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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, November 2, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, November 2, 2020 in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois via teleconference due to the Covid-19 quarantine via GoToMeeting. The Log-In for the Meeting: +1 (646) 749-3122, Access Code: 413-495-645.

Due to the absence of Mayor John Lewis, City Clerk Mary Jo Pemberton opened the meeting. Nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem were accepted. Council Member Mike Young nominated Council Member Donte Moore. All were in favor. Council Member Donte Moore was appointed as Mayor Pro-Tem for tonight's meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Donte Moore called the meeting to order.

Council Member Mike Young gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the October 19, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

No comments were heard.

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 \$824,861.43. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented the bid results for Lift Station #14 Replacement and the Lift Station #14 Force Main Replacement. Two (2) bids were received for the Lift Station #14 Replacement and one (1) bid was received for the Lift Station #14 Force Main Replacement.

Lift Station #14 Replacement:

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| 1. | Haier Plumbing and Heating, Inc. of Okawville, Illinois | \$1,151,500.00 |
| 2. | L. Keeley Construction, St. Louis, Missouri | \$1,824,401.00 |

Engineer’s Estimate was \$1,723,400.00

Lift Station #14 Force Main Replacement:

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|----|---|--------------|
| 1. | Haier Plumbing and Heating, Inc. of Okawville, Illinois | \$929,125.00 |
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Engineer’s Estimate was \$850,000.00

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to award the bid for the Lift Station #14 Replacement and the Lift Station #14 Force Main Replacement to the low, responsible, and responsive bidder, Haier Plumbing and Heating, Inc. of Okawville, Illinois for \$1,151,500.00 for the Lift Station #14 Replacement and \$929,125.00 for the Lift Station #14 Force Main Replacement. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel introduced Finance Director Steve Tate to present the Annual Firefighter’s Pension and Police Pension Reports. The Illinois Compiled Statutes require that the Police Pension Board and Firefighter’s Pension Board reports be annually presented to the City Council. The reports show the condition of the pension funds at the end of the most recently completed fiscal year. Tate explained next year, the Downstate Police and Fire Pension Funds will be consolidated. The State of Illinois will manage the funds and the Local Pension Boards will determine benefit awards. Each community’s funds will be separately accounted for.

Mt. Vernon Police Pension		
Total Net Assets as of 4/30/2020	\$19,206,510	
Estimated Receipts for Next FY from		
• Salaries or Wages of Police Officers	\$ 247,538	
• Property Taxes and Pension Sales Tax	\$1,070,796	
• Net Investment Income	\$1,248,423	
Estimated Amount to Fund the Pension Next FY		
• Pay all Pension and other Obligations	\$1,719,045	
• Fund Actuarial Requirements	\$1,070,796	
Total Net Income Received from Investment of Assets	<i>FYE 4/30/2020</i>	<i>FYE 4/30/19</i>
• Income (loss) from Investment of Assets	(\$653,310)	\$977,234
• Assumed Investment Return	6.5%	6.5%

• Actual Investment Return	-3.64%	5.4%
Total Number of Active Employees Contributing	40	
Amount that was Disbursed in Benefits FYE 4/30/20		
• Annuitants of Regular Retirement Pension	\$1,021,220	21 Recipients
• Recipients Paid a Disability Pension	\$322,907	9 Recipients
• Surviving Spouses	\$272,063	7 Recipients
• Dependent Children	0	0 Recipients
Funded Ratio of Fund at 4/30/20	63%	
Unfunded Liability at 4/30/20	\$12,378,973	
Investment Policy	Maximum of 65% in Equity Securities, 60% in Fixed Income Securities, and 5% In Cash	

Mt. Vernon Firefighter's Pension		
Total Net Assets as of 4/30/2020	\$14,277,391	
Estimated Receipts for Next FY from		
• Salaries or Wages of Firefighters	\$ 186,363	
• Property Taxes and Pension Sales Tax	\$1,193,514	
• Net Investment Income	\$928,030	
Estimated Amount to Fund the Pension Next FY		
• Pay all Pension and other Obligations	\$1,423,958	
• Fund Actuarial Requirements	\$1,193,514	
Total Net Income Received from Investment of Assets	<i>FYE 4/30/2020</i>	<i>FYE 4/30/19</i>
• Income (loss) from Investment of Assets	(\$1,729,148)	\$243,343
• Assumed Investment Return	6.5%	6.5%
• Actual Investment Return	-13.07%	1.69%
Total Number of Active Employees Contributing	16	
Amount that was Disbursed in Benefits FYE 4/30/20		
• Annuitants of Regular Retirement Pension	\$499,258	11 Recipients
• Recipients Paid a Disability Pension	\$464,428	11 Recipients
• Surviving Spouses	\$412,514	12 Recipients
• Dependent Children	\$11,312	3 Recipients
Funded Ration of Fund at 4/30/20	57%	
Unfunded Liability at 4/30/20	\$12,894,500	
Investment Policy	Maximum of 55% in Equity Securities, 45% in Qualified Securities and Other Assets	

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Audit Report to the Council for approval.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to accept the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Audit Report as presented. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for First Reading an Ordinance for the Property Tax Levy. Bechtel explained that the levy is basically the same as last year. The total Levy is \$2,959,700.00. There is a deficiency over the levy amounts for Fire Pension (- \$239,014.00), Police Pension (- \$175,596.00), and IMRF (- \$78,400.00). The total deficiency of \$493,301.00 will be paid from the Pension Sales Tax Fund.

First Reading was held.

CITY OF MT. VERNON, IL PROPOSED CITY TAX LEVY Levied 2020 - Payable 2021 November 2020					
ASSUMING NO 2020 IMRF & SOCIAL SECURITY TAX LEVY FOR AZ, SSA#1, WATER AND SEWER			9/18/2020		
USING POLICE AND FIRE PENSION LEVY UNDER NEW LAW	2019 TAX LEVY PAYABLE 2020		DOLLAR AMOUNT INCREASE	2020 TAX LEVY PAYABLE 2021	
CITY WIDE LEVY	RATE	EXTENSION	(DECREASE)	LEVY	% CHANGE
I.M.R.F. (General Corp & Tourism)+ (IMRF ERI LOAN PMT)	0.18697	440,007.25	(7.25)	440,000.00	0.00
SOCIAL SECURITY (General Corp & Tourism)	0.12791	301,017.96	(17.96)	301,000.00	(0.01)
FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND	0.40559	954,498.27	1.73	954,500.00	0.00
POLICE PENSION FUND	0.38038	895,170.13	29.87	895,200.00	0.00
PARKS	0.11885	279,696.54	3.46	279,700.00	0.00
E.S.D.A.	0.00413	9,719.37	(19.37)	9,700.00	(0.20)
TOTAL CITY WIDE	1.22383	2,880,109.52	(9.52)	2,880,100.00	0.00
SPECIAL SERVICE AREA# 1 LEVY					
SPECIAL SERVICE AREA (ADMINISTRATION)	1.64000	79,560.98	39.02	79,600.00	0.05%
TOTAL SPECIAL SERVICE AREA# 1	1.64000	\$79,560.98	39.02	79,600.00	0.05%
GRAND TOTAL		2,959,670.50	29.50	2,959,700.00	0.00
			% Incr (Decr) from previous year		
2019 EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION - CITY LEVY			2.81%		
2019 TAX RATE					
2018 EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION- CITY LEVY			0.70%		
2018 TAX RATE					
2017 EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION -CITY LEVY			3.67%		
2017 TAX RATE					
Date: October 30, 2020					
The following calculations were used to calculate the 2020 Property Tax Levy - Payable 2021*:					
	FYE 2021 Levy Amount	Amount Required to Fund Pension Payments	Deficit Amount to be Funded by the 0.25% Pension Sales Tax		
IMRF (General Corporate and Tourism+ IMRF ERI Loan Payment)	440,000	518,400	(78,400)		
Social Security (General Corporate and Tourism)	301,000	301,600	(600)		
Firefighters' Pension Fund	954,500	1,193,514	(239,014)		
Police Pension Fund	895,200	1,070,796	(175,596)		
Subtotal:	2,590,700	3,084,310	(493,610)		
Parks	279,700				
ESDA	9,700				
Subtotal:	289,400				
Special Service Area #1					
Subtotal:	79,600				
Grand Total of Property Tax Levy	2,959,700				
* This assumes no IMRF & Social Security Tax Levy for AZ, SSA#, Water & Sewer.					
Additional Information					
Total Levy 2019 & Payable 2020	2,964,231				
Total Levy 2020 & Payable 2021	2,959,700				
Decrease from Prior Year	4,531				
Deficit Amount to be Funded by the 0.25% Pension Sales Tax	(388,620)	Year 2020			
Deficit Amount to be Funded by the 0.25% Pension Sales Tax	(493,610)	Year 2021			
Increase in Deficit Amount from Prior Year	(104,990)				

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for First Reading an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Property. The municipal property consists of thirty-seven (37) lot properties and three (3) computers.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to suspend the rules on voting on an Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to adopt Ordinance #2020-41, an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Property. The property consists of thirty-seven (37) lot properties and three (3) computers. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

MAYOR

Mayor Pro-Tem Donte Moore urged everyone to vote tomorrow. If there are any questions, contact Jefferson County Clerk Connie Simmons' Office.

Mayor Pro-Tem Donte Moore announced that Family Life Church is opening their warming shelter and are in need of donations.

CITY COUNCIL

No comments were heard.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

No comments were heard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

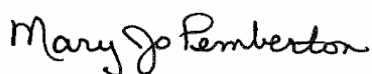
No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Jo Pemberton, City Clerk