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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 18, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, July 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

The invocation was given by Rev. Brad Henson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed present: Council Members Dennis McEnaney, Donte Moore and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley.
Absent: Council Members Jeff May and Todd Piper.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journals for the June 30, 2016 City Council Workshop Meeting and the July 5, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting were presented to Council for their approval.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval. Council Members requested additional information regarding the following items: #12 Midwest Meter Repair - \$2,448.00 – 6” Turbo water meter for Continental Tire. This new meter was replaced during Continental Tire’s annual shutdown period. #13 Mobotrex - \$28,653.00 – Traffic light signals for 42nd Street and Veterans Memorial Blvd. This project is expected to be complete before school starts. #15 NuToys Leisure Products - \$13,000.00 - 8 trash cans for downtown. These are replacing old trash receptacles and being paid for with Special Service Area funds. #20 RW Troxell & Company - \$6,548.00 – Annual boiler policy renewal. This is a catastrophic insurance policy covering City Hall’s boiler and air conditioning units. #22 Ron Dowd - \$3,995.00 – Curb roller for Public Works Department.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$914,423.50. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.

BIDS & QUOTES

Bechtel presented for Council’s consideration the Bid results for the South 44th Street water line replacement. Bechtel noted that four bids were received. Rhutasel and Associates, Inc., consulting engineers, reviewed the bids and recommended that the City award the bid to the lowest qualified bidder, Haier Plumbing and Heating, Inc. of Okawville, IL, in the amount of \$77,400.00.

CITY OF MT. VERNON
44th Street Waterline Replacement
Bid Tabulation
6/13/2016

#	Item	Unit	Quantity	Haier Plumbing & Heating Okawville, IL		J.K Trotter & Sons Mt. Vernon, IL		Korte & Luitjohan Contr. Highland, IL		Mideastern Plumbing Carlyle, IL	
				Cost/Unit	Cost	Cost/Unit	Cost	Cost/Unit	Cost	Cost/Unit	Cost
1	8" PVC Water Line	LF	1,140	\$23.00	\$26,220.00	\$40.00	\$45,600.00	\$33.00	\$37,620.00	\$34.80	\$39,672.00
2	6" PVC Water Line	LF	40	\$50.00	\$2,000.00	\$24.00	\$960.00	\$25.00	\$1,000.00	\$18.00	\$720.00
3	8" Directional Bore, RJPVC	LF	190	\$60.00	\$11,400.00	\$45.00	\$8,550.00	\$70.00	\$13,300.00	\$69.30	\$13,167.00
4	8"x8" Tapping Sleeve w/Valve	EA	2	\$2,904.00	\$5,808.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,700.00	\$7,400.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
5	8" Gate Valve	EA	4	\$1,300.00	\$5,200.00	\$1,300.00	\$5,200.00	\$1,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,550.00	\$6,200.00
6	6" Gate Valve	EA	4	\$852.00	\$3,408.00	\$900.00	\$3,600.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,150.00	\$4,600.00
7	8"x6"x8" Tee	EA	2	\$415.00	\$830.00	\$400.00	\$800.00	\$650.00	\$1,300.00	\$450.00	\$900.00
8	8"x6"x6" Tee	EA	5	\$410.00	\$2,050.00	\$375.00	\$1,875.00	\$650.00	\$3,250.00	\$400.00	\$2,000.00
9	8" 90 Deg Elbow	EA	1	\$354.00	\$354.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
10	8" 45 Deg Elbow	EA	4	\$344.00	\$1,376.00	\$375.00	\$1,500.00	\$450.00	\$1,800.00	\$420.00	\$1,680.00
11	8" 22.5 Deg Elbow	EA	1	\$344.00	\$344.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$390.00	\$390.00
12	8" Cap	EA	2	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	\$900.00	\$1,800.00	\$400.00	\$800.00	\$420.00	\$840.00
13	6" Fire Hyd. w/ Aux. Valve	EA	1	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$4,325.00	\$4,325.00	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00
14	2" Service Reconnect	EA	4	\$900.00	\$3,600.00	\$1,350.00	\$5,400.00	\$2,250.00	\$9,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$6,000.00
15	Class III Backfill	LF	316	\$10.00	\$3,160.00	\$12.00	\$3,792.00	\$11.00	\$3,476.00	\$15.80	\$4,992.80
16	A-2 Surface Repair	LF	200	\$14.00	\$2,800.00	\$10.00	\$2,000.00	\$10.00	\$2,000.00	\$8.00	\$1,600.00
17	Asphalt Surface Repair	SF	150	\$10.00	\$1,500.00	\$15.00	\$2,250.00	\$12.00	\$1,800.00	\$67.24	\$10,086.00
18	Sidewalk Surface Repair	SF	18	\$25.00	\$450.00	\$10.00	\$180.00	\$25.00	\$450.00	\$50.00	\$900.00
19	Seeding	LS	1	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,180.00	\$4,180.00
Total					\$77,400.00		\$96,967.00		\$101,471.00		\$108,227.80

Council Member Moore made a motion to award the bid to Haier Plumbing and Heating, Inc. of Okawville, IL in the amount of \$77,400.00 for the South 44th Street water line replacement. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.

CITY MANAGER

Nathan McKenna, Assistant to the City Manager, briefed the Council on the new “Mow to Own” program that kicks off July 18 to will allow residents to acquire vacant properties owned by the city by maintaining the property. Instead of paying a dollar amount, residents work to acquire ownership of neighboring property. At this time, the city owns 88 vacant properties, which have been declared surplus. McKenna said another 10 properties are expected to be added after the current round of demolitions are completed. Under terms of the program, 501(c)(3) non-profits and owner/occupied residents with property adjacent to a vacant lot owned by the city can sign up at city hall to maintain the property for two years to earn a quit-claim deed. Maintenance includes mowing, raking leaves, removing fallen trees and branches, and picking up the trash. After the two-year period, they must not have had any nuisance, zoning or building violations, their utility account must be

up to date; and they have to have paid their property taxes on their own property. If they have done that, they will get the deed. McKenna, who has been spearheading the implementation of the program, said the idea for the Mow to Own program was brought to his attention by Councilman Donte Moore who heard of the program from St. Louis. A list of the surplus properties is available by contacting McKenna at 242-6805.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the “Mow to Own” Program. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council’s consideration an Ordinance Rezoning Property Located at 3218 Broadway from R-2; Medium Density Residential to B-2; Secondary Business. The petitioning party is Dirtbuster Carwash. Bechtel noted this is a parcel next to the building site that is zoned residential. They are not building on this parcel but will pave it to allow customers a place to dry-off their vehicles. The rezoning was unanimously approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Owner John Foster appeared and stated he hopes to open the business in October.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-22 Rezoning Property Located at 3218 Broadway from R-2; Medium Density Residential to B-2; Secondary Business. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council’s consideration an Ordinance Approving a Home Daycare Conditional Use for Property Located at 801 Bledsoe/1901 S. 8th Street. The petitioning party is Candice Heck. The conditional use was unanimously approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Candice Heck appeared and stated that DCFS will complete their licensing process for her home daycare business after she receives the conditional use permit from the City.

Council Member Moore made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-23 Approving a Home Daycare Conditional Use for Property Located at 801 Bledsoe/1901 S. 8th Street. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council’s consideration a Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Road Right of Way from St. Mary’s Church for 27th Street Improvements. Bechtel advised this is part of the N. 27th Street widening project. As part of the agreement with St. Mary’s in exchange for right of way, the City is reimbursing them for the burial sites. This amount was included in the project costs.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Road Right of Way from St. Mary Church for North 27th Street Improvements. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council’s consideration a Resolution Approving Subordination of Lien Agreement with Mid Country Bank relating to a Revolving Loan with Z & G Restaurant Group, LLC. Z&G Restaurant Group is opening a new location in Marion under the same LLC as the Buffalo Wild Wings here in Mt. Vernon. Currently, the City has a second lien on all the inventory, equipment, receivables, etc. that are owned by the LLC. Bechtel recommended that the City subordinate its’ position on the Marion store assets and maintain our present positions.

Council Member Moore made a motion to adopt a Resolution Approving Subordination of Lien Agreement with Mid Country Bank relating to a Revolving Loan with Z & G Restaurant Group, LLC. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Requesting IDOT Approval for the Closure of Route 37 and Route 15 for the Fall Fest Parade to be held on Saturday, October 1, 2016 between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. A new parade route will be used this year with the staging area at the old Park Plaza Shopping Center at Newby and South 10th Street. The parade will travel north on 10th Street to Broadway and then east on Broadway to 7th Street.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to adopt a Resolution Requesting IDOT Approval for the Closure of Route 37 and Route 15 for the Fall Fest Parade to be held on Saturday, October 1, 2016 between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.

MAYOR

Mayor Chesley presented for Council's consideration the Appointment of Nicolas LeMay to the Rend Lake Conservancy District Board. James Rippy previously served two terms (10 years) in this capacity. The Mayor and Council Members McEnaney and Moore commended Rippy for his past service.

Mike Bullard, of Bluford, expressed his disappointment that James Rippy will not be reappointed to the RLCD Board.

Jere Shaw, of Mt. Vernon, expressed his disappointment that James Rippy will not be reappointed to the RLCD Board.

Ray Botch, of Mt. Vernon, expressed his disappointment that James Rippy will not be reappointed to the RLCD Board.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the Appointment of Nicolas LeMay to the Rend Lake Conservancy District Board. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Moore announced that the next Community/Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Center at Veterans Park. Everyone is invited to attend.

City Council will hold a Workshop Meeting on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the City Hall to prioritize the remaining 2012 bond money.

VISITORS/CITIZEN REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jere Shaw, of Mt. Vernon, expressed his frustration that James Rippy was not reappointed to the Rend Lake Conservancy District Board.

Pam Schallhorn, CED Educator at the University of Illinois Extension Office, appeared to give an update on the Community Gardens program. One garden will be located at Veterans Park and the other will be located at Mays Manner at Conger & 9th Streets. A fundraising campaign on www.kickstarter.com is underway. Residents may call Pam at the Extension Office at 618-242-0780 to ask questions or to give a cash donation.

Ray Botch, of Mt. Vernon, suggested that all meetings of the City Council should be scheduled at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Center at Veterans Park.

Bobby Farris asked about background checks for individuals who want to purchase a handgun.

Beth Schroeder and her son, Toby, were in attendance. Toby is working on two Boy Scout badges. She inquired about replacing the sidewalk on Old Fairfield Road east of Summersville School. She was assured that a sidewalk for this portion of Old Fairfield Road is scheduled to be replaced soon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk