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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, February 22, 2022  
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

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Mayor John Lewis opened the meeting.

Pastor Mark Wells from Waltonville Free Will Baptist 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 Journals for the January 28, 2022 Special City Council Meeting and the February 7, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting were presented for approval.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. 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 \$1,248,496.57. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.**

**BIDS AND QUOTES**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented Bid Results on the Steel and Roof Packages for the New Police Station. A complete synopsis of the bids was given to Council Members. City Manager Bechtel introduced Ryan Savage with Holland Construction Services, Inc., to speak to the Council. Mr. Savage went over the information in the bid packets and explained the process. Staff recommendation is to accept the bid for Bid Package #5 from Professional Metal Works in the amount of \$788,455.00 and the bid for Bid Package #7 from Kehrer Brothers West Roofing, Inc., in the amount of \$469,655.00.

**Bid Package #5 – Structural Steel**

Professional Metal Works	\$788,455.00
Federal Steel & Erection	\$810,683.00

**Bid Package #7 – Roofing/Sheet Metal/Metal Panels**

D.E. Martin Roofing Co.	\$482,310.00
Jim Taylor Roofing	\$734,926.00
Joiner Sheet Metal & Roofing	\$501,000.00
Kehrer Brothers West Roofing, Inc.	\$469,655.00
Glandt Roofing	\$495,500.00

**Council Member Ray Botch motioned to accept the Bid Results on the Steel and Roof Packages for the New Police Station. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.**

**CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Seek Bids for Traffic Signals at 45<sup>th</sup> Street and Veterans Drive. This would be paid for through funding from the IPCA TIF.

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for Traffic Signals at 45<sup>th</sup> Street and Veterans Drive. 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 5 Properties Within the Flood Plain Project. These are the final structures for demolition through

the Flood Plain Buy Out Grant from the 2018 flood in Mt. Vernon. After completion, the close out package will be submitted for full reimbursement.

**Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for the Demolition of 5 Properties Within the Flood Plain Project. 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 2021-22 Sanitary Sewer Project. This is to install a new sewer main in the area of 8<sup>th</sup> Street to eliminate common laterals and sewer lines that are going under residences.

**Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for the 2021-22 Sanitary Sewer Project. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented a Change Order Request for Lift Station #14 Force Main Replacement. There were unexpected costs related to the Force Main. Tree Clearing was underestimated in the design, the City didn't mark a 10" water main correctly and it was damaged, extra railroad services were required, and the largest cost was the contaminated dirt at State Route 142 that had to be cleaned up. In all, the change orders total \$162,448.65. This amount will be included in the loan. Staff recommendation is to approve the change orders. These will also have to be approved by IEPA.

**Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission for the Change Order Request for Lift Station #14 Force Main Replacement. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission for a Street Closure on 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Main and Harrison on April 23, 2022 from 3 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. for the Webber High School Prom.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure on 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Main and Harrison on April 23, 2022 from 3 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. for the Webber High School Prom. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission for a Street Closure on 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Jordan and Casey on June 4, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. for Mt. Vernon Homebrewers Festival.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure on 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Jordan and Casey on June 4, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. for Mt. Vernon**

**Homebrewers Festival. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission for a Street Closure on 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Casey and Broadway on August 27, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. for the United Way of South Central Illinois Food Truck Festival.

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure on 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Casey and Broadway on August 27, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. for the United Way of South Central Illinois Food Truck Festival. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission for Street Closures for Various Streets for the Mt. Vernon Fall Fest Events to be Held September 29 – October 2, 2022.

**Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission for Street Closures for Various Streets for the Mt. Vernon Fall Fest Events to be Held September 29 – October 2, 2022. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission for a Street Closure on 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Broadway and Main on December 3, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for Downtown Christmas Activities.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure on 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Broadway and Main on December 3, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for Downtown Christmas Activities. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.**

#### **CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney David Leggans presented an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for a Cannabis Craft Grower at 13224 N. Chestnut Lane. Petitioning Party: Mari Holdings Mt. Vernon, LLC. This was approved at the Zoning and Planning 5-0 and there were no objectors at the meeting. Council Member Botch asked to hear more about the project. Mr. Gorgi Naumovski of Mari Holdings Mt. Vernon, LLC, spoke to the Council and explained the business is a craft grow facility to grow cannabis and manufacture products at the facility. The license allows them to grow 14,000 feet of canopy. They will start with 35 full time positions and as business and demand grows, a potential of up to 100 jobs at that location. If approved, initial phase 1 should be operational by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve Ordinance #2022-05, an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for a Cannabis Craft Grower at 13224 N. Chestnut Lane. Petitioning Party: Mari**

**Holdings Mt. Vernon, LLC. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.**

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Second Reading of an Ordinance of the City of Mt. Vernon, Closing Out and Dissolving Special Service Area No. 1 and Abating the 2021 Tax Levy Payable for Special Service Area No. 1. City Manager Bechtel explained this Ordinance abates the Special Service Area Property Tax Levy for 2021 Payable 2022, and it dissolves the taxing district as of April 30, 2022.

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2022-06, an Ordinance of the City of Mt. Vernon, Closing Out and Dissolving Special Service Area No. 1 and Abating the 2021 Tax Levy Payable for Special Service Area No. 1. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.**

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Article 9, Section 9.3 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Vernon. City Manager Bechtel explained that this proposed ordinance adds a conditional use for propane filling stations in B-2, B-3, B-PL, and IPCA-PUD Zoning classifications. The filling stations would be permitted as an accessory use at retailers which primarily engage in sales of and service for travel trailers, or retailers that sell farm, garden, and hardware supplies. The area must be fenced, must be 330 feet in all directions from residential property, and only liquid propane gas (LPG) can be stored.

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2022-07, an Ordinance Amending Article 9, Section 9.3 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Vernon. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.**

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Renewing the Line of Credit with Banterra Bank to Provide Overdraft Protection with Regard to the City of Mt. Vernon Banking Services. City Manager Bechtel explained this renews the \$6 million line of credit at the same terms for one year at 1.75%. There is no balance currently on the City's line of credit.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution Renewing the Line of Credit with Banterra Bank to Provide Overdraft Protection with Regard to the City of Mt. Vernon Banking Services. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.**

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Requesting IDOT Approval for Temporary Closure of IL 15 Westbound from Marlow Rd. (FAS 789) to Junction of IL 15 and Old Rt. 15 at East Edge of Mt. Vernon from 5:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. on July 4, 2022 for Purpose of "Salute to Freedom" Fireworks Display.

**Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve a Resolution Requesting IDOT Approval for Temporary Closure of IL 15 Westbound from Marlow Rd. (FAS 789) to Junction of IL 15 and Old Rt. 15 at East Edge of Mt. Vernon from 5:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. on July 4, 2022 for Purpose of “Salute to Freedom” Fireworks Display. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.**

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Requesting Permission from IDOT to Close State Route 15 and 37 on October 1, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for the Fall Fest Parade.

**Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve a Resolution Requesting Permission from IDOT to Close State Route 15 and 37 on October 1, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for the Fall Fest Parade. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.**

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Requesting Permission from IDOT to Close State Route 15 and 37 on December 3, 2022 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for the Christmas Parade.

**Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve a Resolution Requesting Permission from IDOT to Close State Route 15 and 37 on December 3, 2022 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for the Christmas Parade. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.**

### **MAYOR**

Mayor Lewis presented for the Council’s Advice and Consent the Appointment of Shari Copple to the Tourism Advisory Board. Her name was brought forward by Angela Shrum, Director of Tourism. Shari Copple is the owner of R & J Tactical Laser Tag, and she has been a dedicated volunteer at tourism events.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Appointment of Shari Copple to the Tourism Advisory Board. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.**

### **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 Mike Young.  
Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Barbour".

Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk