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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, May 17, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, May 17, 2021 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>

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

Mayor John Lewis opened the meeting.

Pastor Mike Sheets from Meadowbrook Christian Church gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the May 3, 2021 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: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

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 Ray Botch motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$2,552,574.28. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

None.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested consent to an Assignment of a Miller Lake Lease to James & Michelle Rozycki. They own ½ or ¾ of the lease – this is for the remainder of the lease. Recommendation is to approve the assignment.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant Consent to an Assignment of a Miller Lake Lease to James & Michelle Rozycki. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Seek Bids for Materials for Annual Road Maintenance.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for Materials for Annual Road Maintenance. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Seek Proposals for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Fire Department. City Manager Bechtel introduced Fire Chief Kevin Sargent and he explained SCBA are what firefighters wear going into structures. The current ones are 15 years old and no longer meet requirements. These are included in the budget for this year.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Seek Proposals for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Fire Department. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Bid 2021-2022 Sidewalk Project. This is for sidewalks and curb around Andy Hall School and from pedestrian bridge at Casey Jr. High to Hardees. This will also help to manage the storm water in those areas.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for 2021-2022 Sidewalk Project. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Waive Bidding to Purchase a Shelter for Veterans Park. City Manager Bechtel introduced Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna to discuss the shelter. The City has this in the budget for this year. This is the shelter closest to the playground equipment. The City would replace the current one with a larger shelter – 30 X 40 with a metal roof, updated electrical work, and new sidewalk with ADA accessibility. Public Works and Parks Department will do the installation.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to Waive Bidding to Purchase a Shelter for Veterans Park. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Bid Phase Two of Sewer Line Improvement from Reservoir Through Optimist Park to Lift Station 1. This is relining and finishing up the work the City did last year.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for Phase Two of Sewer Line Improvement from Reservoir Through Optimist Park to Lift Station 1. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Bid Investigation and Cured-In-Place Lining of Sewer Lines in Woodglen Acres area. This is all of Woodglen Acres and the line going under the Interstate.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to Bid Investigation and Cured-In-Place Lining of Sewer Lines in Woodglen Acres area. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission for a Street Closure on Saturday May 29, 2021 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. for Casey Avenue Between 17th Street and 19th Street for Casey Middle School Graduation.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure on Saturday May 29, 2021 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. for Casey Avenue Between 17th Street and 19th Street for Casey Middle School Graduation. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented an Ordinance Granting Conditional Moving and Storage Operation Within the Existing Building in a B-2, Secondary Business District, at 500 S. 10th Street, Petitioning Party: Alan Sinn. City Manager Bechtel stated this has been to Planning and Zoning.

The proposal is to renovate the Borowiak Grocery Store property into a storage facility. There were no objectors at the meeting. The Commission did approve the Conditional Use.

Mr. Sinn addressed the Council and answered questions. There was a rendition of the facility given to the Council showing the future plans. There should be approximately 100 outside units in addition to the renovated Borowiak building.

Following the discussion, Council Member Donte Moore motioned that a condition to the Ordinance be made to amend the Ordinance to read there will be no outside storage of any type and conditional use requirement that the facility would strictly conform to the drawing, including but not limited to building type, location, wrought iron fencing, landscaping, signage, and color coordination. Alan Sinn stated the proposed amendment would work for him. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. No: Botch

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-20, as Amended, an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for a Moving and Storage Operation Within the Existing Building in a B-2, Secondary Business District, at 500 S. 10th Street. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. No: Botch.

City Attorney David Leggans presented an Ordinance Approving Rezoning of Property at 2620 Benton Road From B-2 Secondary Business to R-1, Low Density Residential for the Purpose of Correcting Zoning Classification for the Mortgage Lender. Petitioning Party: Bradley Breeze. This went to Planning and Zoning and there were no objectors.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-21, an Ordinance Approving Rezoning of Property at 2620 Benton Road from B-2 Secondary Business to R-1, Low Density Residential for the Purpose of Correcting Zoning Classification for the Mortgage Lender. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented an Ordinance Approving Rezoning of Property at 327 Main Street from B-2 Secondary Business to R-2, Medium Density Residential for the Purpose of Using the Dwelling Structure Situated on the Lot as a Rental Property. Petitioning Party: Wellco, LLC. This was reviewed by Zoning and Planning. There were no objectors.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-22, an Ordinance Approving Rezoning of Property at 327 Main Street from B-2, Secondary Business to R-2, Medium Density Residential for the Purpose of Using the Dwelling Structure Situated on the Lot as a Rental Property. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Second Reading an Ordinance Amending Section 16.7(m) Regarding a Sewer Rate Increase. This is for a 5% sewer increase for the operations in the sewer department.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-23, an Ordinance Amending Section 16.7(m) Regarding a Sewer Rate Increase. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading an Ordinance Declaring Surplus Municipal Property. This is for the last two Dodge Chargers in the fleet.

Council Member Donte Moore made the motion to suspend the rules and take action on the Ordinance, an Ordinance Declaring Surplus Municipal Property. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-24, an Ordinance Declaring Surplus Municipal Property. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading an Ordinance Amending Article 21, Section 21-109.7 of the Revised Code of Ordinances Regarding Recreational Vehicles. The Ordinance also Amends Article 19(b) of the Revised Code. This clarifies the wording for the use and storage of recreational vehicles within the City of Mt. Vernon.

First Reading was Held.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways Utilizing IDOT Motor Fuel Tax Funds. This is required every year for us to use our Motor Fuel Tax Funds for our road improvements.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways Utilizing IDOT Motor Fuel Tax Funds. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. The City is required to pass this Resolution if we have any Council that are eligible and want to participate in IMRF.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve a Resolution Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution to Include Compensation Paid Under an Internal Revenue Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF Earnings. City Manager Bechtel introduced Finance Director Steve Tate to explain this Resolution. The City currently has several employees that have deductions taken from their paychecks for dental and vision. They take these deductions out after tax, so it does not affect their reportable wages to IMRF. With this resolution, they can take those deductions pre-tax which saves the employee taxes and does not affect their pensionable salaries reported to IMRF.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve a Resolution to Include Compensation Paid Under an Internal Revenue Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF Earnings. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution to Enter an Agreement with United Medical Response for Installation of a Water Meter at 3000 Veterans Drive.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve a Resolution to Enter an Agreement with United Medical Response for Installation of a Water Meter at 3000 Veterans Drive. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

MAYOR

Mayor John Lewis presented for the advice and consent of the City Council, the Reappointment of Police Chief Trent Page, Fire Chief Kevin Sargent, Pastor Tim Brinson, Michael Koenke and Rolland Mays to the Minority Affairs & Human Relations Commission.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to accept Reappointment of Police Chief Trent Page, Fire Chief Kevin Sargent, Pastor Tim Brinson, Michael Koenke and Rolland Mays to the Minority Affairs & Human Relations Commission. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

Mayor John Lewis presented for the advice and consent of the City Council, the Appointment of Michael Tracey and Ryan Swan to the Minority Affairs & Human Relations Commission.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to accept Appointment of Michael Tracey and Ryan Swan to the Minority Affairs & Human Relations Commission. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY COUNCIL

None.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk