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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, November 21, 2016  
7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, November 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Brad Henson of the Jefferson County Ministerial Association.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS**

The Journal for the November 7, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting was presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, Moore, McEnaney and Chesley. Absent: Piper.**

**VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Mayor Chesley read the Public Forum Rules of Participation previously approved by the City Council, as follows:

*Participants wishing to address the City Council on matters listed on the agenda or on any other matter directly relevant to the business of the City of Mt. Vernon shall do so during the Public Participation portion of the agenda. Each person wishing to speak during the Public Participation portion shall sign a Speaker's List at the meeting prior to the start of the meeting providing his/her name and the topic to be discussed. Speakers will be recognized by the Mayor in the order the speaker's name appears on the Speaker's List. Public participation portion of the meeting shall be limited to five (5) minutes per person and to thirty (30) total minutes per meeting for all speakers,*

*unless extended by consent of the City Council. All participants are expected to exercise common courtesy and follow any rules of order established or announced by the Mayor and/or City Council.*

Mayor Chesley noted that four individuals signed the SPEAKER LIST and called the first speaker to the podium.

Earnest Overbey appeared to express concern of paying the same amount for sewer usage as water usage because of a leak at his home. Bechtel said she will review the matter and get back to him.

James Rippy again requested that the City inform, in detail, residents as to the City's indebtedness. Finance Director Merle Hollman advised he will have that information available as soon as possible.

Doug Towler, a representative for the Laborers Local 1197 and Teamsters Local 50, expressed his concern regarding the pending lay-offs and furloughs of City employees.

Ray Botch proposed a plan for preventing lay-offs of City employees and making repairs to the water system.

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval. Council Member May noted that overtime has reduced considerably. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel clarified the following items: #1 Barnard Farms - \$42,818.99 – Installment payment on Industrial Park land purchase and #2 BHM Farms LLC - \$17,181.01 – Installment payment on Industrial Park land purchase. There are three more payments remaining. #7 Haier Plumbing - \$85,758.40 – south 44<sup>th</sup> Street water line construction. The project should be completed this week and one more payment remains. #8 Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende - \$7,256.51 – EDP Industrial Park water sewer design. Still awaiting approval from the EPA and then will go out for bid. #13 Jax Asphalt - \$7,361.04 – CA 6 Rock for Perkins Avenue project (\$2,860.77) and seal coat aggregate for MFT projects (\$4,500.27). The rock is backfill for the new sewer line that was installed. Perkins will be open soon, but 10<sup>th</sup> Street won't be completed until spring. #26 UMB Bank - \$1,990,686.88 – Principal and interest payment on 2012 Bonds. Hollmann is working on compiling a list of projects funded with 2012 bond proceeds.

**Council Member May made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$3,047,231.48. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: Piper.**

#### **BIDS & QUOTES**

Finance Director Merle Hollmann presented for Council's consideration Bid Results for Janitorial Services as follows. He noted that the City has been paying \$2,650.00 per month to James Superior Cleaning for four years.

**City of Mt. Vernon, IL  
Results of Quotes for Janitorial Services  
November 18, 2016  
AMENDED**

The areas to be cleaned are:

Both floors of City Hall (exclusive of the Fire Station), Three days per week  
Both floors of the Police Station, Five days per week

The Municipal West Building, exclusive of the Chamber and the JCDC offices, Three days per week  
The Public Works/Maintenance Office Building at 1201 Casey Ave, One day per week

We have used James Superior Cleaning for the last four years at \$2,650 per month. They did not want to continue their contract.

The quotes received were:

<u>Name &amp; Address of Company Submitting Quote</u>	<u>Quote Per Month (for 2 year period)</u>	
<b>ABC Cleaning</b> Mt. Vernon, IL	\$ 2,100.00	Includes waxing/polishing/buffing all hard floors w/i 2 months and every year thereafter. Includes cleaning all carpets w/i 2 months and every 6 months thereafter.
<b>Office Management Services</b> Mt. Vernon, IL	\$ 6,239.58	
<b>Partners N Grime Kleaning, LLC</b> Mt. Vernon, IL	\$ 2,900.00	Will clean City Hall, Public Works, & Municipal West Building 5 days per week instead of above specifications. Includes waxing/polishing/buffing all hard floors w/i 3 months and every 3-6 months thereafter. Includes cleaning all carpets w/i 3-4 months and every 3-6 months thereafter.
<b>Crossroads Cleaning Co., Inc.</b> Mt. Vernon, IL	\$ 4,766.67	
<b>Servpro of the Rend Lake Region</b> Mt. Vernon, IL	\$ 3,275.00	
<b>Evans Professional Janitorial</b> Mt. Vernon, IL	\$ 9,290.00	

**Finance office recommends ABC Cleaning.**

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the bid submitted by ABC Cleaning, of Mt. Vernon, IL, in the amount of \$2,100.00. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

CITY MANAGER

No business was presented by the City Manager.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving a Conditional Sign Permit for Kaskaskia Valley Credit Union at 3100 Broadway. Jefferson County Schools Federal Credit Union was previously at this location. This sign request was unanimously approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee and there were no objectors. Carmen Ham from T Ham Sign, Inc. was present to answer questions about the request.

**Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving a Conditional Sign Permit for Kaskaskia Valley Credit Union at 3100 Broadway. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: Piper.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Terminating the Agreement with Fairmont Supply Company for use of Fairmont Field located next to Fairmont Supply Co. Bechtel advised that several years ago, the City entered a License Agreement with Fairmont Supply Co. for use of the Fairmont baseball field. The field is in disrepair and has not been used recently. Bechtel recommended that the agreement be terminated.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Resolution Terminating the Agreement with Fairmont Supply Company for use of Fairmont Field located next to Fairmont Supply Co. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: Piper.**

#### MAYOR

No business was presented.

#### CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Moore stated that Monday, November 28, will be the monthly community watch meeting at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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