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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, January 3, 2022  
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, January 3, 2022, 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>.

Log-in for the meeting is <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/357016389>

Call in Number: (872) 240-3212, Access Code: 357-016-389

Mayor John Lewis opened the meeting.

Pastor Mike Sheets from Meadowbrook Christian Church led the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS**

The Journal for the December 20, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

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

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

None.

**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 \$661,452.56. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Moore, Young and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci.**

### **BIDS AND QUOTES**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented Bid Results for the Woodland Drive Sewer Reroute and the White Oak Sewer Project. City Manager Bechtel explained this is the first project the City has bid out since experiencing price increases of pipe and other materials. The City has the funds to move ahead with the project, as there are budgeted projects that have not been started this year and the sewer capital fund has a strong balance. There were three bidders for this. The low bidder was Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$312,077.00. Staff recommendation is to award the bid to Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

**Council Member Ray Botch motioned to accept the Bid Results from Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc. for the Woodland Drive Sewer Reroute and the White Oak Sewer Project in the amount of \$312,077.00. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Moore, Young and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci.**

Haier Plumbing & Heating	Okawville, IL	\$312,077.00
J.K. Trotter & Sons	Mt. Vernon, IL	\$314,415.00
Wiggs Excavating	Benton, IL	\$321,620.00

### **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested Consent to a Miller Lake Lease Assignment from Stewart Clark to Christopher R. Marlowe. Staff recommendation is to approve the Consent.

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to Consent to the Miller Lake Lease Assignment from Stewart Clark to Christopher R. Marlowe. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Moore, Young and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci.**

### **CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution of Support for the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District Grant Application and the Rend Lake Watershed Partnership Initiative. City Manager Bechtel explained that Jefferson County Soil and Water is writing a grant that could fund watershed management projects in their territory. The City's support of the application does not cost the City anything. It does allow Jefferson County Soil and Water to use the value of any watershed projects (stormwater project) that the City is doing to be considered as match for their grant. Staff recommendation is to approve the Resolution of Support.

**Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve a Resolution of Support for the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District Grant Application and the Rend Lake Watershed Partnership Initiative. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Moore, Young and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci.**

### **MAYOR**

Mayor Lewis just asked with all the devastation we have seen in our area, that the community keep first responders in their prayers, especially law enforcement officers in Illinois, as we lost two officers within 24 hours and another still in critical condition.

### **CITY COUNCIL**

None.

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

None.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:09 p.m., City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested an Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) – Setting of a price for sale or lease of property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) – Litigation, and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) – Semi-annual review of Executive Session Minutes.

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) – Setting of a price for sale or lease of property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) – Litigation, and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) – Semi-annual review of Executive Session Minutes. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Moore, Young and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci.**

At 7:32 p.m., Mayor John Lewis reconvened the Regular City Council Meeting.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Becky Barbour*

Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk