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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, February 18, 2025  
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 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>.

Pastor Randy Steele with the Southwest Christian Church led the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

**The roll call showed present: Council Member Joe Gliosci, Council Member Donte Moore Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis. Absent: Council Member Ray Botch.**

**PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS**

The Journal for February 3, 2025 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: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

**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 Mike Young motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,320,162.65. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

## **BIDS AND QUOTES**

None.

## **CITY MANAGER**

Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna presented the Parks Master Plan for Approval. He stated that Planning Design Studio has completed the master plan for Lincoln and Veterans Parks. This plan includes recommendations for improvements and additions for both parks. It also includes the results from the surveys and public meetings, as well as the feasibility study results for the indoor recreational center. McKenna then introduced Scott Emmelkamp, Project Design Manager from Planning Design Studio (attending via Zoom) to present the Parks Master Plan to the Council. A report had been given to each Council Member for review. Mr. Emmelkamp went through the information given to the Council and answered questions regarding the study. He explained the process that was followed and how they achieved the results given in the project study.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Parks Master Plan. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission to Seek Proposals for Architectural Services for an Indoor Recreational Facility. He stated with the completion of the Parks Master Plan, the City can begin implementing the recommendations. This is the first step in the process for construction of an indoor rec center. He stated he anticipates the construction process to be comparable to the new police department. While selecting the architect firm to work with, the City will need to consider the option of also selecting a firm for construction management.

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to Seek Proposals for Architectural Services for an Indoor Recreational Facility. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission to Waive Bidding for Preventive Maintenance on Fire Truck #5134 and Accept the Quote from Legacy Fire Apparatus-Shorewood in the amount of \$178,659.62. The City is asking the Council to waive bidding for this work due to the specialty of work being done. This will include replacing the engine and transmission, rebuilding the water pump, reconfiguring shelving, and also repainting the truck. The City had budgeted \$350,000 for the rebuild. This is significantly lower than anticipated, however there is the potential for additional repairs once the work has begun.

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to Waive Bidding for Preventive Maintenance on Fire Truck #5134 and Accept the Quote from Legacy Fire Apparatus-Shorewood in the amount of \$178,659.62. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

## **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS**

Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna presented an Ordinance Rezoning Property at E. Kennedy Road from A-G to I-2. Petitioning Party: Charles and Amie Heck. This agenda item along with item 10B is for the applicant to operate a tow truck service company at the property. The property is outside city limits, but within the 1-½ mile zoning jurisdiction. I-2 zoning is the only zoning district that allows tow truck companies. It was recommended for approval by Planning and Zoning Commission by a 4-0 vote. There were two people there in opposition, but also approximately 15 people from the area in attendance supporting the applicant.

Mayor John Lewis stated there were several audience members who were present to speak on this topic.

The Mayor called the following persons to speak:

1. Jimmy Hayes stated he lives on N. Campground Lane, and he wanted to speak in support of Charlie and Amie Heck. He stated that they are good neighbors, and they do a lot of good work for the community. He has no problem with the rezoning and asks the Council to follow the recommendation of the Zoning Board to accept the petition for the rezoning.
2. Christine Hayes added she agrees with her husband, Jimmy Hayes, and is also there to speak in support of Charlie and Amie Heck. They are good neighbors and do a lot for their church, schools, and community.
3. Bradley Wilson stated he lives across from Charlie and Amie Heck on Campground Road. He wanted to speak on their behalf and say they should be allowed to expand and grow their business.
4. Julia Brumfield spoke next and said she has lived by Charlie since 1995, and she has no problem with the expansion of their business.

Charlie Heck was also present to answer any questions posed by Council. There were no questions.

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2025-03, an Ordinance Rezoning Property at E. Kennedy Road from A-G to I-2. Petitioning Party: Charles and Amie Heck. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna presented an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use to Allow for an Automobile Wrecking and Storage Yard at E. Kennedy Road. Petitioning Party: Charles and Amie Heck. This Ordinance is accompanying the Rezoning Petition.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve Ordinance #2025-04, an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use to Allow for an Automobile Wrecking and Storage Yard at E. Kennedy Road.**

**Petitioning Party: Charles and Amie Heck. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Approving the Water Rates to the Village of Woodlawn, Village of Bluford, Dix-Kell Water Commission, Village of Belle Rive, Village of Waltonville, and Northeast Water Company. This is the annual Resolution setting water rates for the water districts where the City supplies water. Rend Lake Conservancy District met and voted to not increase water rates this year and the City is doing the same for the districts.

**Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve a Resolution Approving the Water Rates to the Village of Woodlawn, Village of Bluford, Dix-Kell Water Commission, Village of Belle Rive, Village of Waltonville, and Northeast Water Company. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch. Resolution #2025-05.**

Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution to Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property Within the East Side of I-57/State Route 15 TIF Redevelopment Area with SK Vernon, LLC. The developer is looking to build a new hotel on S. 44th Street and looking to purchase additional property to accommodate parking for the hotel. This would make the purchase a TIF eligible expense for reimbursement when negotiating a development deal. The Council had previously passed an inducement resolution for the project.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution to Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property Within the East Side of I-57/State Route 15 TIF Redevelopment Area with SK Vernon, LLC. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch. Resolution #2025-06.**

## **MAYOR**

Mayor John Lewis presented for the advice and consent of the City Council the Appointment of Nathan McKenna to the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission. This is to replace Mary Ellen Bechtel on the Commission.

**Council Member Mike Young motioned to accept the Appointment of Nathan McKenna to the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

Mayor John Lewis wanted to remind community members that early voting starts Thursday, February 20. The election is on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **CITY COUNCIL**

None.

**VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:43 p.m., Mayor John Lewis requested an Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) – The Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the City.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) – The Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the City. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

At 8:01 p.m., Mayor John Lewis reconvened the Regular City Council Meeting. Roll call showed present: Council Member Joe Gliosci, Council Member Donte Moore, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis. Absent: Council Member Ray Botch.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk