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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, December 6, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, December 6, 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.

Council Member Mike Young 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 November 15, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

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

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 \$3,122,183.20. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented the results of the Janitorial Service Proposal Requests. We received three proposals. This is for a one-year period because needs will change with the construction of the new Police Department. Staff recommendation is to go with Jason James Janitorial.

Jason James Janitorial – Mt. Vernon	\$3,100.00 per month	\$2,400.00 1-time Deep Clean
Office Mgmt. Services – Mt. Vernon	\$7,249.45 per month	\$1,293.01 1-time Deep Clean
C.E. Berry Janitorial Serv. – St. Louis	\$4,673.00 per month	\$16,766.40 1-time Deep Clean

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to accept the Janitorial Service Proposal from Jason James Janitorial. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to bid the 2021-2022 Sanitary Sewer Main Project. This is an Illinois EPA Application and project. This is for replacement of sanitary sewer line inlets into the Sewer Plant, replacement of the Wagner Force Main, replacement and reroute of the Maple Street Force Main, and relining of the Midtown Sewer Mains in the area of Mannen Street. The total estimated cost for this is \$4.4 million dollars.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to bid the 2021-2022 Sanitary Sewer Main Project. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for review of the New Police Department Facility and Budget. City Manager Bechtel introduced Ryan Savage, Laura Mollett and Brian Dayton from Holland Construction and Jared Heller and Brian Paul from Farnsworth Group, who together presented a slide presentation. Jared Heller went over the site plan, floor plan, and elevations showing the configuration of the building and how it is situated on the site. Ryan Savage then explained the cost opinion and schedule. Holland & Farnsworth representatives then answered questions posed by the Council.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to seek bids for the New Mt. Vernon Police Department Facility.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to seek bids for the New Mt. Vernon Police Department Facility. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Authorizing Tourism Attractions Grant Application to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. City Manager Bechtel explained the City is proposing additions to Lincoln Park, including a mini-golf course, parking lot, batting cages, skate park, and concessions with this funding. The grant application is for up to one million dollars and does not require a match.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution Authorizing Tourism Attractions Grant Application to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Authorizing Rebuild Downtowns & Main Streets Capital Grant Application to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. City Manager Bechtel explained that JCDC and DMDC, in collaboration with the City of Mt. Vernon, are submitting a grant to make various improvements in the Downtown area. This grant application is for three million dollars. Staff recommendation is to approve the Resolution.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve a Resolution Authorizing Rebuild Downtowns & Main Streets Capital Grant Application to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution to Adopt and Allocate Funds for an Outdoor Fitness Court as part of the 2022 National Fitness Campaign. This Resolution finalizes the Agreement for the construction of the Fitness Court. Staff recommendation is to approve the Resolution.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve a Resolution to Adopt and Allocate Funds for an Outdoor Fitness Court as part of the 2022 National Fitness Campaign. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution to Approve South 44th Street Extension – Supplemental Engineering Design Fee Request from Chastain & Associates LLC. City Manager Bechtel explained the City requested a change in this project, which caused it to be split into two phases. That change increased the cost of engineering in the first phase and added costs for the second phase. Staff recommendation is to approve the Resolution.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve a Resolution to Approve South 44th Street Extension – Supplemental Engineering Design Fee Request from Chastain & Associates LLC. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young and Lewis.

MAYOR

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

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Joe Gliosci stated that we need the new police station. He stated that the Council is not taking this action without thinking it through. It is important for the safety of our citizens.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:45 p.m., Mayor John Lewis requested an Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) – The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) – The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) – The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) – The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. Council Member Donte Moore seconded the motion. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

At 8:01 p.m., Mayor John Lewis reconvened the Regular City Council Meeting.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk

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

For the month of November, the Mt. Vernon Police Department handled 1504 calls which equals to about 50 calls each and every day. 57 people were arrested during the month. There were 58 Criminal charges, 8 drug charges and 14 warrants served. They also conducted 243 traffic stops resulting in 79 citations. They responded to 112 traffic crashes, arrested 12 for DUI and answered 73 alarms. The Detective Division was assigned 34 new cases of which 1 was narcotics and 33 were general criminal, cleared 4 by arrest in which 3 were from the Narcotics division and 1 was from general criminal and referred 29 cases to the States Attorney which included 10 cases from the narcotics division and 19 from general criminal. Our K9 team had 12 deployments, our crime scene unit was called out 2 times and there was 1 High Risk Team activation.

The Fire Department responded to 292 alarms and calls. The City Hall station answered 127 alarms, the Airport station answered 20 alarms, and the 42nd Street station answered 145 alarms. Of the responses, 211 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 5 structure fires, 1 cooking fire, 1 outside rubbish fire, 1 passenger vehicle fire, 1 grass fire, 16 motor vehicle crashes with injuries, 16 false alarms, and gave mutual aid on 3 calls and received mutual aid on 2 calls for the month. The Fire Inspection Dept. performed 6 business site inspection, 6 consultations and 3 Plan Reviews. The Fire Prevention Division performed 11 public education event, 1 educational in-service, 2 CPR classes and 1 Red Cross Blood Drive for the month. Festive celebrations, flickering lights and winter greens are hallmarks of the holiday season, but they also present fire risks that can quickly turn this festive time of year into a devastating one. More than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles. More than two of every five decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. Remember to blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed. MVPD and the City of Mt. Vernon wishes everyone a very safe and joyful Holiday Season.

Our Public Utilities Department responded to 7 water breaks, exercised 20 valves, flushed 26 fire hydrants, processed 137 JULIE locates, handled 207 work orders, had 174 red letter disconnects, 1 new tap inspection, collected 26 water samples and had 6 boil water orders.

Engineering and Inspection Department. There were 18 nuisance postings. 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 now stands at 38.