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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, August 21, 2023  
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, August 21, 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.

Pastor Ron Lash with Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon 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 August 7, 2023 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: 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 Donte Moore motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$2,311,289.74. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

**BIDS AND QUOTES**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented the Bid Results for the Demolition of Nine (9) Properties. These are the properties with no asbestos. There were three bids for these structures. Heck's Excavating was the low bidder for this project. Staff recommendation is to award the bid to the low bidder, Heck's Excavating, in the amount of \$64,100.00.

Heck's Excavating	Mt. Vernon, IL	\$64,100.00
S. Shafer Excavating, Inc.	Pontoon Beach, IL	\$113,500.00
Kenneth A. Hails Excavating	Texico, IL	\$69,500.00

**Council Member Mike Young motioned to grant permission to accept the Bid Results from Heck's Excavating for the Demolition of Nine (9) Properties in the amount of \$64,100.00. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented the Bid Results for the Demolition of Fourteen (14) Properties. There were four bids for these structures which included asbestos removal. Kenneth A. Hails Excavating was the low bidder for this project. Staff recommendation is to award the bid to the low bidder, Kenneth A. Hails Excavating, in the amount of \$117,000.00.

Heck's Excavating	Mt. Vernon, IL	\$146,300.00
Kenneth A. Hails Excavating	Texico, IL	\$117,000.00
S. Shafer Excavating, Inc.	Pontoon Beach, IL	\$306,500.00
Ahrens Contracting, Inc.	St. Louis, MO	\$521,500.00

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to accept the Bid Results from Kenneth A. Hails Excavating for the Demolition of Fourteen (14) Properties in the amount of \$117,000.00. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented the Bid Results for the Demolition of a Property Located at 909 Shawnee Street. This is the old Jefferson Memorial Hospital building. There were six bids which included asbestos removal. The low bidder was RCRA, Inc. d/b/a Earth Services. Staff recommendation is to award the bid to the low bidder, RCRA, Inc. d/b/a Earth Services, in the amount of \$271,800.00.

Rezzar Demolition LLC	Crystal Lake, IL	\$288,080.00
Kenneth A. Hails Excavating	Texico, IL	\$313,000.00
Dore & Associates	Bay City, MI	\$477,300.00
Ahrens Contracting, Inc.	St. Louis, MO	\$459,700.00
S. Shafer Excavating, Inc.	Pontoon Beach, IL	\$477,000.00
RCRA, Inc. dba Earth Services	Benton, IL	\$271,800.00

**Council Member Mike Young motioned to grant permission to accept the Bid Results from RCRA, Inc. d/b/a Earth Services for the Demolition of a Property Located at 909 Shawnee in the**

**amount of \$271,800.00. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented the Bid Results to Reroute the Storm Sewer at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. There were four bidders for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Storm Sewer Project. J.K. Trotter & Sons was the low bidder for this project. Staff recommendation is to award the bid to the lowest bidder, J.K. Trotter & Sons, in the amount of \$174,240.78.

J.K. Trotter & Sons	Mt. Vernon, IL	\$174,240.78
Groundworks Contracting, Inc.	Breese, IL	\$205,032.20
Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	Okawville, IL	\$369,379.00
618 Civil Contracting, LLC	Centralia, IL	\$370,554.17

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to accept the Bid Results from J.K. Trotter & Sons to Reroute the Storm Sewer at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in the amount of \$174,240.78. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

#### **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented information including the proposed design for the Downtown Greenspace. A copy of the design was included in the packet. The Council discussed the design. It will be placed on the City's website for community members to review. Council members were all in agreement that this design is going to be a great addition for the downtown area.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Go Out for Bids for Financing Through the Downtown TIF for the Downtown Greenspace. The City can support \$2 million of the cost of the park from future tax increment in the Downtown TIF. The City would want to bid the financing of \$2 million and the balance would come from other City funds and grants.

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to Go Out for Bids for Financing Through the Downtown TIF for the Downtown Greenspace. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that the Council needs to have a discussion regarding Food Trucks and Itinerant Vendor Licenses. The regulations regarding food trucks and itinerant vendor licenses were discussed and Council members discussed ideas to improve the application process along with the fees. Information for license applications from other municipalities was given to Council members. Mayor Lewis shared additional information regarding food trucks and itinerant vendor licenses and tax information. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel also spoke about the current application and information required regarding licenses. Deputy City Clerk Becky Barbour discussed some of the problems that have been encountered with licensing within Mt.

Vernon and other communities. City Attorney David Leggans also answered questions on licensing and alternative regulations and requirements.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission for a Street Closure on Bell Street between the Alley and 11<sup>th</sup> Street on September 2, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a Family Gathering. Requesting Party: Horton Petties. Staff recommendation is to approve the street closure.

**Council Member Mike Young motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure on Bell Street between the Alley and 11<sup>th</sup> Street on September 2, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a Family Gathering. Requesting Party: Horton Petties. 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 Adopting Solar Energy Facility Regulations. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that no changes have been made to this Ordinance since the first reading and there has been no feedback from businesses or residents. The proposed Ordinance was on the City website under the announcements.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve Ordinance #2023-30, an Ordinance Adopting Solar Energy Facility Regulations. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading of an Ordinance to Increase the Number of Package Sales Beer and Wine Licenses. City Manager Bechtel explained that there are no Package Sales Beer and Wine Licenses available and there is a new business who wants to sell packaged beer and wine. This would accommodate their request. This would increase the number by one license.

**Council Member Donte Moore made the motion to suspend the rules and take action on the Ordinance, an Ordinance to Increase the Number of Package Sales Beer and Wine Licenses. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2023-31, an Ordinance to Increase the Number of Package Sales Beer and Wine Licenses. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

**MAYOR**

Mayor John Lewis wanted to commend and thank James Malone and his group "The Crew." He stated that he attended a cookout celebrating 13 years of this group making the community a better place and providing opportunities for our local youth.

**CITY COUNCIL**

None.

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

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:26 p.m., Mayor John Lewis requested an Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) Setting a Price For Sale or Lease of Property Owned by City.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) – Setting a Price For Sale or Lease of Property Owned by City. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

At 8:58 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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk