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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, July 18, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, July 18, 2022 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>.

Due to the absence of Mayor John Lewis, Deputy City Clerk Becky Barbour called the meeting to order. The first order of business was to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem. A motion was made by Council Member Ray Botch to appoint Council Member Mike Young as Mayor Pro Tem for tonight's meeting. All were in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Young opened the meeting.

Pastor Harold "Bumper" Quick from West Salem Trinity United Methodist 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, and Council Member Mike Young. Absent: Mayor John Lewis.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the July 5, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

Council Member Donte Moore 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

Glinda McChristian spoke to the Council regarding the budget for City Parks, specifically Dawson Park. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that the Parks Budget was for all the parks, not separated by individual parks. She invited Ms. McChristian to come to her office any time and she would show her the budget for the parks.

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 \$2,268,543.80. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

None.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Seek Bids for the Installation of a Sanitary Sewer on Casey Avenue. There is an area that has failed, and it must be fixed. It is a 24" line that runs right down the middle of the road. A temporary patch was placed there today, however, this needs to be sent out for bids and completed as this is just a temporary patch.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for the Installation of a Sanitary Sewer on Casey Avenue. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented an Application for Subdivision Approval at 2728 Bishop Avenue. The owners want to subdivide this to sell part of the property. Kyle Lansdowne from Round Table Design spoke to the Council and explained the family owns 9 acres and they want to keep 8 acres and continue to farm that property. They want to split out one acre and sell the one acre with the house, with that one acre rezoned to residential if approved.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Application for Subdivision Approval at 2728 Bishop Avenue. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading of an Ordinance Rezoning 2728 Bishop Avenue from AG (Agricultural) to R-1 (Low Density Residential).

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2022-19, an Ordinance Rezoning 2728 Bishop Avenue from AG (Agricultural) to R-1 (Low Density Residential). Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Property. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated there are three police vehicles to surplus.

Council Member Ray Botch made the motion to suspend the rules and take action on the Ordinance, an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Property. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2022-20, an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Property. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local #702 for the Period May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2026. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated this is a four-year contract. The wage increase is 4% the first year, 3% the second year, 3% the third year, and 3% the fourth year, with a longevity step of about 1%. The shoe allowance was increased from \$200.00 to \$225.00 and overtime meals from \$9.00 to \$10.00. The perfect attendance days (up to two days per year) were removed. Personal days were increased from two to three days per year. The Contract adds Class A and/or Tanker Endorsement stipend at \$200.00 annually. Comp time was capped at 40 hours annually and an equity adjustment was made in the Laborers wage schedule.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local #702. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

MAYOR

None.

CITY COUNCIL

None.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk