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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Public Budget Hearing
Monday, April 15, 2019
6:45 p.m.**

Mayor John Lewis called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed present: Council Member Jim Rippey, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis. Absent: Council Member Jeff May. Council Member Donte Moore joined the meeting after roll call was taken.

PUBLIC HEARING

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that by statutory rules and regulations, the City is required to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020. A Budget Workshop was held on Friday, April 5, 2019 and notice of this Public Hearing was published in the local newspaper. Adoption of the Budget is on the April 15, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting Agenda for approval. A copy of the proposed Budget has been on display in the City Clerk's Office since April 5, 2019. The Public Hearing is held to allow the public to make comments on the proposed Budget.

Finance Director Merle Hollmann explained that the proposed Budget is the same as the one presented at the Budget Workshop Meeting except for the addition of capital items listed on the Capital Plan B proposal. Plan B spends down the money in the Sales Tax Fund to pay for the Quality of Life Fund items totaling \$366,000, Capital Projects Account items totaling \$1,270,000, and, 1% Sales Tax Account items totaling \$2,796,000. This will include Council Member Jeff May's idea to finance money through a bond issue to allow the City to complete the projects and still have funds to pay off the 2032 Bonds which have a five-percent interest rate.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that in the future the City Council will be presented a Capital Expenditure Plan for approval. Nothing will be spent out of the accounts until the Council reviews the complete plan. A Council Workshop may be scheduled especially if it includes some kind of bond issue or financing.

CAPITAL PLAN - PLAN B							
Paid from Quality of Life							
Stormwater Projects	\$	205,000					
Lincoln Park Parking lot/Klein Field	\$	150,000					
Veterans Park Accessible Picnic Table Concrete	\$	3,800					
Veterans Park - Baseball to Soccer Field	\$	7,200					
TOTAL COSTS	\$	366,000					
Paid from Capital Projects Account			Paid from 1% Sales Tax Account				
Sidewalk Repairs -	\$	100,000	Radios (\$86,000)	\$	250,000		
New Construction Potomac Blvd. To Davidson	\$	600,000 *	Enterprise Leasing	\$	259,000		
Engineering for 44th Street Construction	\$	500,000 *	Muni West Bldg- Doors	\$	18,000		
Repairs to North and South Davidson	\$	52,000	Engineering- Mowing Crew- Mower	\$	15,000		
Engineering Department - Flooring	\$	18,000	Potomac Blvd, Impts./Turn lane/Patches	\$	50,000		
			Fire Station 4 Concrete Apron	\$	33,000		
			Police Department Server	\$	18,000		
			Surveillance Cameras/services/etc.	\$	200,000		
			Fleet Services - Vehicle Lift	\$	18,000		
			Various Road Improvements based on Water Line Construction Projects	\$	1,200,000 *		
			Bridge Replacement/Forest Ave/Vet. Pk	\$	195,000 *		
			Dump Trucks	2	\$	240,000	
			So. 26th Street Reconstruction	\$	300,000	* MFI will pay remainder	
TOTAL COSTS	\$	1,270,000	TOTAL COSTS	\$	2,796,000		
* May require Engineering							

Mayor John Lewis asked if there were any questions or comments. No comments were heard from the audience or from the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.
Roll call: Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis. Absent: May.

Respectfully submitted,

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