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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, September 18, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, September 18, 2023 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 Rose Straeter with Broken, Loved, Healed 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 Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis. Absent: Council Member Donte Moore.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journals for the August 30, 2023 City Council Workshop and the September 5, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting were presented for approval.

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

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to the Council for approval.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,608,215.48. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented the Bid Results for the Storm Sewer Replacement at 11th and Casey. There were three bidders. Staff recommendation is to award to the low bidder, Groundworks Contracting, in the amount of \$225,789.00.

Groundworks Contracting	Breese, IL	\$225,789.00
Haier Plumbing	Okawville, IL	\$248,410.00
J.K. Trotter	Mt. Vernon, IL	\$379,973.00

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to accept the Bid Results for the Storm Sewer Replacement at 11th and Casey from Groundworks Contracting in the amount of \$225,789.00. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission for a Street Closure on 33rd Street from SW Crescent to Central Street on October 7, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a Street Block Party. Requesting Party: David Keen. Staff recommendation is to approve the street closure.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure on 33rd Street from SW Crescent to Central Street on October 7, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a Street Block Party. Requesting Party: David Keen. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Include Dam Construction, Bridge Foundation, and Foundations for Two Fountains to the Veterans Park Lake Dredging Proposal.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Include Dam Construction, Bridge Foundation, and Foundations for Two Fountains to the Veterans Park Lake Dredging Proposal. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Bid a New Bridge at Veterans Park. This is to build a bridge on the south island at the lake at Veterans Park.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Bid a New Bridge at Veterans Park. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Waive Bidding and Purchase Two Ford Interceptors for the Police Department. Fleet Services Director Mike Shannon found two vehicles and due to the pending strike, the City is requesting to go ahead and purchase them. They can be purchased through the State of Illinois purchase contract for \$43,790.00 each, including licensing, for a total of \$87,580.00.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Waive Bidding and Purchase Two Ford Interceptors for the Police Department. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for Approval of a Subdivision Preliminary and Final Plat for 522 N. 34th Street. Petitioning Party: Sanjog Pangarkar. The Petitioner wants to subdivide and sell the property surrounding the Pangarkar property. This was approved unanimously by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Subdivision Preliminary and Final Plat for 522 N. 34th Street. Petitioning Party: Sanjog Pangarkar. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Westport Pools. This is a four-year agreement to purchase Pulsar Briquets (calcium hypochlorite sanitizer) and to install the chemical feeder.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Resolution Approving an Agreement with Westport Pools. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented a Resolution Approving an Agreement with HMG for Engineering Services for the Downtown Streetscape. The City intends to apply to the State of Illinois ITEP Program next year for funding to improve the remaining streetscape in the downtown area. This Agreement is for the engineering services and the grant application. Staff recommends HMG and the total fee is \$84,500.00. This is a not to exceed fee unless there is work added that is not included in the scope of this Agreement.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve the Resolution Approving an Agreement with HMG for Engineering Services for the Downtown Streetscape. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented a Resolution Approving a Lease Agreement with SSM Health to Put Radio Equipment on the Times Square Mall tower. SSM has asked to install radio equipment on the Times Square Mall water tower to support their emergency radio transmissions. This Agreement outlines the approval and responsibilities of each party.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Resolution Approving a Lease Agreement with SSM Health to Put Radio Equipment on the Times Square Mall Tower. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented a Resolution Accepting a Proposal with Terracon to Provide Brownfields Grant Writing Services. There is grant money available that, if approved, will fund phase 1 and phase II environmental surveys of municipal and private properties. This investigation does not initiate remediation on the part of anyone participating in this grant. The City has a few properties that need to be tested and investigated. If there are any private property owners who have property they want to include in this program, they would need to contact the City Manager's office.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Resolution Accepting a Proposal with Terracon to Provide Brownfields Grant Writing Services. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

MAYOR

None.

CITY COUNCIL

None.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:15 p.m., Mayor John Lewis requested an Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) - the Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the City.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) – The Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the City. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

At 7:29 p.m., Mayor John Lewis reconvened the Regular City Council Meeting.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk