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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020 in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois via teleconference due to the Covid-19 Quarantine via GoToMeeting. The Log-In for the Meeting: +1 (571) 371-3122, Access Code: 255-713-605.

Mayor John Lewis called the meeting to order.

Council Member Mike Young gave 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 November 16, 2020 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

Cameron Carlile called in questioning why the Council would waive the bidding requirements for the jet truck and total patcher. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that she would explain fully when these items are presented later in the meeting.

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 \$3,980,547.49. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

No bids and quotes were presented.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for Council's consideration the Consent to Assignment of a Miller Lake Lease Agreement. The Estate of Roger Nance wishes to assign Nance's Miller Lake Lease to Edgar Elliot, Executor of the Estate of Roger Nance. Edgar Elliot wishes to then assign the Miller Lake Lease to Cheryl Wehrheim.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve the Consent to Assignment of a Miller Lake Lease Agreement. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested Council's permission to Waive the Bidding for the Purchase of a Jet Truck from Sewer Equipment of America. She explained that this is a specialized piece of equipment that is used regularly to clean out and maintain sewer lines. The current jet truck is twelve (12) years old and due to mechanical issues; it has been out of commission for 12 months over the 12 years. Fleet Services is having difficulties getting replacement parts from the Florida based company and \$17,000 has been spent on parts alone this year. There are two companies in Illinois that manufacture jet trucks. One company manufactures hydraulic jet trucks and the other manufactures electronic jet trucks. Staff prefers the hydraulic jet truck. Source Well is a group with cooperative contracts that lists both companies' jet trucks in their discounted group pricing. The price of a brand-new hydraulic jet truck is \$488,000.00 through the discounted pricing, however prior to the meeting a new reduced price of \$443,500.76 was received and the company is willing to accept the current jet truck for an additional trade-in value. Delivery is estimated to be next June or July. Warranty and guarantees were discussed. Cameron Carlile stated that his questions were answered.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to Waive the Bidding Requirements for the Purchase of a Jet Truck from Sewer Equipment of America. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested Council's permission to Waive the Bidding for the Purchase of a Total Patcher. She explained that the current patcher was purchased in 2012 and this important piece of equipment is worn out. Fleet Services Director Mike Shannon found a

demo Total Patcher with a few hours of operation for \$78,500.00. A brand-new Total Patcher costs around \$112,000.00.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to Waive the Bidding for the Purchase of a Total Patcher. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested Council's permission to Seek a Request for Architectural Services for the Construction of a Police Department. She explained that the request included both architectural services and a needs analysis. This project has been in the comprehensive plan for many years. This is the first step of the project. The Police Department moved into the current location in 1979. There are problems with the building and the efficiency and security in the building.

Council Member Ray Botch spoke on the background of the Police Station. He said:

"I have been aware of our Police Department needs since 1970 when I was hired by Mayor Rolland W. Lewis as Mt. Vernon City Manager. At that time, the 34-man Police Department was located on the first floor of City Hall in the space now used by the 5-person Utility Department. To say the least we were overcrowded.

Due to the City's limited financial tools, we were not able to build a new facility. We were not a Home Rule Community, therefore no HomeRule Sales Tax and Bond Issues required a vote of the residents. We needed a cheaper alternative.

In 1977, the Bayer Motors Dealership Building at 10th and Harrison became available. After consulting with Police Chief and the City Council, it was decided to purchase the Bayer property for \$100,000 dollars and covert it to a Police Station at a cost of about \$200,000. What a bargain! The new Police Department was dedicated in 1979 and has served for 41 years.

It is time to build a new state of the art Police Station. We have the funding sources in place. There will be NO NEW TAX INCREASES! In fact, when I ran for City Council two years ago my platform included a new Police Station. I commend Mayor John Lewis, City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, and Chief Trent Page for bringing this much needed project forward. I look forward to helping dedicate my second Mt. Vernon Police Station."

Mayor John Lewis requested that the citizens contact him or the City Manager's Office regarding the need of a new Police Station. He listed many reasons supporting a new Police Department. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that a new Police Department could be built by the end of 2022.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Seek a Request for Architectural Services for the Construction of a Police Department. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested Council's permission to Approve Change Orders to the Sewer Project Contracted with Haier Plumbing. Haier Plumbing is currently replacing a

section of sewer line on Johnson Alley and discovered a 2-inch water line that has many breaks. The Change Order would allow them to replace the 2-inch water line with a 4 or 6-inch water line while they are replacing the sewer line. The cost of this Change Order is \$33,550.00. Bechtel explained that this project was slated to be completed in two years. Another part of the Change Order is the replacement and reinstallation of a storm sewer. The cost of this Change Order is \$11,496.00. Both were unforeseen when the sewer line project was started.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Change Orders to the Sewer Project Contracted with Haier Plumbing amounting to \$45,046.00. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for First Reading an Ordinance Amending Article 21, Section 21-126.10 and Section 21-126.10(C) Regarding Signage. The first amendment would increase the sign area for a freestanding sign from 48 square feet to 75 square feet not to exceed fifteen (15) feet in height within Permitted Non-residential Use Sites in a Residential District. The second amendment would revise the sign size height and sign size to 40 lineal feet in height and 100 square feet in area within Agricultural, Flood Plain, Business and Industrial Zoning Districts. Bechtel explained that if this Ordinance passes, no sign variances will be allowed.

First Reading was held.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Requesting an IDOT Utility Permit Regarding Lift Station 14's 18-inch Force Main under Illinois Highway 142. The Utility Permit would allow the City to construct, occupy, and maintain an 18" force main under Illinois Highway 142.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Resolution Requesting an IDOT Utility Permit Regarding Lift Station 14's 18-inch Force Main under Illinois Highway 142. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving an Agreement for Auditing Services with Krehbiel & Associates and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute said Agreement on Behalf of the City of Mt. Vernon. This is a three-year Agreement for the years ending April 30, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Resolution Approving an Agreement for Auditing Services with Krehbiel & Associates and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute said Agreement on Behalf of the City of Mt. Vernon. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving a Pipeline Crossing Agreement between Union Pacific Railroad Company and the City of Mt. Vernon and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute said Agreement on Behalf of the City of Mt. Vernon. This Agreement would allow the City to maintain and operate the underground 18-inch plastic sanitary sewer pipeline along, across and under Union Pacific Railroad Property for the Lift Station 14 Force Main.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Resolution Approving a Pipeline Crossing Agreement between Union Pacific Railroad Company and the City of Mt. Vernon and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute said Agreement on Behalf of the City of Mt. Vernon. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving a Facility Encroachment Agreement between CSX Transportation, Inc. and the City of Mt. Vernon and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute said Agreement on Behalf of the City of Mt. Vernon. This Agreement would allow the City to maintain and operate potable water pipelines along, across and under CSX Railroad Property for the 2020 EPA Water Line Project.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Resolution Approving a Facility Encroachment Agreement between CSX Transportation, Inc. and the City of Mt. Vernon and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute said Agreement on Behalf of the City of Mt. Vernon. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Renewing the Line of Credit with Banterra Bank to Provide Overdraft Protection regarding City of Mt. Vernon Banking Services. The principal amount is \$6 million with an interest rate of 1.750% for a 1-year term.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Resolution Renewing the Line of Credit with Banterra Bank to Provide Overdraft Protection regarding City of Mt. Vernon Banking Services. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

MAYOR

Mayor John Lewis announced that he will be sending the November 2020 Statistics from the various City Departments to the news media tomorrow.

Mayor John Lewis announced that Tony Iriti, JCDC Director, King City Property Brokers, City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, and he met with a company that will fill the 94,000 square feet Everbrite/Neon Plant location. The company will make the announcement of the business.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Donte Moore reminded citizens to call City Council Members, City Manager, or the Mayor for answers to questions regarding the new Police Department.

Council Member Ray Botch stated that even though the Police Academy is cancelled this year due to the virus, he remains committed to sponsoring the program.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

No comments were heard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Jo Pemberton, City Clerk