

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, April 4, 2016

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

The invocation was given by Kim Diaz.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journals for the March 14, 2016 City Council Workshop Meeting and the March 21, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting were presented to Council for their approval: **Council Member May made a motion to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney.**

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval. Council Member May requested an update from City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel on the following: Item #3 C. Kent Renshaw - \$91,844.00 – Downtown TIF reimbursement. This represents updating electrical/infrastructure at 105 Broadway and is the one and final payment on this project. A special check written to Kip & Katrina Bauer for \$81,015.00 for Downtown TIF reimbursement. This project is located at the Art Gallery 223 at 120 9th Street. This represents three-quarters of the award. Item #8 K T Electric, Inc. - \$8,148.00 – Bringing electrical service to the new South Davidson Street lift station funded by 2016 CTNA payment for excess suspended solids and there was no cost to the City.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$786,260.73. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney.

BIDS & QUOTES

Bechtel presented for Council’s consideration Bids Results for the Salute to Freedom Fireworks Display. Tourism Director Angela Schrum appeared at the meeting. One bid was received from Central States Fireworks, the company who has provided the fireworks for the City’s Salute to Freedom event for the last several years. The bid is the same number of each size firework shell as last year. The City has been very satisfied with this company for their past presentations and the show they provide. Bechtel and Schrum recommended the bid be accepted.

Council Member Moore made a motion to accept the \$20,000.00 Bid Result for the Salute to Freedom Fireworks Display. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney.

CITY MANAGER

Brad Ruble, City Engineer, presented the City’s capital projects report:

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – April 2016



TRANSPORTATION

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
42 nd St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	4.0 M	Design(HMG) Const.(Baxmeyer)	100% 55%	Complete 3 rd Q 2016	Road is closed to through traffic. Woodglen Lane to Victoria section will be paved next.
N. 27 th / Old Union Rd.	2.0 M	Design(HMG) Construction	99% 0%	1 st Q 2016 4 th Q 2016	Have set bid opening date for May 11 th . Easements being wrapped up and final plans prepared.
Perkins Avenue (10 th to 12 th)	1.0 M	Design(Horner/Shifrin) Construction(Baxmeyer)	100% 0%	Complete 3 rd Q 2016	Construction is expected to begin any day. Having issues with the GPS system. Will begin once those are cleaned up.
42 nd at Veterans Signals	225 K	Design(HMG) Construction	100% 0%	1 st Q 2016 2 nd Q 2016	Start in about a month. Complete by August 1 st . Ordering materials presently.
Ambassador Roadway near new High School	1.25 M	Design(Rhutasel) Const. (ET Simonds)	100% 85%	2 nd Q 2015 2 nd Q 2016	Sidewalk and Cleanup is all that remains. Road is open for traffic this winter. Completion this spring.
Fairfield Road Resurfacing	1.0 M 80% IDOT	Design(Roundtable) Construction	100% 0%	2 nd Q 2016 4 th Q 2016	On track for an April 22 nd IDOT bid opening. Summer construction.

SEWER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Lift Station 14 Force main Replacement	1.2 M	Design(HMG) Construction	100% 0%	As needed Unknown	Project on stand still waiting for monies to become available.
Ambassador Road near new High School	300 K	Design(HMG) Const(Trotter)	100% 95%	1 st Q 2015 4 th Q 2015	Project is complete except for some dirt work cleanup. Waiting until spring to allow or settling. Sewer is functioning and operable.
Lift Station 14 Station Replacement	2.0 M	Design(N/A) Construction	0% 0%	Pending	Project is on stand still.

SIDEWALKS / TRAILS

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Richview Wide Sidewalk (27 th to 24 th on South)	400 K	Design(Heneghan) Construction(Moniger)	100% 10%	Complete 2 nd Q 2016	Moniger Const. has started construction. Pipe installation and curbing will be first items completed.
Wilshire Sidewalk (Richview to Old Union)	190 K	Design(Rhutasal) Construction	95% 0%	4 th Q 2015 3 rd Q 2016	Easement acquisition has begun. 10 out of 27 have been gotten. All have been mailed out.
*-SRTS Airport Rd. and McCauley	360 K 154K IDOT	Design(RoundTable) Const. (Not Selected)	60% 0%	2 nd Q 2016 4 th Q 2016	Design work is ongoing. Environmental report submitted and cleared.

WATER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Broadway & Main Water Phase 1	1.85 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	100% 40%	Complete 3 rd Q 2016	Main Street water main is complete except for concrete work. Broadway portion is ongoing.
Broadway & Main Water Phase 2	1.0 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	95% 0%	2 nd Q 2016 4 th Q 2016	Phase 2 will replace from 15 th to 6 th along Main Street. Waiting for Phase 1 to move forward a little more to bid.

INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Roads	7.3 M all project	Design(HMG) Construction	80% 0%	3 rd Q 2016 4 th Q 2017	Detailed design work has begun. North Industrial Drive, South Industrial Drive, Shiloh Drive, and Sparrow Lane.
Water & Sewer	85K Tarp, 1.285M EDP, 3.25M EDA	Design(HMG) Construction	99% 0%	1 st Q 2016 4 th Q 2016	Water and sewer FPA permits have been obtained. Easements will need to be acquired before bidding occurs. Easement documents being prepared. Site Certification forms will be submitted this week. Easement acquisition to begin.

Nathan McKenna, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the City's program report:

CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – April 2016



Project	Work Phase	Act. / Est. Cost	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Housing Program	Implementation		100% ongoing	Ongoing Ongoing	Sending out bi-weekly emails to developers and builders on current construction in Mt. Vernon. New houses in Woodglen Acres Commons are complete and on the market. Additional sites for new housing available and can be built to suit.
Republic Rewards Program	Planning	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Grant application deadline has been extended through April.
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Sale pending on two properties. Bid advertisement for the recent surplus property out this week.
Housing Demolition	Demolition	72K		Ongoing	Asbestos surveying completed on 14 properties to be included in the next round of demolition.
City Hall Basement	Review	125 K		Complete	Estimates for Mold remediation, asbestos abatement and water drainage received.
City Hall Improvements	Review	N/A			Comprehensive report on city hall repairs is complete. Top priority listed is the boiler system (\$76K replacement cost) and the condition of the basement(\$125K).
Lincoln Park Addition	Planning Construction	1.6M	100%	TBD	Project on hold pending review. Project funding from IDNR suspended until review by Gov. Office. (400 Thousand)
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 2M	100% 0%	TBD	Project on hold pending review. Project funding from IDNR suspended until review by Gov. Office. (1.55 million) in the fifth month of State fiscal year without a budget.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council's consideration an Ordinance Authorizing the Ceding of Private Activity Bonding Authority. Bechtel noted as a home rule community, \$100 per capita is allotted by the state for Volume Cap Bonds to be used by private industries moving to Mt. Vernon. If it is not used by May 1st it must either be returned to the State or ceded to another organization for use. The City has ceded their allotment (\$1,517,700.00) to SIEDA (Southeastern Illinois Economic Development Authority) the last four years, and it is the recommendation to do so again this year. NO cash is involved in this transaction. **FIRST READING.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Reclassifying Certain Public Utilities and Sanitation Accounts for Accounting Purposes. Finance Director Merle Hollmann recommended that said water, sewer, garbage, and corporate accounts should be reclassified for accounting purposes and the appropriate accounting entry made upon the financial records of the City in the amount of \$26,398.86. The City still attempts to collect these accounts.

Council Member Piper made a motion to adopt a Resolution Reclassifying Certain Public Utilities and Sanitation Accounts for Accounting Purposes. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney.

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Agreement with IDOT for Appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Maintenance of Streets and Highways. Bechtel noted this is our annual allotment of Motor Fuel Tax to be used for street maintenance.

Council Member May made a motion to adopt a Resolution Approving Agreement with IDOT for Appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Maintenance of Streets and Highways. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney.

MAYOR

Mayor Chesley read aloud a Proclamation declaring this week as the MVTHS's Robotics Week and commended the ROBORAMS for their participation in the club. An expo will be held at Times Square Mall on April 9th from 10 am to 2 pm.

Mayor Chesley read aloud a proclamation declaring the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness month. Tina Gaither, a member of the Leather and Lace Motorcycle Club, was in attendance to remind residents to watch out for motorcycles.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Donte Moore encouraged residents to attend a meeting to be held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 6 pm at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Center to discuss possible community/neighborhood gardens. He also invited residents to attend a meeting to be held at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Center on April 14th at 6 pm to discuss the formation of a dog park. In addition, he indicated that some residents are still having issues with Republic Services picking up "bulk" items. Please call Republic at 1-800-631-1156 by 5 pm on Wednesdays in order to schedule a bulk pickup for Friday.

VISITORS/CITIZEN REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Bobby Farris suggested that video cameras on local streets may help to reduce residents from speeding on City streets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk