
CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Monday, July 25, 2016

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in a Workshop Meeting on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Council Chamber Room, 2nd Floor, Mt. Vernon, IL.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley called the meeting to order. Roll call showed present: Council Members Dennis McEnaney, Donte Moore, Todd Piper and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley. Absent: Council Member Jeff May. Also present were City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, Nathan McKenna and Jerilee Hopkins.

VISITORS/CITIZEN REQUEST/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

No one addressed City Council.

PRIORITIZATION OF PROJECTS FOR THE 2012 BOND PROCEEDS

Mayor Chesley reminded everyone that the Comprehensive Plan was first developed by residents and City personnel in 2008 and 2009 and underwent a review in 2014. The Comprehensive Plan is the chief tool to enable the management of growth and the delivery of public services in a timely and efficient manner. The following areas of interest were highlighted in the plan — Quality of Life, Economic Development, Land Use, Infrastructure and Financial Strategies. Goals, objectives, and projects were listed and prioritized.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel emphasized that the needs, wants and desires for the City are always changing so the proposed prioritization of projects may be relevant today but not tomorrow.

Out of the 2010 and 2012 bond proceeds, approximately \$13 million has been spent on water and sewer utility improvements. There is about \$6.1 million remaining to be allocated to various projects. Bechtel reminded Council that the bond proceeds must be spent before December 31, 2017.

Bechtel revealed the city has the option to use all its revolving loan funding, about \$1.3 million, to improve the water and sewer system. However, to qualify, a project must be in an area that serves 51 percent low to moderate income residents. There are also low interest loan programs available for water-sewer projects through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

Several council members were hesitant to designate money for priority projects until a revenue stream is firmly established for water and sewer improvements. The council previously indicated it favors a plan to implement a meter fee and rate increase to help fund water-sewer repairs.

Council Member Jeff May joined the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSAL

Parking Lanes on Rt. 15 on IDOT resurfacing			60,000	Commitment for 2017	60,000
Ambassador Road Bridge	250	2011	200,000	Anticipating more use with H.S. open	200,000
Harlan Road 34th to Klein Field			300,000	Improves Harlan through Lincoln Park	300,000
Intersection lighting at Rt. 37 & Oakland			10,000	Have many calls from residents for this	10,000
Storm Sewer Holts Addition			150,000		150,000
Storm Sewer Bethel Road			100,000		100,000
Storm Sewer Brownsville/Harlan Rd.			174,000		174,000
Storm Sewer Northbrook Drive			52,000	Needs to b done by next year	52,000
South Water Tower from 42nd to Renaissance Apt.			130,000	Connects Renaissance sidewalk to 42nd	130,000
Aquatic Zoo Expansion			103,840	Adds 98 parking spaces	103,840
Klein Field Parking			70,455		70,455
Lincoln Park BB Field Parking			242,605	Increasing use/current poor design/surface	242,605
Complete City Hall Improvements (Basement only \$125,000)			1,200,000	HV/AC/Mold/Roof/Windows/Fnt doors	1,200,000
Armory Project			2,675,643	Used to achieve goal of attracting more	2,159,326
Electrical outlets for events (outdoor)			15,000	people to MTV/Supports events	15,000
800 AMP Electrical			80,000		80,000
Electrical Panels for outdoor events			12,000	Supports events the park	12,000
Dawson Park - Finish Parking lot			30,000		30,000
Lincoln Park					
Announcers Booth Improvement & PA System			5,000		5,000
Scoreboards			40,000		40,000
Bleachers For Soccer			10,000		10,000
Extend Backstops			33,000		33,000

Expand Lincoln Park - East side			1,626,014	with Grant; State has \$50 M to award	1,626,014
Klein Field Lighting and Scoreboard			280,000		280,000
JayCee Lake Boat Ramp			7,000		7,000
JayCee Lake Parking area			3,000		3,000
					7,093,240

Proposed Armory Project Budget

DEVELOPMENT ITEM	UNIT AMOUNT	ESTIMATED COSTS
sports flooring	1	\$197,110.00
heating and air conditioning	1	\$128,800.00
Fire suppression system	1	\$143,750.00
interior lead paint removal and painting	1	\$172,500.00
parking lot and sidewalks	1	\$150,000.00
plumbing upgrades	1	\$315,100.00
electrical upgrades	1	\$178,250.00
flooring - exterior rooms	1	\$55,200.00
Basketball backstops	2	\$10,000.00
Kitchen equipment	1	\$15,525.00
exterior cleaning and repairs	1	\$202,400.00
Ceiling tile installation	1	\$143,750.00
3 Phase electrical service	1	\$75,000.00
OPA Report Costs (REQUIRED)	1	\$1,000.00
A / E Design Fees	1	\$272,576.00
(✓) Potential Archaeological Survey		
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:		\$2,060,961.00

To date, the City has spent \$614,000 on the Armory. This amount does not include grant money. There has been no indication from the State about the previous grant application. Mayor Chesley suggested that the Armory project could be phased in.

(✓) Projects approved for PARC funding may require the completion of an archaeological reconnaissance survey on the project site. Estimated cost for such a survey may be included in the project budget.

DEPARTMENT	ITEM	TOTAL ALLOCATED FROM 2012 BONDS FOR ENTIRE PROJECT	GRANTS, TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS, DONATIONS, OR INTEREST INCOME	TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS SUM OF PREVIOUS 2 COLUMNS	TOTAL TO BE SPENT	(OVER/UNDER ENTIRE PROJECT	APPROXIMATE AMOUNT SPENT THRU 4/30/2016	% SPENT @ 4/30/2016	MONEY REED UP IF PROJECT IS NOT DONE
REVENUE FROM 1/2% HOME RULE SALES TAX									
QUALITY OF LIFE CAPITAL PURCHASES TO BE PAID FOR WITH 2012 BOND SOURCES									
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	DEMOLITION OF Town Homes	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 99,000.00	\$ 349,000.00	\$ 348,693.45	\$ 306.55	\$ 348,693.45		
TRANSFER	Transfer to Capital Projects for 8th Street East West Roadway	\$ 500,000.00		\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Industrial Park Infrastructure	\$ 3,132,200.00	\$ 4,620,000.00	\$ 7,752,200.00	\$ 7,484,288.64	\$ 268,911.36	\$ 370,122.64	5%	
PARK	Park Consulting Services	\$ 25,000.00	Transfer from Tourism - \$332,000	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,745.00	\$ 4,255.00	\$ 18,745.00		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Housing Marketing Study - Zanola	\$ 190,000.00	II. Promotion Act	\$ 190,000.00	\$ 190,065.65	\$ (65.65)	\$ 190,065.65		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Horace Mann Demolition	\$ 426,110.00	Grant - \$144,000.00	\$ 426,110.00	\$ 429,940.50	\$ (2,830.50)	\$ 429,940.50		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Industrial Park Land Purchases	\$ 1,250,000.00	Transfer from ICDL	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ 1,508,469.50	\$ (258,469.50)	\$ 1,508,469.50		
			\$278,548,584 of Pcpa						
PARK	Aquatic Zoo	\$ 5,020,000.00	old Boating - \$800; ENA Grant - \$14,671	\$ 5,020,000.00	\$ 5,014,276.20	\$ 5,723.80	\$ 6,014,276.20		
PARK	Veteran's Park West Picnic Shelter Replacement and Tables	\$ 45,000.00	Transfer from 2012 Restricted Funds	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 36,473.04	\$ 8,526.96	\$ 36,473.04		
PARK	Dawson Park Picnic Shelter Replacement and Tables	\$ 45,000.00		\$ 45,000.00	\$ 38,739.29	\$ 6,260.71	\$ 38,739.29		
PARK	Parks Improvements - Lincoln Park East (\$400,000 grant applied for)	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 869,429.00	\$ 1,619,429.00	\$ 1,626,014.36	\$ (6,585.36)	\$ 1,078,373.64	9%	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Armony Improvements (\$1,545,220.25 grant applied for)	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 2,301,691.50	\$ 3,001,691.50	\$ 2,675,643.20	\$ 326,048.30	\$ 614,682.30	21%	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	City Hall Remodeling, New Lighting, Parking lot and Repairs	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 22,649.23	\$ 222,649.23	\$ 181,179.94	\$ 41,469.29	\$ 181,179.94	ON HOLD	\$ 41,389.88
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Branding, Implementation and Way Finding	\$ 500,000.00		\$ 500,000.00	\$ 505,272.68	\$ (5,272.68)	\$ 505,272.68		
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Lift Station 14 Force Main	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 53,445.10	\$ 53,445.10	\$ 53,445.10	ON H.O.D	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Fairfield Road Resturfing	\$ -	\$ 1,029,130.92	\$ 1,029,130.92	\$ 1,311,732.65	\$ (282,601.73)	\$ 25,500.00		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Richview Road Multi-Use Trail (24th - 27th)	\$ 170,000.00		\$ 170,000.00	\$ 444,304.19	\$ (274,304.19)	\$ 235,434.28		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Casey Middle School to Cedarhurst Shared Use Trail	\$ 778,000.00		\$ 778,000.00	\$ 506,218.02	\$ 271,781.98	\$ 506,218.02		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	North 27th Street Sidewalks (Broadway to Richview)	\$ 215,000.00	Side Route to School (Grant)	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 282,919.70	\$ (67,919.70)	\$ 282,919.70		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Safe Routes to School Sidewalks (Lambson Subdivision)	\$ 112,869.00		\$ 112,869.00	\$ 432,809.31	\$ (319,940.31)	\$ 432,809.31		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	ITP Downtown Streetscape Phase 2	\$ 53,769.00	\$ 444,412.75	\$ 498,181.75	\$ 14,590.75	\$ 483,591.00	\$ 483,591.00		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Veterans and 42nd Street Traffic Signals (Just Traffic Signals)	\$ 225,000.00		\$ 225,000.00	\$ 262,500.00	\$ (37,500.00)	\$ 114,500.00	43%	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Sidewalk Repairs throughout town	\$ 300,000.00	ITP Grant	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 310,622.27	\$ (10,622.27)	\$ 310,622.27		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	ITP Veterans Park Multi-Use Trail	\$ 180,000.00	Transfer from Downtown TIF - \$75,000	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 389,348.82	\$ 209,348.82	\$ 103,806.16		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	9th Street Streetscape Phase 2A	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 200,000.00	\$ 190,441.31	\$ 9,558.69	\$ 190,441.31		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	High School Infrastructure	\$ 2,400,000.00		\$ 2,400,000.00	\$ 1,324,613.21	\$ 1,075,386.79	\$ 1,324,613.21		
PARK	Dawson Park Basketball Court Replacement	\$ 105,000.00		\$ 105,000.00	\$ 95,102.00	\$ 11,898.00	\$ 95,102.00		
PARK	Pave Lincoln Park Southeast Routed Parking Lot	\$ 221,700.00		\$ 221,700.00	\$ 242,005.00	\$ (20,305.00)	\$ 221,700.00		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Wilshire Drive Sidewalks	\$ 188,467.00		\$ 188,467.00	\$ 188,467.24	\$ (0.24)	\$ 188,467.24		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	South 42nd Street Sidewalks	\$ 275,000.00		\$ 275,000.00	\$ 316,120.76	\$ (41,120.76)	\$ 46,700.18	15%	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Summersville Safe Routes to School	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 212,418.95	\$ 212,418.95	\$ 212,418.95		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	YMCA Infrastructure	\$ 450,000.00	Interest Income	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 401,408.00	\$ 48,592.00	\$ 20,000.00	4%	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Shortfall of Bond Proceeds from Original Allocation to Project	\$ (144,407.25)		\$ (144,407.25)	\$ 156,071.99	\$ 210,479.24	\$ 450,000.00	0%	\$ 450,000.00
TOTALS		\$ 10,671,503.25	\$ 10,220,822.47	\$ 20,892,325.72	\$ 20,229,445.87	\$ 662,879.85	\$ 2,701,384.55		
									Revised Under Budget Amount: 2,374,130.41

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT	REVENUES FROM 1% FOOD & BEVERAGE TAX, 2 CENT DIESEL TAX & 1% TELECOMMUNICATION TAX								
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	South 27th Street Roadway (Ammon to Veterans) PROJECT CANCELLED	\$ 1,500,000.00		\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,496,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	PROJECT CANCELLED	\$ 1,496,500.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	North 42nd Street South of Richview Roadway	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ Transfer from Quality of Life, 2012 Bonds for Beer/ West Access Roadway	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 3,981,551.19	\$ 1,018,448.81	\$ 2,757,613.74		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	North 27th (NOT INCLUDING OLD UNION ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION)	\$ 2,540,000.00	\$	\$ 2,540,000.00	\$ 1,909,780.62	\$ 630,219.38	\$ 425,890.96	22%	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Airport Road Roadway	\$ 381,000.00	\$	\$ 381,000.00	\$ 436,513.18	\$ (55,513.18)	\$ 436,513.18		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	So 34th-Veterans/Harlan Road & 34th East/West Access Roadway	\$ 2,800,000.00	\$	\$ 2,856,908.34	\$ 443,891.66	\$ 2,856,908.34			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	North 34th and Central Roadway (PROJECT CANCELLED)	\$ 500,000.00	\$ State Portion of Project	\$ 787,159.90	\$ 22,699.75	\$ (22,699.75)	\$ 22,699.75	PROJECT CANCELLED	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Perkins Roadway Reconstruction from 10th to 12th	\$ 500,000.00	\$	\$ 1,226,659.87	\$ (439,899.97)	\$ 381,158.00			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Interest - Investments 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017	\$ (85,912.28)	\$	\$ 141,613.49	\$ (85,912.28)	\$	\$		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Shortfall of Bond Proceeds from Original Allocation to Project	\$ 12,835,087.72	\$	\$ 13,563,861.11	\$ 10,437,612.95	\$ 3,126,248.16	\$ 6,884,173.97		\$ 1,496,500.00
TOTALS			ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok

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3/21/2016								
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Revenues from Five 3% Increases to Water and Sewer Rates	\$ 5,100.00	\$ Transfer from Quality of Life	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 4,617.25	\$ 482.75	\$ 4,617.25	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Billing Services Folder/Inserter Machine	\$ 6,500.00	\$	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 6,000.00	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Trailer for Public Utilities	\$ 58,750.00	\$	\$ 58,750.00	\$ 40,950.00	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 40,950.00	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Mini Trackhoe for Public Utilities	\$ 6,594.38	\$	\$ 6,594.38	\$ 6,594.38	\$	\$ 6,594.38	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Lincoln Park East Water Line (Funded by QOL a/c 701)	\$ 67,929.00	\$ Transfer from Quality of Life	\$ 67,929.00	\$ 67,929.00	\$	\$ 67,929.00	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	34th St. Sanitary Sewer (Aquatic Center) (funded by Quality of Life, a/c 701)	\$ 2,906,201.00	\$	\$ 2,906,201.00	\$ 2,943,813.50	\$ (37,612.50)	\$ 1,181,164.49	40%
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Broadway Water Main - 4th to 14th; Main Street Water Main - 2nd to Appellate CA	\$ 170,000.00	\$	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 212,416.54	\$ (42,416.54)	\$ 212,416.54	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Replace 8" Water Main - Conger 18th - 26th Street	\$ 15,000.00	\$	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,998.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 14,998.00	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Reline 10-15 Sewer Manholes	\$ 11,000.00	\$	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 53,445.10	\$ (42,445.10)	\$ 53,445.10	ON HOLD
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Lift Station 14 Force Main - Short Street (NEVER SPENT MONEY PER STEVE MCCOY 4/9/14)	\$ 42,433.00	\$ Transfer from Quality of Life	\$ 42,433.00	\$ 42,433.00	\$	\$ 42,433.00	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Replace 8" Water Main - Short Street (NEVER SPENT MONEY PER STEVE MCCOY 4/9/14)	\$ 17,100.00	\$	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 27,485.56	\$ (10,385.56)	\$ 27,485.56	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Transfer for Water Tower (Interest Based)	\$ 15,354.49	\$	\$ 15,354.49	\$ 15,354.49	\$	\$ 15,354.49	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Richview 1 1/4" Water Main on Casey Ave (Spaved on rock and fire hydrant, per Steve McCoy 4/9/14)	\$ 44,041.14	\$	\$ 44,041.14	\$ 64,041.14	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ 64,041.14	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Richview Road Multi-Use Trail (24th - 27th) Water Line	\$ 48,094.29	\$	\$ 48,094.29	\$ 48,094.29	\$	\$ 48,094.29	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Richview Road Multi-Use Trail (24th - 27th) Water Line	\$ 750,000.00	\$	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 788,995.57	\$ (38,995.57)	\$ 788,995.57	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	High School Infrastructure - Ambassador Rd Sanitary Sewer	\$ 502,428.91	\$	\$ 502,428.91	\$ 502,428.91	\$	\$ 502,428.91	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	High School Infrastructure - Ambassador Rd Water Line	\$ 495,000.00	\$	\$ 495,000.00	\$ 495,000.00	\$	\$ 495,000.00	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Other Debt Principle - Lump Sum Payoff of PWB & MWV CDC Loans for Dewatering Project	\$ 3,480,655.09	\$	\$ 3,480,655.09	\$ 4,239,435.47	\$ (758,780.38)	\$ 4,239,435.47	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Interest - Investments for 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017	\$ 771,977.54	\$	\$ 771,977.54	\$ 771,977.54	\$	\$ 771,977.54	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Shortfall of Bond Proceeds from Original Allocation to Project	\$ 4,252,632.63	\$	\$ 4,252,632.63	\$ 4,252,632.63	\$	\$ 4,252,632.63	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Grant received for Veterans' West/Oakwood South Sanitary Sewer Main	\$ 13,197.16	\$	\$ 13,197.16	\$ 13,197.16	\$	\$ 13,197.16	
TOTALS			ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok

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Improvements to City Hall are a priority, namely: HV/AC, mold, new roof, windows, front door, and west side entryway.

Bechtel noted that residents purchase a boating license to use Jaycee Lake. It seems appropriate to allow the annual boating fees (\$2,500) to fund the proposed boat ramp replacement and parking area improvements.

Council Member McEnaney shared additional projects he believes should be funded: a turn lane on 27th Street; an east railroad overpass study update; overlays and sidewalk replacements; and tennis courts at Lincoln Park.

Council Member May questioned why the Parks & Recreation budget did not include the Lincoln Park improvements — announcers' booth, scoreboards, bleachers for soccer and extended backstops. Bechtel reminded Council that \$1 million was cut from this year's budget so there is no extra money for these improvements. Any improvements to Lincoln Park that require additional property will need approval by the Lincoln Park Foundation.

The engineering work on the force main is 90-95% complete (\$1.2 million project) and no engineering has been done on lift station 14 (\$2 million project). It was suggested that engineering be started on lift station 14.

Council Member Piper shared additional items that should be added to the list of projects: skate park; wheelchair accessible fishing pier at the L & N Reservoir; and Woodglen Acres neighborhood park.

A small bridge on Ambassador Road is in need of repair in anticipation of the increased traffic due to the new high school.

Bechtel suggested that Council Members send her a prioritized list of projects. She will compile another list for Council's review.

A Council Workshop Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Piper made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

The Workshop Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk