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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, June 7, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, June 7, 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.

Pastor Harold "Bumper" Quick from West Salem Trinity United Methodist Church of Mt. Vernon 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 May 17, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. 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 Council for approval.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,946,963.25. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented bid results for the 2021-22 Utility Easement Clearing Project. This is continuance of the clearing of trees and brush for our water lines and sewer lines. The low bidder was Heartland Services, Inc., from Tamaroa, Illinois, in the amount of \$20,557.24. Staff recommendation is to award the contract to Heartland Services.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to accept the bid results for the 2021-22 Utility Easement Clearing Project from Heartland Services, Inc. for \$20,557.24. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented bid results for the 2021-22 Manhole Lining Project. The low bidder was Culy Contracting, Inc. from Winchester, Indiana, in the amount of \$85,080.00. Staff recommendation is to award the contract to Culy Construction.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to accept the bid results for the 2021-22 Manhole Lining Project from Culy Contracting, Inc. for \$85,080.00. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Request Qualifications for a Traffic Study of Veterans Memorial Drive from 17th Street to 42nd Street, and 42nd Street from Veterans Memorial Drive to Broadway. A Traffic Study would show us what our best options are for managing and planning for the future.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Request Qualifications for a Traffic Study of Veterans Memorial Drive from 17th Street to 42nd Street, and 42nd Street from Veterans Memorial Drive to Broadway. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Waive Bidding Requirements and Purchase 28 Cameras to Add to the City's Current Surveillance System. We currently have 76 cameras. The Contract from Pass Security is for \$144,570.00.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Waive Bidding Requirements and Purchase 28 Cameras to Add to the City's Current Surveillance System. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Bid Demolition of Public Works Storage Facility at 27th Street & Logan Street. This is in preparation of the construction of the new Police Department.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Bid Demolition of Public Works Storage Facility at 27th Street & Logan Street. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Bid Phase 1 of South 44th Street Improvement Project from South 44th Street to Mateer Road Right-of-Way, and from South 44th Street to South 42nd Street.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Bid Phase 1 of South 44th Street Improvement Project from South 44th Street to Mateer Road Right-of-Way, and from South 44th Street to South 42nd Street. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Bid Purchase of a New Fire Truck. This will be replacing the ladder truck that has been out of service for 4-1/2 years. Chief Kevin Sargent answered questions from the Council regarding our current fleet of fire trucks.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Bid Purchase of a New Fire Truck. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Bid Roof Replacement for Station #4 on South 42nd Street.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Bid Roof Replacement for Station #4 on South 42nd Street. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Bid Potomac Road Patch Project. This is an area of Potomac that begins north of DoubleTree to the new Holiday Inn.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Bid Potomac Road Patch Project. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Bid 12th Street Curb Replacement Project. This is from Main Street to the old hospital location.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Bid 12th Street Curb Replacement Project. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission for a Street Closure for 9th Street between Harrison and Main Streets on June 11, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Requesting Party: CASA for a Fundraiser at the Granada.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure for 9th Street between Harrison and Main Streets on June 11, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Requesting Party: CASA for a Fundraiser at the Granada. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Second Reading an Ordinance Amending Article 21, Section 21-109.7, and Amending Article 19B of the Revised Code of Ordinances Regarding Recreational Vehicles. This is to clarify the current Ordinance and the enforcement of this Ordinance.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-25, an Ordinance Amending Article 21, Section 21-109.7, and Amending Article 19B of the Revised Code of Ordinances Regarding Recreational Vehicles. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Article 15 and Article 16 of the Revised Code of Ordinances and Adopting a New Article 33, All Regarding Operation of the City's Water and Sewer Systems. These changes update the current outdated Articles to reflect the City's current operation of the Water and Sewer Systems. It removes the Jaycee Lake and Miller Lake regulations from current Article 16 and places it in a new Article 33. **First Reading was held.**

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Authorizing a Representative of the City of Mt. Vernon to Sign 2020 EPA Sewer Loan Documents.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve a Resolution Authorizing a Representative of the City of Mt. Vernon to Sign 2020 EPA Sewer Loan Documents. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Governmental Body Maintenance of Traffic Control Devices Between the City of Mt. Vernon and the Illinois Department of Transportation and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said

Agreement. We have worked under these Agreements for some time and the current Agreement is ending. With this Agreement, the State of Illinois will reimburse the City of Mt. Vernon for maintenance of their traffic signals up to \$50,000.00 per year for the next 10 years. The City's recommendation is to enter into the new Agreement.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Governmental Body Maintenance of Traffic Control Devices Between the City of Mt. Vernon and the Illinois Department of Transportation and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Agreement. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Approving Contract Management Agreement with Holland Construction Services, Inc., for Overseeing the Construction of the New Police Station. The construction management company will attend pre-construction meetings, keep us informed of how much is being spent and the estimates, and manage the bidding process. This is a 24-month contract. The pre-construction cost is \$50,000.00, and 5-1/2% of the construction cost when going through the bidding process.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve a Resolution Approving Contract Management Agreement with Holland Construction Services, Inc., for Overseeing the Construction of the New Police Station. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

MAYOR

Mayor John Lewis reported on the May 2021 statistics from the various City Departments (see attached).

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Joe Gliosci shared that a couple of business owners, who have businesses in Mt. Vernon, but no longer live here, had recently visited and both had commented to him how great Mt. Vernon looks when coming off the Interstate and down Broadway.

Council Member Ray Botch added that he would like to commend City Manager Bechtel and staff on all the projects that are ongoing.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk

May 2021

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

For the month of May, the Mt. Vernon Police Department handled 1979 calls which equals to about 66 calls each and every day. 128 people were arrested during the month. There were 162 Criminal charges, 6 drug charges and 50 warrants served. They also conducted 194 traffic stops resulting in 112 citations. 5 people were arrested for D.U.I., responded to 117 traffic crashes and answered 110 alarms. The Detective Division was assigned 46 new cases and referred 8 cases to the States Attorney. The Tactical Unit had 1 call out, our K9 team had 18 deployments and there were 2 crime scene callouts.

The Fire Department responded to 339 alarms and calls. The City Hall station answered 180 alarms, the Airport station answered 19 alarms, and the 42nd Street station answered 140 alarms. Of the responses, 264 were recorded as EMS related, 10 of the responses were recorded as fire related, and 9 of the responses were recorded as hazard related. They responded to 4 structure fires, 1 passenger vehicle fire, 1 natural vegetation fire, 1 grass/brush fire, 3 trash/rubbish/dumpster fires, 24 motor vehicle crashes with injuries, 21 false alarms, 2 calls were listed under severe weather and gave mutual aid on 6 calls and received mutual aid on 1 call. The Fire Inspection Dept. performed 6 business site inspections, 9 consultations and 2 plan Reviews. The Fire Prevention Division performed 4 car seat installations, 1 Red Cross Blood Drive for the month, 4 public education events, 1 station tour, and 1 educational in-service.

As we approach the summer months and celebrations while the kids are out of school, please be mindful of the risk of exposure to the sun and how to reduce your risk of developing skin cancer. Make sure to protect your skin while enjoying outside activities this summer. Use a sunscreen 30 minutes before going out. Reapply sunscreen every two hours or after swimming or sweating. Limit sun exposure during the peak intensity hours – between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Stay in the shade whenever possible.

Our Public Utilities Department responded to 9 water breaks, exercised 9 valves, flushed 15 fire hydrants, installed 100 antennas, replaced 4 damaged antennas, replaced 4 meters, had 4 boil orders, processed 232 JULIE locates, had 139 red letter disconnects, 30 water samples were collected and had 53 site restorations.

Engineering and Inspection Department. They had 190 nuisance postings with 39 nuisance abatements. There were 3 properties condemned so the total # of condemned properties waiting to be demolished is 53 and there were 11 building permits totaling \$270,275.