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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, July 06, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met for a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, July 06, 2020 at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

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 June 15, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

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

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Deb Smith spoke on the Consent of Assignment for a Miller Lake Lease for Larry Johnston. This item will be discussed and voted on 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 Ray Botch motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,923,711.82. 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 permission the Closure of 9th Street from Jordan to Casey on August 22, 2020 between 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the Mt. Vernon Homebrewer's Festival. The requesting party is Mt. Vernon Festivals, Inc. The Festival was postponed from June 6, 2020 to August 22, 2020 due to the Covid-19 virus.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission for the Closure of 9th Street from Jordan to Casey on August 22, 2020. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission for the Consent of Assignment for a Miller Lake Lease Agreement for Larry Johnston. The Consent of Assignment transfers the Lease Agreement dated July 7, 2008 between the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois as Lessor and Larry Johnston as Lessee, to Kelly Wayne Robinson and Angela Marie Robinson.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission for the Consent of Assignment transferring the Lease Agreement dated July 7, 2008 between the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois as Lessor and Larry Johnston as Lessee, to Kelly Wayne Robinson and Angela Marie Robinson. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested Council's permission to Request Bids for the Fire Station 4 Roof Repairs. Bechtel reported that the bay roof is leaking in several places. The building was constructed in 1982.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to Request Bids for the Fire Station 4 Roof Repairs. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested Council's permission to Seek Bids for the Engineering of the 42nd Street Right Turn Lane. Bechtel explained that the turn lane is on the north end of 42nd Street adjacent to the West Salem Trinity United Methodist Church. The Church was thanked for donating the right-of-way for this project.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for the Engineering of the 42nd Street Right Turn Lane. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Second Reading an Ordinance Amending Section 1.4- City Clerk and Section 1.6-City Treasurer of the Revised Code of Ordinances Amending the Compensation of the City Clerk and City Treasurer. This Ordinance reduces the City Clerk's salary from \$32,500/year to \$2,400/year and the City Treasurer's salary from \$6,000/year to \$1,200/year. The salaries will be effective with the next terms. Bechtel's proposal reduces the elected officials' responsibilities as well as the salaries. A second full-time position in the City Clerk's Office will be established. No public comment was heard concerning this matter.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to adopt Ordinance #2020-24, an Ordinance Amending Section 1.4- City Clerk and Section 1.6-City Treasurer of the Revised Code of Ordinances Amending the Compensation of the City Clerk and City Treasurer. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading an Ordinance Amending Article 6, Section 6.5 of the Revised Code of Ordinances, License Classifications, Permits, and Fees. This Ordinance changes the Banquet Liquor License classification to an Event Center Liquor License. It allows for consumption sales of alcoholic liquor during scheduled events. No package sales and no video gaming will be allowed.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to suspend the rules on voting on an Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to adopt Ordinance #2020-25, an Ordinance Amending Article 6, Section 6.5 of the Revised Code of Ordinances, License Classifications, Permits, and Fees. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Mt. Vernon City School District 80 to Install Radio Antennas at Casey Middle School. The antennas as part of the Police Department's Camera System will be located on the roof of Zadok Casey Middle School. The City is responsible for installing, monitoring, maintaining, and /or removing the antennas.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve the Resolution to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Mt. Vernon City School District 80 to Install Radio Antennas at Casey Middle School. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution to Approve an Amendment to the Water Service Agreement between the City of Mt. Vernon and the Village of Woodlawn. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that Woodlawn is upgrading its water transmission system and is financing the project through a loan from Rural Development of the

United States Department of Agriculture. Rural Development requested that the Water Service Agreement be amended to be extended to a term at least equivalent to the loan amortization. This Amendment extends the Agreement for forty (40) years. In the event Woodlawn's average monthly water purchases from the City is less than 5,000,000 gallons per month, the City has an option to terminate the Agreement upon the expiration of two (2) years from the date of Notice of Termination. This Amendment does not change the water rate.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Resolution to Approve an Amendment to the Water Service Agreement between the City of Mt. Vernon and the Village of Woodlawn. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

MAYOR

Mayor John Lewis presented for the Council's Advice and Consent the Appointment of Steven A. Tate to the Fire Pension Board. Tate will be replacing Merle Hollmann on the Board.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Appointment of Steven A. Tate to the Fire Pension Board. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

Mayor John Lewis reported on the June 2020 statistics from the various City Departments.

The Mt. Vernon Police Department handled 1,623 calls, which equals to about 54 calls each and every day. 73 people were arrested during the month. There were 89 criminal charges, 26 drug charges, and 13 warrants served. They also conducted 135 traffic stops resulting in 71 citations. 10 people were arrested for D.U.I., responded to 71 traffic crashes, answered 88 alarms, and had 49 community contacts. The Detective Division was assigned 30 new cases, referred 3 cases to the States Attorney, and cleared 1 case by arrest. The Tactical Unit was not activated, our K9 Team had 2 deployments, and there were 2 crime scene callouts.

The Fire Department responded to 315 alarms and calls. The City Hall Station answered 182 alarms, the Airport Station answered 16 alarms, and the 42nd Street Station answered 117 alarms. Of the responses, 233 were recorded as EMS-related, 13 of the responses were recorded as fire-related, and 4 of the responses were recorded as hazard-related. They responded to 1 structure fire, 1 cooking fire, 1 passenger vehicle fire, 1 road freight fire, 4 trash rubbish fires, 3 natural vegetation fires, 7 motor vehicle crashes with injuries, 14 false alarms, and gave mutual aid on 2 calls, and received mutual aid on 1 call. The Fire Inspection Dept. performed 6 business site inspections, 6 consultations and 1 plan review. The Fire Prevention Division performed 3 car seat inspections, 1 Red Cross Blood Drive, and there were 41 fireworks training attendees online for the month. The Fire Department would like to remind residents that since summer weather has settled in, it is important to check on the young and elderly for heat-related illnesses. Closely monitor people who depend on you for their care and ask these questions: 1) Are they drinking enough water? 2) Do they have access to air conditioning? 3) Advise them to drink more water than usual and don't wait until you're thirsty to

drink. 4) Check on a friend or neighbor and have someone do the same for you. 5) Don't forget your outdoor pets.

Public Utilities Department responded to 9 water breaks, repaired or replaced 31 services, processed 95 work orders, processed 185 JULIE locates, had no red letter disconnects, completed 39 site restorations, flushed 6 hydrants, conducted 2 water quality tests, 42 water samples were collected, and 1 fire hydrant was replaced. On the sewer side, they responded to 3 service calls resulting in 3 backed up sewer mains, 21 routine sanitary and storm mains cleaned and or televised resulting in 4,155 linear feet of sanitary sewer main cleaned and 584 linear feet of sanitary sewer televised, 3 manholes were repaired, 1 manhole was installed, 5 mains repaired, 50 foot of new main installed, 3 mains were dye tested, and 10 sewer mains were routinely treated.

Engineering and Inspection Department. They conducted no 10A Inspections due to COVID-19, and there have been 62 nuisance postings with 33 nuisance abatements. There were 5 properties condemned and 15 building permits totaling \$128,693.

Mayor John Lewis urged everyone to complete their 2020 Census. As of today, the City's Census Count is down 6,000 people, which will equal about \$63 million over the next ten years.

CITY COUNCIL

No comments were heard.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

No comments were heard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Jo Pemberton, City Clerk