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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, March 6, 2017  
7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017 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. Harold Quick of the West Salem Trinity United Methodist Church.

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 Journal for the February 21, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting was presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

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

Hank Villani, Attorney for the Jefferson County Fire Protection District, appeared to make a general objection to the proposed annexation of property within their taxing district based on the loss of tax revenue and asked that City Council delay voting on the annexation so that more information can be obtained.

Jill Nordin who resides on Harlan Road is concerned about the type of development to be constructed on the proposed annexed property.

Mike Nordin who resides on Harlan Road is concerned about the type of homes to be built on the proposed annexed property. He also expressed concern for the illegal parking on his private property from Lincoln Park and requested that the City County delay voting on the annexation so that more information may be obtained.

Mayor Chesley noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission will be meeting this Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the old Council Chambers at City Hall. The proposed annexation will be presented to the Commission.

Larry Goss expressed his concern that the land values will decline with the addition of a mobile home park across from Lincoln Park.

**APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel clarified the following items: #14 Ray O'Herron Company, Inc. - \$5,284.56 – Police New Hire Uniforms and Ammunition for entire Department. Four new Police Officers have been hired recently. Two of the Officers previously completed the Police Academy and two Officers will complete training at Southwestern Illinois College, Belleville, IL, on March 24<sup>th</sup>. #18 Univar USA - \$4,565.00 – Mosquito Spray for Public Works. Spraying will commence during the summer months.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$824,356.09. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

**BIDS & QUOTES**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for Council's consideration a Recommendation to Accept Bids Received by the Foreign Fire Insurance Board to Permit Renovations to Fire Station 4 at 714 S. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, as follows:

- Flooring replacement throughout
- Replace worn carpet with more robust longer lasting flooring
- Interior paint of living space
- Refurbishment of ceiling and replacement where needed
- Kitchen cabinet and countertop replacement
- Appliance replacement where needed
- Shower insert installation
- Bathroom vanity installation
- Plumbing repair and replacement as needed
- General update and modernization of the nearly 30-year-old interior of the building

No City Funds will be used for the improvements. All work will be paid by the Foreign Fire Insurance Board.

Doug Boczek, President of the Mt. Vernon Fire Department Foreign Fire Insurance Board, stated that Fire Station 4 has not been remodeled since it was built – 30 plus years. Two bids were received, both meeting the qualifications of the bid package:

1. Wheeler Construction in the amount of \$60,000.00;
2. McMillan Construction in the amount of \$117,887.00.

Bechtel recommended that City Council approve the low bid from Wheeler Construction in the amount of \$60,000.00.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to Accept the low bid from Wheeler Construction in the amount of \$60,000.00 to the Foreign Fire Insurance Board to Permit Renovations to Fire Station 4. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

**CITY MANAGER**

Brad Ruble, City Engineer, presented the Capital Projects Status Report for March:

**CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT**

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – March 2017

**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% 50%	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2017	Stage 1 is complete. Project is shut down for the winter. Water relocation to begin this week.
Perkins Avenue (10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> )	1.2 M	Design(Horner/Shifrin) Construction(Baxmeyer)	100% 70%	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2017	Road is currently open to traffic, but will reopen in the spring for finish work and widening of Rte. 37. Work to resume very soon.
Fairfield Road Resurfacing	1.2 M 80% IDOT	Design(Roundtable) Const. (SI Asphalt)	100% 99%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2016 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2016	Project is complete except for a minor item or two.
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.
44 <sup>th</sup> St. Overlay	400 K	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	10% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2017 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2017	Design is underway.
Richview Road Overla	650K	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	0% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2017 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2017	Design agreement has been signed, survey to begin soon.

**SANITARY SEWER/STORM SEWER**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Lift Station 14 Force main Replacement	1.2 M	Design(HMG) Construction	95% 0%	Pending	HMG has design nearly complete. Awaiting funding approval to proceed.
Lift Station 14 Station Replacement	2.0 M	Design(N/A) Construction	10% 0%	Pending	Heneghan has begun preliminary engineering.
S. 28 <sup>th</sup> and Jones St. Sanitary Sewer	150 K	Design(Roundtable) Construction	95% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2017 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2017	Submitting for EPA permit and putting together bid specs.
Last, Rufus, Peek St. Storm Sewer	150 K	Design(RoundTable) Construction	20% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2017 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2017	Design is underway.
Brownsville/Harlan Storm Sewer	174 K	Design(RoundTable) Construction	20% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2017 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2017	Design is underway.
Northbrook Dr.	55 K	Design(in house) Construction	10% 0%	Pending	Public Works is going to design and possibly construct.

**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 continues.
*-SRTS Marteeny 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	Bidding has been delayed due to ROW issues.

**WATER**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Broadway & Main Water Phase 2	1.0 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	100% 99%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2016 April 2017	Project is complete except for cleanup work.
S. 44 <sup>th</sup> Street Replacement	200 K	Design (Rhutasel) Construction	100% 95%	June 2016 Dec. 2016	Project is complete except cleanup work.

**INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Roads	7.3 M all project	Design(HMG) Construction	95% 0%	1 <sup>st</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 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2017	Awaiting contract documents to proceed with construction.



Nathan McKenna, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the programmatic status report for March:

**CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT**

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – March 2017

Project	Work Phase	Act. / Est. Cost	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	There has not been much interest lately on the surplus properties. We are reviewing the guidelines for the move to own program to garner more interest.
IT Improvements	Planning	18 K			Content for enjoymtvernon.com is complete. Tourism is reviewing the website for changes or additions. Website will go live within the next two weeks.
City Hall Improvements	Review	1.2 M		Ongoing	Agreement with McCoy and Howard to prepare bidding documents to move forward on the HVAC, Electrical and Plumbing upgrades. Evaluating the water issues of the basement. A leak in the main in the front of the building contributed to the water issue, which has been fixed. Small amounts of water is still getting in. Public works is working to address the issue.
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	Reviewing preliminary plans from Poettker Construction and scope of work. The request letter and documents for an extension on the grant expiration were submitted last week. Expect to hear back in the coming weeks. Will meet with potential stake holders to review the plans and ask for input on the layout and possible uses.

McKenna stated that some City election candidates are interested in a tour of the old Armory. Please contact him at 242-6802 to schedule a tour.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council’s consideration the Second Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Municipal Real Property commonly known as 145 Opdyke. Bechtel reported this property is owned by the City and was previously slated to be demolished but the demolition program was suspended due to budget cuts. An adjacent property owner, Jesse Colvin, has agreed to demolish the structures at his own expense if the City will transfer the real estate to him. He has six months to complete the demolition. The cost of demolishing the structures would cost the City between \$5,000.00 and \$7,000.00.

**Council Member May made a motion to approve Ordinance #2017-10 Authorizing the Transfer of Municipal Real Property commonly known as 145 Opdyke. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council’s consideration the Second Reading of an Ordinance Vacating an Alley. Bechtel stated that Jeremy Sneed, the owner of Trackside Restaurant, requested that the alley behind his business be vacated for future expansion of his business. He owns the property south of the alley as well. No utilities are in the alley.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to approve Ordinance #2017-11 Vacating an Alley. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council’s consideration a First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Real Estate to the City of Mt. Vernon. The Petitioning Party is Jefferson County Holdings LLC. The Planning and Zoning Commission will be meeting this Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the old Council Chambers at City Hall. The proposed annexation will be presented to the Commission. **FIRST READING.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a First Reading of an Ordinance Amending an Agreement with Good Samaritan Regional Health Center Related to Use of the City Right of Way. Howard Jones, Director of Plant Operations at SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital, appeared and stated that the plan is to add a sidewalk connecting the City's sidewalk along Veterans Memorial Drive to Good Samaritan Way. Additional lighting will be added to the area.

**Council Member May made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on an ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Council Member Moore made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-12 Amending an Agreement with Good Samaritan Regional Health Center Related to Use of the City Right of Way. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving an Agreement with McCoy & Howard Consulting Engineers, Inc. for Services Related to HVAC and Electrical Upgrades at City Hall. The engineers will complete the concept design, prepare the bid documents and oversee the construction of the mechanical, electrical and plumbing design for HVAC and electrical upgrades at City Hall. The amount of the agreement is \$65,000.00 which will be paid using the 2012 bond funds.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving an Agreement with McCoy & Howard Consulting Engineers, Inc. for Services Related to HVAC and Electrical Upgrades at City Hall. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Heneghan and Associates, P.C. for Professional Services Related to Repairs and Repainting of the Opdyke Elevated Tank. Because of the evaluation of the City's water towers last year, Opdyke Tank/Tower was found in the most need for maintenance/improvement. This is the orange elevated tank by the old high school. Work to be performed will be design, bidding and construction engineering services for the painting and renovation of the Opdyke 500,000-gallon elevated tank. This agreement also includes a third-party inspection and report as well as construction observation and final report to insure the work is being performed properly. The capital improvement fees will be used on this project.

**Council Member May made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving an Agreement with Heneghan and Associates, P.C. for Professional Services Related to Repairs and Repainting of the Opdyke Elevated Tank. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Reclassifying Certain Public Utilities and Sanitation Accounts for Accounting Purposes. Finance Director Merle Hollmann stated that certain water, sewer, garbage and corporate accounts should be reclassified for accounting purposes — over 200 accounts totaling \$30,001.75. These accounts are between three and four years old. This figure represents about one-third of one percent of the City's total annual sales.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Resolution Reclassifying Certain Public Utilities and Sanitation Accounts for Accounting Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

#### MAYOR

Mayor Chesley announced that Phoenix Modular Elevator is holding a ribbon cutting at their new facility located at the new Industrial Park on March 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Tours will be available to the public.

A Special Council Meeting will be held on Monday, March 13, 2017, at 4:45 p.m. at the old Council Chambers at City Hall. Items on the agenda will include, among other things, the third quarter budget review.

**CITY COUNCIL**

Council Member Piper reminded that the candidates forum will be held tomorrow night, March 7, at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a meet and greet and the forum to begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Mt. Vernon Township High School Operetta will be performed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 9, 10 and 11. This is the first theatrical performance at the new auditorium.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was held.

**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 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins  
City Clerk