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**Public Hearing
City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Downstate Small Business Grant Closing
Monday, July 19, 2021
6:45 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met for a Public Hearing to hear comments regarding the Downstate Small Business Grant Closing on July 19, 2021, at City Hall in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Mayor John Lewis called the Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m.

Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/MtVernonIL/>

Present: Council Member Ray Botch, Council Member Joe Gliosci, Council Member Donte Moore, and Mayor John Lewis. Absent: Council Member Mike Young.

Others present in-person: City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna, Deputy City Clerk Becky Barbour, Finance Director Steve Tate, Director of Mt. Vernon Convention & Visitors Bureau Angela Schrum, Police Chief Trent Page, and Assistant Police Chief Robert Brands.

PUBLIC HEARING

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel introduced Angela Schrum, Director of the Mt. Vernon Convention and Visitors Bureau. This is a Public Hearing to fulfill the requirements of the Downstate Small Business Grant Closing.

Angela Schrum made the following remarks:

"This hearing is to allow for public comment on the grantees performance under the grant, to report outcomes, and to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the program activities and on the performance of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Downstate Small Business Stabilization (DSBS) grants.

The grants for this hearing include:

Grant #13-244392 in the amount of \$6,600.00 to Off Broadway Dry Cleaners Company to be used for utility expenses and mortgage. All funds for this grant were expended and verified as eligible under the terms of the grant.

Grant #13-244303 in the amount of \$20,800.00 to El Rancherito of Mt. Vernon to be used for building rent. All funds for this grant were expended and verified as eligible under the terms of the grant."

Schrum asked if there was any public comment on these grants?

Council Member Ray Botch asked if these were the only two grants and Director Schrum stated there were four other grants that were concluded and the close out hearing was held in March.

Council Member Donte Moore asked if there were any of these grants out. Director Schrum stated that the program has ended, and this will conclude with the finalization of the paperwork.

Mayor John Lewis asked if there were any additional questions or comments. No other comments were heard from the audience or from the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor John Lewis adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour
Deputy City Clerk