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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, February 7, 2022  
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022 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>

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Mayor John Lewis opened the meeting.

Pastor Harold "Bumper" Quick from West Salem Trinity United Methodist Church led the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed present: Council Member Joe Gliosci, Council Member Donte Moore, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis. Absent: Council Member Ray Botch.

**PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS**

The Journal for the January 18, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

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

**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 Donte Moore motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$645,237.80. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

### **BIDS AND QUOTES**

None.

### **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission for a Street Closure on 11<sup>th</sup> Street between Casey and Jordan on March 5, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a fundraiser at the Elks.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure on 11<sup>th</sup> Street between Casey and Jordan on March 5, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a fundraiser at the Elks. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Seek Bids for the IEPA Sewer Project. This is to bid the large sewer project that includes the sewer plant inlet lines, the Maple Street and Wagner Force Mains and the relining of the sewer lines in the area of Mannen Street. This is a \$4.4 million project.

**Council Member Mike Young motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for the IEPA Sewer Project. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Seek Bids on the Reservoir Drawdown Project. This project is designed to help the City manage storm water in large rain events. Pipe will be installed which would open and close as needed to manage the level of the water in the reservoir and help store more surface water during rain events.

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids on the Reservoir Drawdown Project. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

### **CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading of an Ordinance of the City of Mt. Vernon, Closing Out and Dissolving Special Service Area No. 1 and Abating Tax Levy for Special Service Area No. 1. City Manager Bechtel explained this Ordinance abates the Special Service

Area Property Tax Levy for 2021 Payable 2022, and it dissolves the taxing district as of April 30, 2022. The expenses that have been funded through this levy will be added to the Public Work's budget.

**First Reading was held.**

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Article 9, Section 9.3 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Vernon. City Manager Bechtel explained that the City has had several businesses who have requested the ability to install a propane filling station as a service for their customers. This Ordinance will add the ability to apply for a conditional use for this service in B-2, B-3, B-PL, and IPCA-PUD zoning. All of the restrictions are listed in the Conditional Use Notes and includes a limit on the size of tank to no more than 1,000 gallons and 330 feet from security fencing to residential property.

**First Reading was held.**

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading of an Ordinance Declaring Surplus Municipal Property. City Manager Bechtel explained that these are vehicles that have been replaced in the Police Department.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci made the motion to suspend the rules and take action on the Ordinance, an Ordinance Declaring Surplus Municipal Property. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve Ordinance #2022-04, an Ordinance Declaring Surplus Municipal Property. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Initiating a Public Question for Submission to the Qualified Electors of the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois regarding the Office of City Clerk. City Manager Bechtel explained this will add the question to the next election ballot to eliminate the elected position for the City Clerk. This position would then become a staff position.

**Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve a Resolution Initiating a Public Question for Submission to the Qualified Electors of the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois regarding the Office of City Clerk. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Initiating a Public Question for Submission to the Qualified Electors of the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois regarding the Office of Treasurer. City Manager Bechtel explained this will add the question to the next election ballot to eliminate the elected position of City Treasurer.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution Initiating a Public Question for Submission to the Qualified Electors of the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois regarding the Office of**

**Treasurer. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Approving a Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation Between the City of Mt. Vernon and Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC for Traffic Study Services Relating to South 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and Veteran's Memorial Drive. City Manager Bechtel explained this engineering company will study the traffic flows and intersections on Veterans and 42<sup>nd</sup> to give us recommendations about improvements we can make to make the traffic flow more efficient. The cost of the contract is \$58,880.00.

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve a Resolution Approving a Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation Between the City of Mt. Vernon and Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC for Traffic Study Services Relating to South 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and Veteran's Memorial Drive. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Requesting a Permit From the Illinois Department of Transportation Regarding Cast Iron Pipe Replacement Under IL 15/IL 148. City Manager Bechtel explained this is for the next IEPA Water Line Replacement Project.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution Requesting a Permit From the Illinois Department of Transportation Regarding Cast Iron Pipe Replacement Under IL 15/IL 148. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

### **MAYOR**

Mayor John Lewis reported on the January 2022 statistics from the various City Departments (see attached).

Mayor Lewis also wanted to commend the Public Works Department, who worked 24 hours per day - 12 hour shifts during the snowstorm. The Mayor commented that he had received many accolades toward the Street Department on their work for this snow event.

### **CITY COUNCIL**

In regard to Mayor Lewis' statistical report, Councilman Young wanted to note his appreciation for the fire, police, EMT, first responders and the departments who take care of us and all of the citizens during unfortunate circumstances.

### **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: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk

**Jan 2022**

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

For the month of January, **the Mt. Vernon Police Department** handled 1653 calls which equals to about 53 calls each and every day. 88 people were arrested during the month. There were 97 Criminal charges, 20 drug charges and 26 warrants served. They also conducted 336 traffic stops resulting in 131 citations. They responded to 84 traffic crashes, arrested 13 for DUI and answered 75 alarms. The Detective Division was assigned 39 new cases of which 6 were narcotics and 33 were general criminal, cleared 11 by arrest in which 11 were from the Narcotics division and referred 25 cases to the States Attorney which included 7 cases from the narcotics division and 18 from general criminal. Our K9 team had 12 deployments, our crime scene unit was called out 3 times and there was 1 High Risk Team activation.

**The Fire Department** responded to 343 alarms and calls. The City Hall station answered 152 alarms, the Airport station answered 31 alarms, and the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street station answered 160 alarms. Of the responses, 244 were recorded as EMS related, 19 of the responses were recorded as fire related, and 4 of the responses were recorded as hazard related. They responded to 14 structure fires, 2 brush or grass fires, 2 carbon monoxide incidents, 7 motor vehicle crashes with injuries, 19 false alarms, and gave mutual aid on 9 calls and received mutual aid on 4 calls for the month. The Fire Inspection Dept. performed 7 business site inspection, 2 plan reviews and 3 consultations. The Fire Prevention Division performed 2 public education events, 2 fire extinguisher training classes and 3 car seat installations for the month. Every February reminds us to take care of our heart because February we observe American Heart Month. Every year more than 600,000 Americans die from heart disease. The number one cause of deaths for most groups is Heart Disease. It affects all ages, genders, and ethnicities. Risk factors include high cholesterol, high blood pressure, smoking, diabetes, and excessive alcohol use. This month start making healthy changes to lower your risk of developing heart disease today.

**Our Public Utilities Department** responded to 11 water breaks, exercised 25 valves, flushed 60 fire hydrants, processed 162 JULIE locates, handled 204 work orders, had 137 red letter disconnects, collected 22 water samples and had 3 boil water orders.

**Engineering and Inspection Department.** Had 5 nuisance postings and condemned 12 properties. Total number of properties under current contract with Kenny Hails is 30, with 13 of these properties being demolished to date. The number of condemned properties ready for future demolition is 38. 4 building permits were issued valued at \$2,183,500.