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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 5, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 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 Randy Steele with Southwest Christian Church of Mt. Vernon led the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the August 21, 2023 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. Absent: 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 the Council for approval.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$960,442.64. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci.

BIDS AND QUOTES

None.

CITY MANAGER

None.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading of an Ordinance to Increase the Number of Event Center Licenses. City Manager Bechtel explained that there are no Event Center Licenses available. A Walk in the Wind Event Center is requesting this license. Currently, the Ordinance has only two licenses for this classification, and both are taken. Approval of this Ordinance would increase the number from 2 to 3. This classification only allows for the sale and consumption of liquor during scheduled events and does not allow for package sales. They also cannot operate a lounge or bar on the premise except during a scheduled event. Video gaming is also not permitted under this classification.

Council Member Donte Moore made the motion to suspend the rules and take action on the Ordinance, an Ordinance to Increase the Number of Event Center Licenses. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2023-32, an Ordinance to Increase the Number of Event Center Licenses. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci.

MAYOR

Mayor John Lewis reminded community members that Cedarhurst Arts & Craft Fair is this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

CITY COUNCIL

None.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk