

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, March 7, 2016

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

The invocation was given by Bill Howard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed present: Council Members Dennis McEnaney, Donte Moore, Todd Piper and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley. Absent: Council Member Jeff May.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journals for the Monday, July 6, 2015 City Council Executive Session, Monday, January 25, 2016 City Council Workshop, Friday, February 5, 2016 Special City Council Meeting and the Tuesday, February 16, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting were presented to Council for their approval: **Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: May.**

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Mary Ellen Bechtel, recently appointed City Manager, was welcomed to the meeting by Council Member McEnaney. The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval. Council Member McEnaney requested an update from the City Manager on the following: Item #1 Amie D. Heck — \$44,445.00 – Demolition of 12 property structures per bid. There remains \$5,000.00 to finish out this project

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,070,954.49. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: May.

BIDS & QUOTES

Bechtel presented for Council's consideration one bid for the Fleet Services outdoor chemical storage safety locker. The bid was from Source One Supply in the amount of \$7,466.55. The bid meets EPA specifications and is within budget.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the bid from Source One Supply in the amount of \$7,466.55 for the outdoor chemical storage safety locker. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: May.

CITY MANAGER

City Engineer Brad Ruble presented the capital projects report:

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – February 2016



TRANSPORTATION

<i>Project</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Work Phase</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Est. Compl. Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
42 nd St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	4.0 M	Design(HMG) Const.(Baxmeyer)	100% 45%	Complete 2 nd Q 2016	Road is closed to through traffic. Waiting for weather to improve to continue on with construction.
N. 27 th / Old Union Rd.	2.0 M	Design(HMG) Construction	95% 0%	3 rd Q 2015 4 th Q 2016	May end the project after the cemeteries. Easements being worked on.
Perkins Avenue (10 th to 12 th)	1.0 M	Design(Horner/Shifrin) Construction(Baxmeyer)	100% 0%	Complete 1 st Q 2016	Baxmeyer was awarded the project. Expected to start this month or next.
42 nd at Veterans Signals	225 K	Design(HMG) Construction	30% 0%	Pending Pending	Looking at Public Works constructing the signals
Ambassador Roadway near new High School	1.25 M	Design(Rhutasel) Const. (ET Simonds)	100% 70%	2 nd Q 2015 1 st Q 2016	Sidewalk and Cleanup is all that remains. Road is open for traffic this winter. Completion this spring.
Fairfield Road Resurfacing	1.0 M 80% IDOT	Design(Roundtable) Construction	100% 0%	2 nd Q 2016 4 th Q 2016	On track for an April bid opening. Summer construction.

SEWER

<i>Project</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Work Phase</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Est. Compl. Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Lift Station 14 Force main Replacement	1.2 M	Design(HMG) Construction	100% 0%	As needed Unknown	Project on stand still waiting for monies to become available.
Ambassador Road near new High School	300 K	Design(HMG) Const(Trotter)	100% 95%	1 st Q 2015 4 th Q 2015	Project is complete except for some dirt work cleanup. Waiting until spring to allow or settling. Sewer is functioning and operable.
Lift Station 14 Station Replacement	2.0 M	Design(N/A) Construction	0% 0%	Pending	Project is on stand still.

SIDEWALKS / TRAILS

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Richview Wide Sidewalk (27 th to 24 th on South)	400 K	Design(Heneghan) Construction(Moniger)	100% 0%	Complete 2 nd Q 2016	Moniger Const. to start project in the spring.
Wilshire Sidewalk (Richview to Old Union)	190 K	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	95% 0%	4 th Q 2015 3 rd Q 2016	Easement acquisition has begun. 8 out of 27 have been gotten. All have been mailed out.
*-SRTS Airport Rd. and McCauley	360 K 154K IDOT	Design(RoundTable) Const. (Not Selected)	15% 0%	2 nd Q 2016 4 th Q 2016	Surveying has begun. Design work is beginning.

WATER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Broadway & Main Water Phase 1	1.85 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	100% 0%	Complete 2 nd Q 2016	Connecting services to customers on Main St. Will begin on Broadway section this month.
Broadway & Main Water Phase 2	1.0 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	95% 0%	2 nd Q 2016 4 th Q 2016	Phase 2 will replace from 15 th to 6 th along Main Street

INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Roads	7.3 M all project	Design(HMG) Construction	70% 0%	3 rd Q 2016 4 th Q 2017	Detailed design work has begun. North Industrial Drive, South Industrial Drive, Shiloh Drive, and Sparrow Lane.
Water & Sewer	85K Tarp, 1.285M EDP, 3.25M EDA	Design(HMG) Construction	90% 0%	1 st Q 2016 4 th Q 2016	Water and sewer EPA permits have been obtained. Easements will need to be acquired before bidding occurs.

Nathan McKenna, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the programmatic report:

CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – February 2016



Project	Work Phase	Act. / Est. Cost	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Housing Program	Implementation		100% ongoing	Ongoing Ongoing	Construction continues at Woodglen Acres, discussion being held to start additional houses. New semi-annual web magazine completed and will be upload to buildmtvernonil.com
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 2M	100% 0%	TBD	Project on hold pending review. Project funding from IDNR suspended until review by Gov. Office. (1.55 million) In the fifth month of State fiscal year without a budget.
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Identifying neighboring property owners to send letters offering opportunity to purchase adjacent surplus lots. Compiling a new list of recently acquired properties to be declared surplus by council.
Housing Demolition	Demolition	72K		Ongoing	Heck Excavating has 5 out of the 9 structures down from the latest bidding. Remaining fund for this fiscal year budget will go to asbestos surveying of upcoming demo project.
City Hall Basement	Review	125 K		Complete	Estimates for Mold remediation, asbestos abatement and water drainage received.
City Hall Improvements	Review	N/A			Comprehensive report on city hall repairs is complete. Top priority listed is the boiler system (\$76K replacement cost) and the condition of the basement(\$125K).
Lincoln Park Addition	Planning Construction	1.6M	100%	TBD	Project on hold pending review. Project funding from IDNR suspended until review by Gov. Office. (400 Thousand)
Republic Rewards Program	Planning	N/A	N/A	TBD	This is a grant opportunity offered by Republic Services to not-for-profit organizations. Winners are chosen by residents of Mt. Vernon through online voting using points accumulated through login recycling.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Property – Surplus Property. Bechtel noted that this Ordinance authorizes the City to sell 24 more surplus properties and items, including the 1994 Spartan Fire Pumper and the Eckles building at the corner of 9th and Jordan. **FIRST READ.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration an Ordinance Amending Article 6 Section 6.9 Number of Liquor Licenses. This creates a Restaurant with Sunday sales liquor license for Joe's Pizza formerly Girolamo's on Jordan St. The license is for beer and wine only.

Council Member Piper made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on this Ordinance tonight. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: May.

Council Member Piper made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-2 Amending Article 6 Section 6.9 Number of Liquor Licenses. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: May.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Rhutasel and Associates, Inc. regarding the 44th Street Water Line Replacement Project. This is for engineering services for the water main replacement on S. 44th Street.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Rhutasel and Associates, Inc. regarding the 44th Street Water Line Replacement project. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: May.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration of a Resolution Encouraging Residents to Vote. Jim Rippey, the City's representative on the Rend Lake Conservancy District Board, appeared to encourage citizens to vote in the primary election on the upcoming referendum regarding RLCD. The referendum states, "Shall revenues generated through the sale of water be used to support recreational activities provided by the District?"

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve a Resolution Encouraging Residents to Vote. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Nay: Moore. Absent: May.

MAYOR

No information was shared by Mayor Chesley.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Donte Moore thanked the Mt. Vernon Police Department for their participation in the recent South Side community/neighborhood watch.

Council Member Piper reminded everyone that this weekend will be the 75th Operetta at Mt. Vernon Township High School and encouraged everyone to attend.

VISITORS/CITIZEN REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ray Botch, a former City Manager in Mt. Vernon, expressed his displeasure with the process used in the selection of a new City Manager.

Richard Acklin expressed his displeasure with the process used in the selection of a new City Manager.

Roger Jacobs who resides in Wood Glen Acres appeared to request that the City construct sidewalks around the new homes being built in the neighborhood. He encouraged Council to go forward with plans to build a park at Wood Glen Acres. Lastly, he expressed his concern for the excessive amount of cars parked in the driveway and on the street at the entrance of the subdivision.

Bobby Farris reminded the community that the MVTHS Rams basketball team is in the Regional Tournament. He inquired about Arbor Day celebration at the Park and congratulated Mary Ellen Bechtel for being chosen as City Manager.

Martin Karch, John Karch and Jennifer Dilger, of 2717 Mannen, complained about the sewage in their yard and under the house due to a sewer line clean out and excessive rain. Council asked the City Manager for more information about the incident. Mr. Karch noted that there are several street lights that are not working on the I57 overpass and Shiloh Drive.

Assistant Police Chief Trent Page invited the public to the Police Department's Coffee with a Cop to be held at King City Books on North 9th Street on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Piper made a motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: May.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk