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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met for a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Mayor John Lewis called the meeting to order.

Council Member Mike Young gave 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 Journals for the September 8, 2020 Public Hearing, September 21, 2020 Public Hearing, and September 21, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting were presented for approval.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

No comments were heard.

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 \$684,610.42. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented the bid results for the Winter 2020-2021 Demolition of Fifteen (15) Residential Properties. Three bids were submitted. The lowest responsive responsible qualified bidder was Heck’s Excavating, Mt. Vernon, Illinois in the amount of \$118,400.00. The internal estimate was \$100,000.00.

Heck’s Excavating	Mt. Vernon, IL	\$118,400.00
Kenneth A. Hails Excavating	Texico, IL	\$125,900.00
S. Shafer Excavating	Pontoon Beach, IL	\$176,000.00

The properties are:

HOUSE NUMBER	STREET	DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURE
116	N. 7th Street	House
620	S. 19th Street	House
2200	Logan	House
14	N. Highland	House
1502	S. 13th Street	House
1101	S. 22nd Street	Mobile Home
624	S. 19th Street	House
1003	S. 24th Street	House
626	Herbert	Mobile Home
1105	S. 6th Street	House
1103	Wescott	House
1023	Shawnee	House
117	N. 6th Street	House
1113	Shawnee	House
1501	S. 12th Street	House

Bechtel explained that this is the first group of properties for demolition this year. Eighteen (18) additional properties are planned for demolition later this year and eight (8) additional properties were condemned last week. The City has applied for a State of Illinois \$225,000 Grant to help with the expenses.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to award the bid for the Demolition of Fifteen (15) Residential Properties to Heck’s Excavating, Mt. Vernon, Illinois in the amount of \$118,400.00. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented the bid results for the Reconstruction of South 26th Street from Forest to Veteran’s Memorial Drive and the Park Bridge Replacement. Five bids were submitted. The lowest responsive responsible qualified bidder was Samron Midwest Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$1,214,380.62. The internal estimate was \$1,307,425.58.

Samron Midwest Contracting, Inc.	Murphysboro, IL	\$1,214,380.62
Guinzy Construction, Inc.	Ashley, IL	\$1,236,315.94
Hank's Excavating & Landscaping, Inc.	Belleville, IL	\$1,417,050.83
Sierra Bravo Contractors, LLC	Sesser, IL	\$1,429,303.49
DMS Contracting, Inc.	Mascoutah, IL	\$1,468,231.07

Bechtel explained that this project includes the redevelopment of the bridge from one lane to two lanes.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to award the bid for the Reconstruction of South 26th Street from Forest to Veteran's Memorial Drive and the Park Bridge Replacement to Samron Midwest Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$1,214,380.62. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented the bid results for Two (2) Dump Trucks. Three bids were submitted. The lowest responsive responsible qualified bidder was Truck Center/Woody's Municipal in the amount of \$91,266.00 for a Single Axle Dump Truck and \$104,500.00 for a Tandem Axle Dump Truck. All bids met or exceeded bid specifications.

Single Axle Dump Truck	
Truck Center/Woody's Municipal	\$91,266.00
Truck Center/Knapheide	\$92,970.00
Truck Center/MTSE	\$98,113.00

Tandem Axle Dump Truck	
Truck Center/Woody's Municipal	\$104,500.00
Truck Center/Knapheide	\$104,553.00
Truck Center/MTSE	\$113,130.00

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to accept the bids for Two (2) Dump Trucks from Truck Center/Woody's Municipal in the amount of \$91,266.00 for a Single Axle Dump Truck and \$104,500.00 for a Tandem Axle Dump Truck. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented the bid results for Three (3) Ford Interceptors for the Police Department. Two bids were submitted by Ford Square of Mt. Vernon, Illinois and Vogler Ford of Carbondale, Illinois. Ford Square did not meet six specifications and cannot be considered. Vogler Ford met the specifications, however their bid of \$110,070.00 is \$5,745.00 more than purchasing through the State of Illinois at \$104,325.00. Staff recommends rejecting the bids.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to Reject the bids for Three (3) Ford Interceptors for the Police Department. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested Council's permission to Waive the Bidding Process and Purchase Three New Police Vehicles through the State of Illinois Contract. Staff recommends purchasing three (3) Ford Interceptors for the Police Department through the State of Illinois for \$104,325.00

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Waive the Bidding Process and Purchase Three New Police Vehicles through the State of Illinois Contract. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Requesting Permission from IDOT to Close IL 15 and IL 37 on December 5, 2020 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Christmas Parade.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve the Resolution Requesting Permission from IDOT to Close IL 15 and IL 37 on December 5, 2020 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Christmas Parade. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

MAYOR

Mayor John Lewis reported on the September 2020 statistics from the various City Departments.

***The Mt. Vernon Police Department** handled 1,788 calls which equals to about 60 calls each and every day. 88 people were arrested during the month. There were 110 criminal charges, 30 drug charges, and 19 warrants served. They also conducted 194 traffic stops resulting in 96 citations, 5 of which were cellphone violations. 3 people were arrested for D.U.I., responded to 73 traffic crashes, answered 85 alarms, and had 65 community contacts. The Detective Division was assigned 47 new cases and referred 41 cases to the States Attorney. The Tactical Unit had no call outs. Our K9 Team had 17 deployments and there were 7 crime-scene callouts.*

***The Fire Department** responded to 287 alarms and calls. The City Hall Station answered 157 alarms, the Airport Station answered 19 alarms, and the 42nd Street Station answered 111 alarms. Of the responses, 212 were recorded as EMS related, 16 of the responses were recorded as fire related, and 3 of the responses were recorded as hazard related. They responded to 1 structure fire, 1 passenger vehicle fire, 1 cooking fire, 1 trash rubbish fire, 1 brush fire, 1 natural vegetation fire, 2 dumpster fires, 2 outside rubbish fires, 14 motor vehicle crashes with injuries, 18 false alarms, and gave mutual aid on 2 calls. The Fire Inspection Department performed 8 business site inspections, 7 consultations, and 2 Plan Reviews. The Fire Prevention Division performed 1 fire extinguisher training, 2 school fire drills, and 1 educational in-service for the month. October hosts National Fire Prevention Week - "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Almost half of reported home fires started in the kitchen. Two-thirds of home cooking fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials. Staying in the kitchen, using a timer, and avoiding distractions*

such as electronics or TV are steps everyone can take to keep families safe in their homes. For more information, visit www.fpw.org.

Public Utilities Department responded to 11 water breaks, repaired, or replaced 16 services, processed 217 work orders, processed 200 JULIE locates, had 148 red letter disconnects, completed 75 site restorations, and 32 water samples were collected. 2 valves repaired or replaced, and 20 hydrants flushed. On the sewer side, they responded to 8 service calls, 1 backed up sewer main, 26 routine sanitary and storm mains cleaned and/or televised resulting in 1,460 linear feet of sanitary sewer main cleaned, 1 main repaired, 1 service lateral was repaired, 23 sewer mains were routinely treated and 180 hours were spent hauling debris.

Engineering and Inspection Department. They conducted no 10A Inspections due to COVID-19, and there have been 29 nuisance postings with 6 nuisance abatements. There were 4 properties condemned so the total # of condemned properties waiting to be demolished is 35 and there were 10 Building Permits totaling \$151,915.”

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Donte Moore reminded voters that early voting has begun in the State of Illinois. Voting is at the Jefferson County Courthouse from 8:15 to 4:15 Monday through Friday.

Council Member Donte Moore announced that there will be two food box giveaways this Saturday, October 10th at Landmark Church at 1304 N. 11th Street and at Corinthian Baptist Church at 1010 Newby.

Council Member Ray Botch asked if the sign issue for the First Presbyterian Church and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 3205 Broadway has been resolved. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel replied, yes.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

No comments were heard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Jo Pemberton, City Clerk