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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, November 20, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, November 20, 2023 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>.

Mayor John Lewis opened the meeting.

Council Member 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 November 6, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

Council Member Mike Young 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 the Council for approval.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,146,370.56. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented the Quote Results for the Infield Dirt Mix for the Lincoln Park Fields. The quote from Waupaca Sand and Solutions of Chillicothe, Illinois was \$34.75 per ton plus freight charge of \$55.95 per ton for a total of \$90.70 per ton. Southern FS of Marion, Illinois priced their mix at \$128.85 per ton including freight charges. Staff recommendation is to purchase the infield mix from Waupaca Sand and Solutions of Chillicothe, Illinois. Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna had provided information regarding the quotes in the Council packets. Based on the quoted prices and the square footage of the infield, it would take 130 to 195 tons for a potential total cost per field of \$11,791.00 to \$17,686.50 or \$47,164.00 to \$70,746.00 for all four fields if the quote is accepted from Waupaca Sand and Solutions. Council Member Donte Moore asked if this would take care of the drainage issues. Assistant City Manager McKenna stated that this should take care of those issues.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to accept the Quote for the Infield Dirt Mix for Lincoln Park Fields in the amount of \$90.70 per ton from Waupaca Sand and Solutions of Chillicothe, Illinois. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission for a Street Closure on North Street between 10th Street and 11th Street on Thursday, November 23, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a Thanksgiving Dinner. Requesting Party: Central Christian Church. Staff recommendation is to approve the street closure.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure on North Street between 10th Street and 11th Street on Thursday, November 23, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a Thanksgiving Dinner. Requesting Party: Central Christian Church. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for the Purpose of a Home Daycare at 14248 N. Memory Lane. Petitioning Party: Shannon Edwards. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that this was approved by Planning and Zoning 4-0. Petitioner Shannon Edwards was present to answer any questions or concerns. There were none.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2023-34, an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for the Purpose of a Home Daycare at 14248 N. Memory Lane.

Petitioning Party: Shannon Edwards. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for the Purpose of a Solar Farm at 9240 East Sahara Road. Petitioning Party: Solar Generation MW. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated this is for a 30-acre commercial solar facility. This was approved by Planning and Zoning 4-0. Peter Yannakakis, President and CEO of Solar Generation MW was present to answer questions or concerns. Council Member Joe Gliosci asked how the energy generated would be used. Mr. Yannakakis stated that it would be sold to residents of the area, generally at a discount. The residents will benefit from the use of clean energy and the discounted price. This would provide energy for approximately 1,000 homes. Mr. Yannakakis stated that the plan is to start construction immediately if and after being approved and it would take approximately 6 to 9 months to develop after construction begins. The cost of construction is between 8 and 12 million dollars. City Manager Bechtel stated this would not affect the aggregation program that the residents of the City are currently under.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve Ordinance #2023-35, an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for the Purpose of a Solar Farm at 9240 East Sahara Road. Petitioning Party: Solar Generation MW. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented an Ordinance Rezoning Property at 705 Meadowbrook from R-2 to R-M2. Petitioning Party: Heather Shelton. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated this is to place a manufactured home on the lot. The rezoning was approved 4-0 at Planning and Zoning. There were no objectors. Heather Shelton was present to answer any questions or concerns. Council Member Donte Moore asked Ms. Shelton if she had read the Ordinance to understand everything required. Ms. Shelton stated she had, and she understood what is needed.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2023-36, an Ordinance Rezoning Property at 705 Meadowbrook from R-2 to R-M2. Petitioning Party: Heather Shelton. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading of an Ordinance to Surplus Three Vehicles from the Mt. Vernon Police Department.

Council Member Ray Botch made the motion to suspend the rules and take action on the Ordinance, an Ordinance to Surplus Three Vehicles from the Mt. Vernon Police Department. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2023-37, an Ordinance to Surplus Three Vehicles from the Mt. Vernon Police Department. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Approving the Waste Service Agreement With Perry Ridge Landfill. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that the City's current contract term with Perry Ridge Landfill has expired. This is the contract where the City trucks the sludge from the Wastewater Treatment Plant to Perry Ridge Landfill. This is a one-year agreement at a cost of \$25.00 per ton. Staff recommends approving this Agreement.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Resolution Approving the Waste Service Agreement With Perry Ridge Landfill. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Approving the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Master Agreement (MABAS). City Manager Bechtel introduced Fire Chief Kevin Sargent to address the Council. Chief Sargent stated this is the Agreement that has been entered into in the past. This is just to update the Agreement because it has been about ten years since it was updated and some of the wording was redone to make it more up to date. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that Staff recommends to continue participating in the MABAS system for mutual aid.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Resolution Approving the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Master Agreement. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

MAYOR

None.

CITY COUNCIL

City Council Member Donte Moore wanted to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and let everyone know if they need a place to go for Thanksgiving dinner that Central Christian Church is providing a meal for community members.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:27 p.m., Mayor John Lewis requested an Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) - The Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the City.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) – The Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the City. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

At 7:39 p.m., Mayor John Lewis reconvened the Regular City Council Meeting. Roll call showed present: Council Member Ray Botch, Council Member Joe Gliosci, Council Member Donte Moore, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk