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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 18, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

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Mayor John Lewis opened the meeting.

Pastor Mike Sheets from Meadowbrook Christian Church led 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 January 3, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. 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 \$1,487,339.74. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

None.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested Consent to Move Two Million Dollars from General Corporate Working Fund to the Quality of Life Capital Fund, specifically into the account for the New Police Department. Staff recommendation is to approve the Consent.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to Consent to Move Two Million Dollars from General Corporate Working Fund to the Quality of Life Capital Fund, specifically into the account for the New Police Department. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel addressed the issue of the need to update the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Mt. Vernon. The important part is community input and feedback. This year the City has engaged the services of James (Jim) Arndt of Arndt Municipal Support to facilitate the process and do the community outreach. Mr. Arndt gave a short presentation to the Council and Community Members present and answered questions. With his timeline, Mr. Arndt expects the project to be completed by August 2022.

No Motion Needed.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use at 2700 Casey Avenue to Allow for Storage Operations Within an Existing Building in a B-2, Secondary Business District. Petitioning Party is Patrick Rice. City Manager Bechtel stated Mr. Rice is purchasing the car wash behind Circle K and converting the structure into storage units. Zoning and Planning unanimously approved the conditional use. Staff recommendation is to approve the conditional use. Mr. Rice was present and answered questions posed by Council Members.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve Ordinance #2022-1, an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use at 2700 Casey Avenue to Allow for Storage Operations Within an Existing Building in a B-2, Secondary Business District. Petitioning Party is Patrick Rice. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the City of Mt. Vernon to Borrow Funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program. This is the project that includes the Lift Station #1 Force Main, Wagner Road Force Main, the large inlet pipes at the Sewer Treatment Plant, and some cured in place areas in mid-town around Mannen Street. The total estimate is \$4.5 million. Staff recommendation is to approve the ordinance.

Council Member Ray Botch made the motion to suspend the rules and take action on the Ordinance, an Ordinance Authorizing the City of Mt. Vernon to Borrow Funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2022-2, an Ordinance Authorizing the City of Mt. Vernon to Borrow Funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program. 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 6, Section 6.17; Additional Restrictions and Regulations: Subparagraph Y of the Revised Code of Ordinances. This is the liquor ordinance change that aligns the City's ordinances with the State of Illinois law regarding the delivery of package liquor. This allows Wal-Mart, Kroger, Aldi to sell alcohol through their website pick up service, or through a third-party contractor to deliver. Individuals delivering alcohol must be over 21 years old and the alcohol can only be delivered to a person who is over 21 years old.

Council Member Ray Botch made the motion to suspend the rules and take action on the Ordinance, an Ordinance Amending Article 6, Section 6.17; Additional Restrictions and Regulations: Subparagraph Y of the Revised Code of Ordinances. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2022-3, an Ordinance Amending Article 6, Section 6.17; Additional Restrictions and Regulations: Subparagraph Y of the Revised Code of Ordinances. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

MAYOR

Mayor Lewis introduced Police Chief Trent Page to present the 2021 Officer of the Year Award. Chief Page explained that each year the department selects an Officer of the Year. In January, e-mails were sent out to shift commanders and officers requesting nominations for Officer of the Year. This year there were three nominations for this award. Officers nominated for this award may be nominated for varied reasons, such as many good deeds, lots of arrests, their work on

big cases, and being a solid officer. Once these nominations are accepted by the department, an Awards Committee reviews the nominations and votes for the most deserving.

The officer nominated this year has been on the department for four years and is as solid as they come as a police officer. We can count on him every day when he comes in to work to have a positive attitude and positive work ethic, community interaction is extremely high, he has a good relationship with everyone on the street and those within the department. The most important function he does is as a Field Training Officer. He is one of our strongest field training officers, and I would like to see him go far within the department in the future. The 2021 Officer of the Year is awarded to Braden Kelley.

Mayor Lewis announced that the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce is holding its monthly luncheon on Thursday, January 27 at 11:30 a.m. at the Doubletree, where he will be giving the State of the City Address. He stated he will highlight what all the departments have done, how the employees are dedicated to what happens in the City, and future ideas that we have.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Joe Gliosci congratulated Officer Kelley for his award of Officer of the Year.

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: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Council Member Ray Botch had stepped out of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk