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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, July 17, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, July 17, 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.

Rose Straeter with Broken, Loved, Healed Ministry led the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the July 3, 2023 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: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

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 Mike Young motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,626,344.68. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented the Bid Results for the Sanitary Sewer Relining in the Summersville Area. There were three bidders for this project. Staff recommendation is to award the bid to the low bidder, Visu-Sewer, in the amount of \$890,126.70. The funds are from the 1% sales tax (local funds). The City will begin this project following the mid-town project.

Visu-Sewer	E. St. Louis, IL	\$890,126.70
Inliner Solutions	Orleans, IN	\$1,962,251.50
SAK Construction, LLC	O'Fallon, MO	\$951,059.50

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to accept the Bid Results for the Sanitary Sewer Relining in the Summersville Area from Visu-Sewer in the amount of \$890,126.70. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented the Bid Results for the 2023-2024 Sidewalk Replacement Project. There were four bidders for this project. Staff recommendation is to award the bid to the low bidder, Rollie Excavating, in the amount of \$83,583.00.

Rollie Excavating	Woodlawn, IL	\$83,583.00
T & L Construction	Centralia, IL	\$190,881.50
C-Hill Civil Cont.	Campbell Hill, IL	\$210,489.00
Bevis Construction	Mt. Vernon, IL	\$144,388.00

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to accept the Bid Results for the 2023-2024 Sidewalk Replacement Project from Rollie Excavating in the amount of \$83,583.00. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Seek Bids to Reroute the Storm Sewer at 3rd Street. This will reroute the storm sewer away from under the Norfolk Southern Railroad and improve the storm sewer water collection area.

Council Member Donte Moore made a motion to grant permission to Seek Bids to Reroute the Storm Sewer at 3rd Street. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to pay off the Industrial Park Conservation Area TIF Loan. This is a loan through the IPCA TIF to fund the TIF award to Weedy Acres dba Phoenix Modular Elevator and the City would like permission to repay this loan at this time. There are enough funds in the TIF to do so.

Council Member Joe Gliosci made a motion to grant permission to pay off the Industrial Park Conservation Area TIF Loan. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Seek Bids for the Demolition of 23 Properties. There is one commercial property and 22 residential properties. This would be divided into two groups, one group requiring asbestos abatement and the other group would not require asbestos abatement. The properties are as follows:

2406	College	House
1221	Lamar	House
816	N. 7th St.	House
816	S. 21st Street	House
2010	Perkins	Commercial structure
1008	S. 22nd St.	House
621	White	Mobile Home
814	S. 19th Street	House
427	Perkins	House
2126	Perkins	House
309	N. 4th Street	House
1300	S. 5th Street	House
520	S. 17th Street	House
721	S. 17th Street	House
211	Castleton	House
816	S. 19th Street	House
305	N. 4th Street	House
601	Herbert	Mobile home
211	N. 4th Street	House
228	Castleton	House
220/222	Walnut	House
1600	Cherry	House
1018	Conger	House

Council Member Mike Young motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for the Demolition of 23 Properties. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Seek Bids for the Demolition of a Property Located at 909 Shawnee Street. This is the old Jefferson Memorial Hospital building. This project has significant asbestos to be removed. The environmental consultant has estimated the cost of removing the asbestos at \$480,000 to \$520,000. This does not include the demolition. If the City bids this demolition, then the total cost will be known, and a decision can be made whether or not to move forward. City Manager Bechtel explained she has not found a grant for this yet, however, she is looking, Until this is bid, the City does not know what to expect.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for the Demolition of a Property Located at 909 Shawnee Street. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Second Reading of an Ordinance to Annex Property at 2325 Benton Road. Petitioning Party: RCT Properties, LLC. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that under the City Ordinances, annexation is required for a new water service.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2023-27, an Ordinance to Annex Property at 2325 Benton Road. Petitioning Party: RCT Properties, LLC. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading of an Ordinance to Surplus 3 Squad Cars. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that these three vehicles have been replaced by new vehicles.

Council Member Joe Gliosci made the motion to suspend the rules and take action on the Ordinance, an Ordinance to Surplus 3 Squad Cars. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2023-28, an Ordinance to Surplus 3 Squad Cars. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Property Located at 103 North 5th Street. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that this building has been identified for demolition. Russell Brown purchased the building in front of this building and wants to acquire this property to demolish the building and add it to the front property. This agreement transfers this property to Mr. Brown in exchange for him demolishing the building.

Council Member Donte Moore made the motion to suspend the rules and take action on the Ordinance, an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Property Located at 103 North 5th Street. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2023-29, an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Property Located at 103 North 5th Street. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution for Reimbursement of Police and Fire Training and Equipment Expenses Policy. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that the City has a policy of requiring reimbursement for personal equipment purchased by the City if the employee leaves within three years. This increases the reimbursement for the Police to 100% of the cost if they leave within three years. Fire reimbursement remains the same. Chief Page asked for this change of reimbursement for the Police Department.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve the Resolution for Reimbursement of Police and Fire Training and Equipment Expenses Policy. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

MAYOR

Mayor John Lewis presented for the advice and consent of the City Council the Reappointment of Robert White to the Fire and Police Commission and the Reappointment of George Beck to the Fire and Police Commission.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to accept the Reappointment of Robert White to the Fire and Police Commission and the Reappointment of George Beck to the Fire and Police Commission. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

Mayor Lewis also wanted to thank Council Member Donte Moore for the great job on the Veterans Picnic. Council Member Moore has been very active with the Veterans and Mayor Lewis would like to see even more Veterans come out for this event next year.

CITY COUNCIL

None.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:20 p.m., City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested an Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) – Semi-annual Review of Executive Session Minutes.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) – Semi-annual Review of Executive Session Minutes. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

At 7:25 p.m., Mayor John Lewis reconvened the Regular City Council Meeting.

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

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to Release the Executive Session Minutes of January 3, 2023 and January 17, 2023. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk