

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, January 4, 2016

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

City Clerk Jerilee Hopkins called the meeting to order. The first order of business was to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem because Mayor Mary Jane Chesley was not in attendance. Council Member Jeff May made a motion to appoint Council Member Todd Piper to act as Mayor Pro Tem to conduct the City Council Meeting. No second was required by law. There being no more nominations, nominations were closed. The roll call vote was as follows: Yeas: May, Moore and Piper. Absent: McEnaney and Chesley. Council Member Todd Piper was appointed Mayor Pro Tem to conduct this meeting.

The invocation was given by Rev. Ed Sprinkle of the Jefferson County Ministerial Association.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed present: Council Members Jeff May, Donte Moore and Todd Piper. Absent: Council Member Dennis McEnaney and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the December 21, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting was presented to Council for their consideration. **Council Member May made a motion to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, Moore and Piper. Absent: McEnaney and Chesley.**

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval. Council Member May again expressed his concern about the excessive amount of overtime pay being expended. Interim City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel advised that two firemen are back to work on light duty and three are still off on disability. She reported there was overtime hours worked by City employees due to the recent heavy rains and flooding. Some of the worst flooding was located on 32nd Street, Lambert, Park Avenue, Oakland, Bishop, 25th and Cherry Drive.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,205,377.53. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, Moore and Piper. Absent: McEnaney and Chesley.

BIDS & QUOTES

No bids were submitted.

CITY MANAGER

Brad Ruble, City Engineer, presented the following capital projects report for January, 2016:

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

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TRANSPORTATION

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
42 nd St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	4.0 M	Design(HMG) Const.(Baxmeyer)	100% 45%	Complete 2 nd Q 2016	Storm sewer south of the RR tracks is being worked on. Waiting for better weather to begin dirt work.
South 27 th Street (Jamison to Veterans)	1.7 M	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	0% 0%	Pending Pending	Project has been put on hold
N. 27 th / Old Union Rd. (Richview to Wilshire)	3.3 M	Design(HMG) Construction	95% 0%	3 rd Q 2015 4 th Q 2016	May end the project after the cemeteries. Easements being worked on.
Perkins Avenue (10 th to 12 th)	0.75 M	Design(Horner/Shiffrin) Construction(Baxmeyer)	100% 0%	Complete 1 st Q 2016	Baxmeyer was awarded the project. Still determining start date for project. Feb?
42 nd at Veterans Signals	900 K	Design(HMG) Construction	30% 0%	Pending Pending	Project is on hold.
Ambassador Roadway near new High School	1.25 M	Design(Rhutasel) Const. (ET Simonds)	100% 70%	2 nd Q 2015 1 st Q 2016	Sidewalk and Cleanup is all that remains. Road is open for traffic this winter.
Fairfield Road Resurfacing	1.0 M 80% IDOT	Design(Roundtable) Construction	90% 0%	2 nd Q 2016 4 th Q 2016	Plans are in for review. at IDOT

SEWER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Lift Station 14 Force main Replacement	1.8 M	Design(HMG) Construction	100% 0%	As needed Unknown	Project on stand still waiting for monies to become available.
Ambassador Road near new High School	300 K	Design(HMG) Const(Trotter)	100% 95%	1 st Q 2015 4 th Q 2015	Project is complete except for some dirt work cleanup. Waiting til spring to allow or settling. Sewer is functioning and operable.
Lift Station 14 Station Replacement	2.0 M	Design(N/A) Construction	0% 0%	Pending	Project is on stand still.



SIDEWALKS / TRAILS

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Richview Wide Sidewalk (27 th to 24 th on South)	400 K	Design(Heneghan) Construction(Moniger)	100% 0%	Complete 2 nd Q 2016	Moniger Const. to start project in the spring.
Wilshire Sidewalk (Richview to Old Union)	190 K	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	90% 0%	4 th Q 2015 3 rd Q 2016	Easement acquisition has begun. 8 out of 27 have been gotten. All have been mailed out.
*-SRTS Airport Rd. and Marteeny <i>McCawley Rd.</i>	200 K 80% IDOT	Design(Not Selected) Const. (Not Selected)	0% 0%	3 rd Q 2016 4 th Q 2016	Surveying has begun. Design work to follow. <i>McCawley Rd. not Airport Rd.</i>

WATER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Broadway & Main Water Phase 1	1.85 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	100% 20%	Complete 2 nd Q 2016	About to bore the RR tracks on Main St. most pipe on Main Street is installed. Main Street portion should be done by February. Then move to Broadway.
Broadway & Main Water Phase 2	1.0 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	95% 0%	2 nd Q 2016 4 th Q 2016	Phase 2 will replace from 15 th to 6 th along Main Street

INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Roads	7.3 M all project	Design(HMG) Construction	60% 0%	2 nd Q 2016 4 th Q 2017	Detailed design work has begun. North Industrial Drive, South Industrial Drive, Shiloh Drive, and Sparrow Lane.
Water & Sewer	85K Tarp, 1.285M EDP, 3.25M EDA	Design(HMG) Construction	90% 0%	1 st Q 2016 4 th Q 2016	Sent off for EPA permits. Will set a bid date soon.

Nathan McKenna, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the City Programmatic Report for January, 2016:

CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – January 2016



Project	Work Phase	Act. / Est. Cost	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Housing Program	Implementation		100% ongoing	Ongoing Ongoing	Construction continues at Woodglen Acres. Two houses are under roof with siding going on and work moving to the interior.
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 2M	100% 0%	TBD	Project on hold pending review. Project funding from IDNR suspended until review by Gov. Office. (1.55 million) in the fifth month of State fiscal year without a budget.
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Finalized the sale of one property last week. City still has 73 surplus properties available for sale. The asking price is \$500
Housing Demolition	Demolition	72K		Ongoing	Heck Excavating in the process of demolishing 9 structures, has until March 14 th to complete. Some delay due to Ameren being called out for storm repairs and being able to retire services.
City Hall Basement	Review	125 K		Complete	Estimates for Mold remediation, asbestos abatement and water drainage received.
City Hall Improvements	Review	N/A			Comprehensive report on city hall repairs is complete. Top priority listed is the boiler system (\$76K replacement cost) and the condition of the basement(\$125K).
Lincoln Park Addition	Planning Construction	1.6M	100%	TBD	Project on hold pending review. Project funding from IDNR suspended until review by Gov. Office. (400 Thousand)

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Agreement with Shiloh Township for the Jurisdictional Transfer of Sparrow Lane. Bechtel explained that it is necessary to obtain a portion of Sparrow Lane (from the centerline of Illinois Route 15 on the North running 1056 feet south on the County Road 950 E) from Shiloh Township. This will be a secondary entrance/exit to the City's new Industrial Park. A portion of the funds for construction of the Industrial Park are coming from the Economic Development Administration (EDA), they require that the City have jurisdiction of the portion of the road the City is improving. Shiloh Township is in full agreement with this jurisdictional transfer. Approval by the Illinois Department of Transportation is required.

Council Member May made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Agreement with Shiloh Township for the Jurisdictional Transfer of Sparrow Lane. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, Moore and Piper. Absent: McEnaney and Chesley.

MAYOR

Residents are reminded that the Citizens Police Academy will again be held commencing Tuesday, January 12, 2016 for six consecutive Tuesdays at the Municipal West Building, 200 Potomac Blvd. Contact the Police Department for more information at 618-242-2131 or stop by the Police Department Headquarters at 211 N. 10th Street.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Moore noted that several residents have commended the City for the thorough communication regarding the road closures on the reconstruction of North 42nd Street. They have been kept well informed, and it is very much appreciated.

VISITORS/CITIZEN REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

No visitors appeared before the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Moore made a motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, Moore and Piper. Absent: McEnaney and Chesley.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk