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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, December 19, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, December 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by City Attorney Bill Howard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the December 5, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting was presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

No visitors or citizens were present to speak at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel clarified the following items: #5 Downtown Development Corporation - \$100,000.00 – Downtown TIF reimbursement. DMDC received a TIF grant for roofing, electrical, tuckpointing, and interior work on the Manion Building on North 9th Street. This project has been completed. #13 Mobotrex - \$9,478.00 – traffic light repairs. Miscellaneous traffic light repairs are included in this invoice. #10 King Enterprises - \$1,800.00 – cleaning and sewer inspections in various City locations. Identified many repairs are needed to clay sewer lines on 4th & North and Cherry Streets. #11 Krehbiel & Associates - \$11,975.00 – additional work outside the scope of the original contract to comply with new accounting standard, GASB68, regarding pensions. For the first time the General Accounting Standards Board mandated certain criteria for reporting

pension liability so it was intentionally not included in the usual three-year contract with Krehbiel & Associates. There was no way to approximate the hours worked by Krehbiel to accomplish this new regulation. #19 Rend Lake Conservancy District - \$156,734.93 – November water purchases (\$175,502.93) and credit for Village of Woodlawn (\$-18,768.00). Last July, August and September the Village of Woodlawn encountered low chlorine levels and a great amount of water loss. The City worked with Woodlawn to assist in elevating their chlorine levels and RLCD negotiated a reduction in the amount owed for the water that was expended by the City to help raise Woodlawn's levels. The City is still negotiating with RLCD for a reduction in the amount owed by Woodlawn. #23 Wes Rogers Tire and Auto - \$11,015.40 – Tires and repairs (\$430.20) and Downtown TIF reimbursement – payments one and two of five. This project is complete.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$844,198.63. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

BIDS & QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for Council's consideration a Request for Permission to Seek Bids for a Long-Range CCTV Inspection System for the Public Utilities Department. This is a sewer pipeline video inspection camera system which shows the pipes' characteristics and allows for inspection and evaluation of pipelines. The camera is needed almost daily. The old camera isn't working and replacement parts are no longer available. The approximate cost for a new device will be \$70,000.00 which will be paid for with the new \$10 utility capital improvement fee.

Council Member May made a motion to approve the Request for Permission to Seek Bids for a Long-Range CCTV Inspection System. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

CITY MANAGER

Bechtel presented for Council's consideration a Preliminary and Final Plat for Mill's Subdivision at NW¼, NW¼, Section 24, T2S, R2E, Property Located at 17619 E. Angling Rd. The petitioning party is Marsha Marcum. Kyle Lansdown of Round Table Design appeared on behalf of Ms. Marcum. Marcum is subdividing the property so the house may be sold. She will retain ownership of the farmland.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Preliminary and Final Plat for Mill's Subdivision at NW¼, NW¼, Section 24, T2S, R2E, Property Located at 17619 E. Angling Rd. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration a Second Reading of an Ordinance Annexing property at 11741 E. Richview Road. Petitioning parties are Todd and Allyson Heitmeyer. New homes are being built on the property and they want City water and sewer service.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-34 Annexing Property at 11741 E. Richview Road. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration the Second Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing Tax Levy. Bechtel noted that the total Levy is \$2,765,366.00 representing a 3.99% increase over last year.

The amounts hereby levied are the following:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount Levied</u>	<u>Maximum Levy</u>
General Corporate Fund	None	No Limit
Parks and Recreation	\$381,272.00	No Limit
Emergency Management Agency	\$9,351.00	No Limit
Firefighters' Pension	\$766,433.00	No Limit
Police Pension	\$749,419.00	No Limit
IMRF	\$513,163.00	No Limit
Social Security (FICA and Medicare)	\$260,726.00	No Limit
Special Service Area #1, for promotion and management of Downtown Mt. Vernon (To be extended solely upon property within Special Service Area #1)	\$85,002.00	1.64 %
Total Levy:	\$2,765,366.00	

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-35 Authorizing Tax Levy for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2016, and ending April 30, 2017. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration an Ordinance Approving the Rezoning of Property located at 17619 E. Angling Rd. from AG; General Agriculture to R-1; Low Density Residential. The petitioning party is Marsha Marcum. Council approved a subdivision of this property earlier in the meeting.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-36 Approving the Rezoning of Property located at 17619 E. Angling Rd. from AG; General Agriculture to R-1; Low Density Residential. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Prepare and Execute a Principal Note and Security Agreement Concerning a Loan with MidCountry Bank to Finance the IMRF Early Retirement Incentive Program. MidCountry Bank submitted the quote most advantageous to the City which provides a loan in the principal amount of \$1,120,900.00, for a term of seven years, with annual payments, with no loan fees or prepayment penalties, with an annual interest rate of 3.75%.

Council Member Piper made a motion to suspend the rules and act on this Ordinance tonight. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-37 Authorizing the City Manager to Prepare and Execute a Principal Note and Security Agreement Concerning a Loan with MidCountry Bank to Finance the IMRF Early Retirement Incentive Program. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's Consideration a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Wisper ISP, Inc. for Use of Elevated Structures and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Right of Entry Agreement with Rifkin Acquisition Partners, LLC. Wisper will erect and operate RF transmission antennas and connection supply devices on the following water towers: MVN High School Tower; MVN Public Works Tower; and MVN Mall Tower.

Council Member May made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Wisper ISP, Inc. for Use of Elevated Structures and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Right of Entry Agreement with Rifkin Acquisition Partners, LLC. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's Consideration a Resolution Establishing Inclusion of Property Located at 801 and 803 Main Street into the Downtown Tax Increment Financing District. Ordinances 2008-5, 2008-6, and 2008-7 were intended to include, and did in fact include, the properties described above having PIN 07-29-376-003 and PIN 07-29-376-004 and properties should be assigned a 2006 base valuation of \$14,837.00 for 07-29-376-003 and \$14,738.00 for 07-29-376-004. This Resolution does not alter the boundaries of the Mt. Vernon Downtown Tax Increment Financing District and does not add any additional property. The Resolution confirms that said real estate was included within the Ordinances establishing the Mt. Vernon Downtown Tax Increment Financing District so that the records of the Jefferson County Taxing Authorities will reflect such fact as of the 2016 tax year and so that the 2006 base valuation needed for these properties may be assigned, although each the City of Mt. Vernon and the owner of the properties acknowledge and agree that no readjustments or recalculations by Taxing Authorities as to the properties subject of this Ordinance for taxes calculated, assessed, or distributed occurring for periods prior to the 2016 tax year shall be required nor shall any be made.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve a Resolution Establishing Inclusion of Property Located at 801 and 803 Main Street into the Downtown Tax Increment Financing District. Second by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

MAYOR

MVPD Chief Chris Deichman presented MVP Officer Brian Buss with the Lifesaving Award. Buss was nominated for the award by Cpl. Rich Johnston "in appreciation for his prompt and unselfish act of rendering aid and assistance to the infant and saving of a life," and was unanimously chosen for the honor. Buss is credited for saving an infant's life on Nov. 4. Officer Buss thanked the Council and MVFD for the award and said he hoped to keep doing well with the Mt. Vernon Police Department and make a good example of an officer.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Moore commended the MVFD for their hard work at the recent fire that destroyed the Sears store. Firefighters fought the blaze in extremely cold weather. He also thanked the Public Utilities Department for their hard work on the numerous water line breaks occurring throughout the City due to the extreme cold weather.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Piper made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk