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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, November 7, 2016  
7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, November 7, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Kent Jackson of the Jefferson County Ministerial Association.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed present: Council Members Jeff May, Dennis McEnaney, Donte Moore, Todd Piper and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley.

**PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS**

The Journals for the October 17, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting and the October 24, 2016 Special City Council Meeting were presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, Moore, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley.**

**VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Mayor Chesley read the Public Forum Rules of Participation previously approved by the City Council, as follows:

*Participants wishing to address the City Council on matters listed on the agenda or on any other matter directly relevant to the business of the City of Mt. Vernon shall do so during the Public Participation portion of the agenda. Each person wishing to speak during the Public Participation portion shall sign a Speaker's List at the meeting prior to the start of the meeting providing his/her name and the topic to be discussed. Speakers will be recognized by the Mayor in the order the speaker's name appears on the Speaker's List. Public participation portion of the meeting shall be limited to five (5) minutes per person and to thirty (30) total minutes per meeting for all speakers, unless extended by consent of the City Council. All participants are expected to exercise common courtesy and follow any rules of order established or announced by the Mayor and/or City Council.*

Mayor Chesley noted that seven individuals signed the SPEAKER LIST and called the first speaker to the podium.

Cyndi Mitchell, a representative of the Downtown Mt. Vernon Development Corporation, appeared to express DMDC's support of the proposed Armory project (Broadway Market).

James Rippy requested that the City inform, in detail, residents as to the City's indebtedness. Finance Director Merle Hollman advised he can make that information available at any time.

John Lewis expressed his concern about the business plan and budget for the proposed Armory project while City employees are being laid off.

John Johnson of Zemenick & Walker, Inc., the investment advisor for the Police Pension Fund, appeared to inform the City Council about the performance of the investments in the Police Pension Fund.

Jonathan Hallberg of the Jefferson County Development Corporation encouraged the Council to move forward with the proposed Armory project.

Melynda Breeze, a downtown merchant, expressed her support for the proposed Armory project.

Ray Gilbert of the Mt. Vernon Police Department expressed his concern about decreasing staff, staff furloughs and the need for more Police Officers.

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval. Council Members asked City Manager, Mary Ellen Bechtel, to clarify the following items: #10 Greater Egypt Regional Planning - \$2,401.79 – reimbursement of grant related expenses on Industrial Park for administration of three grants. #15 Janet Hassakis Trust - \$4,971.26 – Downtown TIF reimbursement. Façade improvements on the Hassakis Building at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway. #27 Sullen Subramaniam - \$3,600.00 – Website design for City. #30 Visu-Sewer of Mt. Vernon - \$14,900.00 – Services performed to be reimbursed by Clearwave. Clearwave bored through a sewer line at 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway. Clearwave will reimburse the City for this cost.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,505,360.59. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

#### **BIDS & QUOTES**

City Manager Bechtel presented no bids and quotes.

#### **CITY MANAGER**

City Engineer Brad Ruble presented the Capital Projects Report for November, 2016, as follows:

**CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT**

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – November 2016

**TRANSPORTATION**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
N. 27 <sup>th</sup> / Old Union Rd.	2.0 M	Design(HMG) Construction(Baxmeyer)	100% 30%	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2017	Stage 1 is nearly complete. Will be moving to stage 2 for the winter. Storm Sewer install will be done over winter.
Perkins Avenue (10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> )	1.0 M	Design(Horner/Shifrin) Construction(Baxmeyer)	100% 60%	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2017	Final placement of rock base is nearly complete. Begin paving soon.
Fairfield Road Resurfacing	1.2 M 80% IDOT	Design(Roundtable) Const. (Si Asphalt)	100% 60%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2016 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2016	Asphalt Paving has begun. Expected to finish around November 18 <sup>th</sup> . Complete before winter.
Route 15 Overlay Broadway and Main	70 K City 1.7 M IDOT	Design Construction	Unknown 0%	Jan. 2017 Summer 2017	This is an IDOT project. Begins just east of Fairfield Rd. and extends to 15 <sup>th</sup> Street going both east bound and west bound.

**SEWER**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Lift Station 14 Force main Replacement	1.2 M	Design(HMG) Construction	95% 0%	As needed Unknown	Project is on stand still awaiting funding decisions
Lift Station 14 Station Replacement	2.0 M	Design(N/A) Construction	0% 0%	Pending	Getting qualifications from designers to select design firm.
S. 28 <sup>th</sup> and Jones St. Sanitary Sewer	150 K	Design(Roundtable) Construction	0% 0%	Pending	Round Table is awaiting our go ahead to begin design.

**SIDEWALKS / TRAILS**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Wilshire Sidewalk (Richview to Old Union)	190 K	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	95% 0%	4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2017	Easement acquisition has begun. 10 out of 27 have been gotten. All have been mailed out again. Sending out for the third time now.
*-SRTS Airport Rd. and McCauley	360 K 154K IDOT	Design(RoundTable) Const. (Not Selected)	100% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2016 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2017	January IDOT letting. Project was pushed back due to adding further ditch enclosures.

**WATER**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Broadway & Main Water Phase 2	1.0 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	100% 50%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2016 April 2017	New main is in past Rte. 37. Hooking up services east of 10 <sup>th</sup> for the next few weeks.
S. 44 <sup>th</sup> Street Replacement	200 K	Design (Rhutasel) Construction	95% 0%	June 2016 Nov. 2016	Services being hooked to the new main.

**INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Roads	7.3 M all project	Design(HMG) Construction	90% 0%	4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2016 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2018	Detailed design work is progressing. North Industrial Drive, South Industrial Drive, Shiloh Drive, and Sparrow Lane.
Water & Sewer	85K Tarp, 1.285M EDP, 3.25M EDA	Design(HMG) Construction	100% 0%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2016 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2017	Water / sewer out for bid as soon as Federal approval of the site certification is approved. Water is installed to the Phoenix Modular property allowing them to open on time.

Nathan McKenna, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the program report for November, 2016, as follows:

**CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT**

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – November 2016

<i>Project</i>	<i>Work Phase</i>	<i>Act. / Est. Cost</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Est. Compl. Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Have a pending purchase on a property in the 200 block of Casey and another application for the mow to own program. So far we have three properties under agreement for Mow to Own.
IT Improvements	Planning	N/A		Fall 2016	Layout work continues on the website pushing back expected completion date. Louder design had a preliminary layout completed, we identified changes they are working on now. Due to the loss of the old website, most content must be recreated. Goal to have the site completed mid-November for council review and suggestion before going live.
City Hall Improvements	Review	1.2 M		Ongoing	Asbestos and mold remediation completed in the City Hall portion of the basement. Abatement crews have started to prep the fire station basement. Expected completion in two weeks. Accepting proposals from companies for waterproofing of the basement.
Lincoln Park Addition	Planning Construction	1.6M	100%	TBD	Grant has been removed from suspended list (\$400K IDNR grant). Project was previously bid out and awarded to Fager-McGee Construction. This project awaits Council action.
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 2M	100% 0%	TBD	Public Information meeting held Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Tourism and Parks Departments on programming plans for the facility. Agreement for Construction Management with Poettker Const. on the agenda for council consideration to begin project.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council’s consideration a Resolution Approving a Proposal with Poettker Construction for Construction Management of the Armory Project. City Manager Bechtel reminded that several years ago the State of Illinois gifted the 25,000-square foot National Guard Amory to the City. A multi-use recreational facility is needed in the City. In 2014 the City applied for, and was awarded, a Park and Recreational Facility Construction (PARC) Grant. All state grants were suspended because of the State of Illinois budget stalemate. Recently, the City was notified that the grant funds are now available. The budget was previously set by the City at approximately \$2.1 million of which the PARC grant will pay 75% of the cost of renovation and the City will provide matching funds of \$500,000.00. Previously, funds from the 2012 bonds were used to replace the roof and windows at a cost of \$700,000.00. Bechtel acknowledged that a better business plan and budget is needed.

Poettker Construction submitted a proposal for the anticipated renovation of the former Illinois National Guard building (the old Amory) into a multi-use community recreation facility. They would provide their expertise as it relates to construction budgeting, planning and phasing of work, bid solicitation and administration, quality control, constructability review, safety administration, and overall construction management throughout the project. For these services Poettker will charge a four and three-tenths percent (4.3%) fee of the total cost of the project (approximately \$117,200.00).

Council expressed concern regarding the preliminary budget and business plan for the project. Council Member May will meet with Tourism Director Angela Schrum and Parks and Recreation Director Wes Plummer to further develop a business plan for the facility. Council Member Moore suggested that action on this agenda item should be postponed so more information may be gathered and conversations with community organizations may be held. Time is of the essence.

Schrum and Plummer addressed Council’s questions regarding communication with other organizations about usage of the Armory, contributions from the public and financial support.

**Council Member Moore made a motion to table Agenda item 10-A Resolution Approving a Proposal with Poettker Construction for Construction Management of the Armory Project until the December 5, 2016 City Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

**MAYOR**

No business was presented.

**CITY COUNCIL**

Council Member Piper urged everyone to exercise their right to vote in tomorrow's general election.

Council Member Moore commended the individuals who were recently presented the Senior Saints Award.

Council Member McEnaney requested an update on the open burning policy and the procedure for bulk pick-up. The City's leaf burning ban is still in effect. Leaves that are bagged will be picked up on trash day except bagged leaves and lawn waste will be picked up on Tuesday if your trash pick-up day is Monday. Small limbs and twigs, no larger than four inches, may be burned in a recreational fire or they can be bound and picked up on trash day. Residents may call Republic Services at 800-634-0215 by Wednesday afternoon to have a bulk pick-up on Friday. The bulk items can be placed out by your street and weigh no more than 200 lbs.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Bechtel requested an Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) Purchase or Lease of Real Estate and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) Personnel – Union negotiations. **Council Member Piper made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate and Personnel. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Piper made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins  
City Clerk