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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 6, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 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>
Log-in for the meeting is <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/357016389>
Call in Number: (872) 240-3212, Access Code: 357-016-389.

Mayor John Lewis opened the meeting.

Councilman Mike Young 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 June 21, 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

Greg Sims of 4109 Victoria addressed the council regarding an issue with the fireworks in his neighborhood. Police were called and the persons at the residence stated they had a permit. Mr. Sims stated that Article 12.8(a) of the City Ordinances states that no person shall discharge fireworks within the Corporate Limits of the City and that the Police should have shut them down and that he had filed a complaint. Allen Bryan of 608 Seville Drive and a close neighbor of Mr. Sims was also present and agreed that the fireworks should have been shut down.

There was discussion between Mr. Sims, Mr. Bryan, Mayor Lewis, Council Members, Fire Inspector Aaron Shook, Police Chief Trent Page and City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel. Fire Inspector Aaron Shook explained in detail the permit for the sale of fireworks, and also the display permit which is a different permit.

The Council agreed that there was some confusion in the wording and that they will look at the Ordinance and see what, if any, changes need to be made, and also make sure staff is informed.

Allen Bryan also addressed the council regarding the speeding on N. 42nd Street and wanted to make Council aware to see if something could be done to make N. 42nd Street safer for travel.

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 \$1,000,415.21. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented Bid Results for Woodglen Acres Sewer Re-lining Project. Low bidder was Visu-Sewer of Missouri for \$442,198.88. Staff recommendation is to accept the low bid.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to accept the Bid Results for the Woodglen Acres Sewer Re-lining Project from Visu-Sewer of Missouri in the amount of \$442,198.88. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented Bid Results for the Potomac Road Patch Project. Guinzy Construction was the low bidder with a bid of \$65,029.18. Staff recommendation is to accept the low bid.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to accept the Bid Results for the Potomac Road Patch Project from Guinzy Construction of \$65,029.18. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Seek Bids for the Demolition of the Johnston Funeral Home Building at 122 N. 10th Street. The City is planning to pay for this out of the Downtown TIF funds.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for Demolition of the Johnston Funeral Home Building at 122 N. 10th Street. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Seek Bids for the Replacement of a Box Culvert at Johnson Alley and Optimist Park.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for the Replacement of a Box Culvert at Johnson Alley and Optimist Park. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Seek Bids for the Replacement of a Box Culvert at N. 8th Street and Brickyard Road.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for the Replacement of a Box Culvert at N. 8th Street and Brickyard Road. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Accepting and Approving a Proposal from Chastain & Associates, LLC for the Design of a Sanitary Sewer to be Installed Under Interstate 57. This is a project that has come up because of the South 44th Street construction.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve the Resolution Accepting and Approving a Proposal from Chastain & Associates, LLC for the Design of a Sanitary Sewer to be Installed Under Interstate 57. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Approving Use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Improvement of Shiloh Drive. This is for 0.72 miles to be improved on Shiloh Drive. This allows us to use Rebuild Funds that comes through the motor fuel tax distribution system. Staff recommendation is to approve the Resolution so we can move forward with the Shiloh Drive project.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Resolution Approving the Use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Improvement of Shiloh Drive. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Authorizing Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement Between the City of Mt. Vernon and Gonzalez Companies LLC for Services Relating to Improvement of Shiloh Drive. This is the Engineering Agreement with Gonzalez

Companies for \$44,000.00 to do the design for the improvement on Shiloh Drive. Staff recommendation is to approve the contract. This will be paid for from Rebuild Funds.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Resolution Authorizing Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement Between the City of Mt. Vernon and Gonzalez Companies LLC for Services Relating to Improvement of Shiloh Drive. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Approving Use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Repair of Bridge Expansion Joints on Veteran's Memorial Drive at Exit 94. This is also being paid from Rebuild Funds. There are problems on the East and West side on the approach where the road is separating from the bridge. Staff recommendation is to approve this Resolution.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve the Resolution Approving Use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Repair of Bridge Expansion Joints on Veteran's Memorial Drive at Exit 94. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Authorizing Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement Between the City of Mt. Vernon and Gonzalez Companies LLC for Services Relating to the Improvement of Veteran's Memorial Drive. This is for the engineering on this project in the amount of \$31,000.00.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Resolution Authorizing Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement Between the City of Mt. Vernon and Gonzalez Companies LLC for Services Relating to the Improvement of Veteran's Memorial Drive. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Permitting Leaf Burning Due to Special Circumstance. The City is suspending the collection of yard waste for the month of July, so due to that reason, we are asking to lift the burn ban for three days in July – July 16, 17 and 18. Citizens can burn during that time, take yard waste to the Armory to the fenced-in area, or hold until the collection of yard waste is reinstated in August.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Resolution Permitting Leaf Burning Due to Special Circumstance. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

MAYOR

Mayor Lewis commended the City on the fireworks display stating it was the best he has seen.

Mayor Lewis gave the June 2021 Status Update (see attached).

CITY COUNCIL

None.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Ray Botch left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk

June 2021

Police, Fire, Public Works, & Inspection Department Activity Summary (your tax dollars at work)

For the month of June, the Mt. Vernon Police Department handled 1702 calls which equals to about 57 calls each and every day. 59 people were arrested during the month. There were 86 Criminal charges, 17 drug charges and 19 warrants served. They also conducted 227 traffic stops resulting in 68 citations. They responded to 77 traffic crashes and answered 103 alarms. The Detective Division was assigned 60 new cases (20 narcotics, 40 criminal), cleared 20 by arrest (20 narcotics, 0 general criminal) and referred 27 cases to the States Attorney (5 narcotic division, 22 general criminal). The Tactical Unit had 1 call out, our K9 team had 8 deployments and there were 3 crime scene callouts.

The Fire Department responded to 356 alarms and calls. The City Hall station answered 181 alarms, the Airport station answered 18 alarms, and the 42nd Street station answered 157 alarms. Of the responses, 279 were recorded as EMS related, 13 of the responses were recorded as fire related, and 6 of the responses were recorded as hazard related. They responded to 2 structure fires, 2 cooking fires, 1 outside rubbish fire, 2 passenger vehicle fires, 1 road freight vehicle fire, 2 trash/rubbish fires, 15 motor vehicle crashes with injuries, 1 extrication of a victim from a vehicle, 14 false alarms, and gave mutual aid on 2 calls. The Fire Inspection Dept. performed 4 business site inspections, 7 consultations and 6 Plan Reviews. The Fire Prevention Division performed 3 fire extinguisher trainings, 1 fire drill, 1 public education event, 1 car seat installation and 5 in-service events for June. As summer approaches, we will see more bicyclists and motorcyclists out and about on sidewalks and streets. July brings fireworks, BBQ's and family gatherings. Please enjoy all of these events safely. In the event something does happen, remember to call 911 if you need a city response.

Our Public Utilities Department responded to 12 water breaks, repaired or replaced 1 valve, exercised 30 valves, flushed 10 fire hydrants, processed 212 JULIE locates, had 175 red letter disconnects, 36 landscaping site restorations, 7 concrete site restorations, 3 new tap inspections and had 4 boil water orders.

Engineering and Inspection Department. There were 77 nuisance postings along with 18 nuisance abatements. There were 3 properties condemned so the total # of condemned properties waiting to be demolished is 53.