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

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, November 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>.

Mayor John Lewis opened the meeting.

Pastor Harold "Bumper" Quick of West Salem Trinity United Methodist Church 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 October 17, 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: 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 \$4,987,508.77. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented Bid Results for the Forest Avenue Storm Sewer Project. This is storm sewers on Forest Avenue from 20th Street to 24th Street. There were two bidders on this project. Staff recommendation is to award the bid to the lowest bidder, J.K. Trotter & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$252,186.50.

J.K. Trotter & Sons, Inc.	\$252,186.50
Haier Plumbing	\$445,044.40

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to accept the low bid for the Forest Avenue Storm Sewer Project from J.K. Trotter & Sons, Inc. in the amount to \$252,186.50. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Seek Bids for the Purchase of One New Tractor for the Public Works Department. This will be replacing a tractor used to mow right-of-way.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for the Purchase of One New Tractor for the Public Works Department. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Seek Bids for the Demolition of the Train Station on the East Side of Mt. Vernon. Mayor John Lewis stated there has been no calls or input from the public on this issue. It has not been used for several years and has been deteriorating.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for the Demolition of the Train Station on the East Side of Mt. Vernon. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Family Life to Annex Property on Sparrow Lane and Illinois State Route 15. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that Family Life wants to tap onto the municipal water system. As required by ordinance, when (and if) this property becomes contiguous to the incorporated limits of the City, it will be automatically annexed in.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Family Life to Annex Property on Sparrow Lane and Illinois State Route 15. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement for Telecommunicators and LEADS Coordinator. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that this is a four-year agreement. The wage increases are 4%, 3%, 3%, and 3%. The pay for Emergency Management Dispatch is 2.5% each year. One personal day has been added and the perfect attendance days are removed.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve a Resolution Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement for Telecommunicators and LEADS Coordinator. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Property, that being Lot 12 of Evans and Casey's Second Addition. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that this transfers a part of a parcel to Comprehensive Connections for the construction of the new senior service facility on Perkins.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve Ordinance #2022-38, an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Property, that being Lot 12 of Evans and Casey's Second Addition. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Property, that being Surplus Vehicles. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that this is for various pieces of equipment which includes 4 backhoes, 3 dump trucks and one mower. These will go to auction at Woodlawn at a future date and the sale will be open to the public.

Council Member Ray Botch made the motion to suspend the rules and take action on the Ordinance, an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Property, that being Surplus Vehicles. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve Ordinance #2022-39, an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Property, that being Surplus Vehicles. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

MAYOR

Mayor John Lewis wanted to remind citizens to go out and vote in the election tomorrow, Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

CITY COUNCIL

None.

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, and Lewis.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk