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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, July 15, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, July 15, 2024 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, Assistant to Deputy City Clerk Lindsay Burriss called the meeting to order. The first order of business was to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem. Motion by Council Member Ray Botch to appoint Council Member Donte Moore as Mayor Pro Tem for tonight's meeting. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. All were in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Donte Moore opened the meeting.

Pastor Bumper Quick with the 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 Donte Moore, and Council Member Mike Young. Absent: Council Member Joe Gliosci and Mayor John Lewis.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal from July 1, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

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

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,582,417.84. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Moore, and Young. Absent: Gliosci and Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented the Bid Results for the Citywide Asphalt Overlay Project. There were three bidders. Samron was the low bidder with a bid in the amount of \$621,621.00. Staff recommendation is to accept the bid from Samron.

Rooters Asphalt	\$695,192.79
E.T. Simonds	\$662,215.48
Samron	\$621,621.00

Council Member Mike Young motioned to grant permission to accept the Bid Results for the Citywide Asphalt Overlay Project from Samron in the amount of \$621,621.00. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Moore, and Young. Absent: Gliosci and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented the Bid Results for the Parking Lot Sealing Project. There were three bids for this project. Jax Asphalt was the low bidder with a bid in the amount of \$33,193.45. Staff recommendation is to accept the bid from Jax Asphalt.

Jax Asphalt	Mt. Vernon, IL	\$33,193.45
ProVantage Systems	St. Charles, IL	\$48,850.75
Asphalt Services	Maryland Heights, MO	\$46,974.00

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to accept the Bid Results for the Parking Lot Sealing Project from Jax Asphalt in the amount of \$33,193.45. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Moore, and Young. Absent: Gliosci and Lewis.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for Approval of a Subdivision Preliminary and Final Plat at 13120 Dartmouth Lane. Petitioning Party: Dustin Schierbaum. This is for the subdivision of property to facilitate the sale of a portion of the property. Planning and Zoning reviewed this and approved the subdivision.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve a Subdivision Preliminary and Final Plat at 13120 Dartmouth Lane. Petitioning Party: Dustin Schierbaum. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Moore, and Young. Absent: Gliosci and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented a Street Closure for Lamar Avenue from 19th Street to 21st Street on August 10, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a Backpack Giveaway. Requesting Party: Mrs. Spann. Staff recommendation is to approve the request.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure for Lamar Avenue from 19th Street to 21st Street on August 10, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a Backpack Giveaway. Requesting Party: Mrs. Spann. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Moore, and Young. Absent: Gliosci and Lewis.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented an Ordinance Rezoning Property at 16992/17030 E. Marlow Road from A-G to R-2. Petitioning Party: Diana Gonzales. Planning and Zoning reviewed and approved the rezoning and recommended the zoning change. This is to facilitate the construction of a home.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve Ordinance #2024-22, an Ordinance Rezoning Property at 16992/17030 E. Marlow Road from A-G to R-2. Petitioning Party: Diana Gonzales. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Moore, and Young. Absent: Gliosci and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented an Ordinance Rezoning Property on Brownsville Road from R-1 to R-M2. Petitioning Party: TET, Inc. Planning and Zoning reviewed this zoning change and approved the change from R-1 to R-M2 to accommodate a mobile home on the property.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve Ordinance #2024-23, an Ordinance Rezoning Property on Brownsville Road from R-1 to R-M2. Petitioning Party: Raymond McKinney. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Moore, and Young. Absent: Gliosci and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented an Ordinance Rezoning Property at 13120 Dartmouth Lane from A-G to R-1. Petitioning Party: Dustin Schierbaum. Planning and Zoning reviewed and approved the zoning change to R-1 to facilitate the sale of the property.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve Ordinance #2024-24, an Ordinance Rezoning Property at 13120 Dartmouth Lane from A-G to R-1. Petitioning Party: Dustin Schierbaum. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Moore, and Young. Absent: Gliosci and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use of a Storage Container at 501 S. 10th Street. Petitioning Party: JL Real Estate. This was reviewed and approved by Planning and Zoning. Lindsey Bowlin, representing JL Real Estate, came forward and addressed the Council. She stated that JL Real Estate is using the storage containers for NuTherm International Business. They acquired the lot several years ago and are using the storage containers for level two storage.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve Ordinance #2024-25, an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use of a Storage Container at 501 S. 10th Street. Petitioning Party: JL Real Estate. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Moore and Young. No: Botch. Absent: Gliosci and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented an Ordinance Approving a Planned Development Amendment in the Planned Business District at 3406 Broadway. This is to facilitate the sale of the property and construction of a building for T-Mobile. Planning and Zoning reviewed the plans and approved the change.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve Ordinance #2024-26, an Ordinance Approving a Planned Development Amendment in the Planned Business District at 3406 Broadway. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Moore, and Young. Absent: Gliosci and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented a Resolution Approving Upgrades to the Axon Agreement. A report from Chief Brands was given to Council Members in the council packet. The City has Axon body cameras for our Police Department. The City wants to add three upgrades to the system:

(1) Convert from Basic to Pro - This will sequence the video of each officer at an event where they can be viewed at the same time.

(2) Draft One - AI-Assisted report writing. The department has been testing this for a while and it works very well. It is really a great asset saving report writing time and has also been reviewed by the States Attorney who also approves of the program. It transcribes the audio of the body cameras.

(3) ALPR License - This is a license plate reader that the department has also been testing. It is a good system, and the department wants to enter into an agreement for this also.

Numbers 1 and 2 are \$162,292.55 for 49 months. This is timed to end with the initial Axon agreement for the body cameras. Number 3 is \$66,137.70. Some of these costs will be offset by

a grant over the next two years. Police Chief Robert Brands was present to answer any questions posed by the Council. Council Member Donte Moore asked if the license plate reader would work when there is a high speed chase. Chief Brands stated yes it would and that it constantly reads license plates. It would also alert officers to stolen vehicles or anything related to the license plate. This has been tested the last couple of months and it is a viable tool.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Resolution Approving Upgrades to the Axon Agreement. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Moore, and Young. Absent: Gliosci and Lewis. Resolution #2024-30.

MAYOR

Mayor Pro Tem Donte Moore wanted to remind all Veterans that there is a Picnic for Veterans and their families on Sunday, July 21. This is free to all Jefferson County Veterans and their families. It will be held at the Rolland Lewis Building from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Mike Young spoke regarding the Street Closure for the Backpack Giveaway. He stated this is Mrs. Spann's last year of promoting this project. He wanted to acknowledge Mrs. Spann and give her credit for this great project. She has done a lot for children.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk