zoning. Staff recommendation is to approve the conditional use. Donna Pearson and Debbie Holsapple representing Jefferson County Comprehensive Services were present and provided additional information to the Council regarding the plans for the new facility.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-39, an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for the Construction of the New Sunshine Center Facility and Parking Lot in an R-2, Medium Density Residential District at 1706-1708-1710 S. 13th Street. Petitioning Party: Jefferson County Comprehensive Services. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci (Botch was leaving meeting, but signaled in the affirmative).

MAYOR

None.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci (Botch had stepped out of the meeting).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk