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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 08, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met for a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 08, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Mayor John Lewis called the meeting to order.

Pastor Harold Quick from the West Salem Trinity United Methodist Church gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journals for the August 17, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting and the August 21, 2020 City Council Budget Workshop 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, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

No comments were heard.

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 \$1,001,615.06. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented the bid results for the Design of the North 42nd Southbound Turn Lane at Broadway. Three bids were submitted. The lowest responsive responsible qualified bidder was Gonzalez Companies for \$25,000.00.

Round Table Design	Mt. Vernon, IL	\$28,440.00
Milano and Grunlon	Effingham, IL	\$46,180.00
Gonzalez Companies	Salem, IL	\$25,000.00

Council Member Mike Young motioned to award the bid for the Design of the North 42nd Southbound Turn Lane at Broadway to Gonzalez Companies for \$25,000.00. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested Council’s permission to Bid the Reconstruction of South 26th Street from Forest to Veteran’s Memorial Drive. Bechtel explained that this project includes the redevelopment of the bridge from one lane to two lanes. Council Member Mike Young asked if there were any plans to straighten out the roadway. Bechtel replied that possibility in the future.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to Bid the Reconstruction of South 26th Street from Forest to Veteran’s Memorial Drive. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested Council’s permission to Bid the Demolition of Fifteen (15) Residential Properties. The properties are:

2020-2021 Demolition List (Official to City Council)				
	House Number	Street	Description of Structure	Notes
			(Commercial/Residential)	
1	116	N. 7th Street	House	
2	620	S. 19th Street	House	
3	2200	Logan	House	
4	14	N. Highland	House	
5	1502	S. 13th Street	House	No Asbestos Testing Needed, Burn Out
6	1101	S. 22nd St.	Mobile Home	
7	624	S. 19th St.	House	
8	1003	S. 24th Street	House	
9	626	Herbert	Mobile Home	
10	1105	S. 6th Street	House	
11	1103	Wescott	House	

12	1023	Shawnee	House	No Asbestos Testing Needed, Burn Out
13	117	N. 6th Street	House	Fill in basement and clean up
14	1113	Shawnee	House	No Asbestos Testing Needed, Burn Out
15	1501	S. 12th Street	House	No Asbestos Testing Needed, Burn Out

Bechtel explained that this is the first group of properties for demolition this year. These properties are ready for demolition. Seventeen (17) to eighteen (18) additional properties are planned for demolition later this year.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to Bid the Demolition of Fifteen (15) Residential Properties. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested Council’s permission to waive the Bidding Requirements and Accept Tyler Technologies Quote for the Content Manager Module. Finance Director Steve Tate explained that this module will help eliminate the manual paper process and allows for the emailing of utility bills. It supports multiple file formats to centralize all documents regardless of type in a single location that will be accessible to all. One-time fee is \$21, 510 plus \$3,818 recurring fees.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to waive the Bidding Requirements. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to accept the Bid from Tyler Technologies Quote for the Content Manager Module. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested Council’s permission to waive the Bidding Requirements and Accept the Quote from Municipal Emergency Service (MES) to Purchase SCUBA Fill Stations for Fire Station 1 and Fire Station 4. The cost is \$56,863.36 which is \$1,863.36 over the estimated cost. Fire Chief Kevin Sargent explained that MES is the single source provider of SCUBA fill stations and equipment in the region. Fire Station 1 needs a compressor and refill station. Fire Station 4 needs a refill station. The total cost is \$56,863.36.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to waive the Bidding Requirements. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to accept the Quote from Municipal Emergency Service (MES) to Purchase SCUBA Fill Stations for Fire Station 1 and Fire Station 4 in the amount of \$56,863.36. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested Council’s permission to waive the Bidding Requirements and Enter into an Agreement with Stryker to Purchase Cardiac Monitors for the Fire Department. Bechtel explained that this is another single source provider. Fire Chief Kevin Sargent stated that Stryker recently upgraded the Cardio Monitor Line and made the existing monitors obsolete. The cost of new Life Pak 15

V4 Monitors with the return of the old monitors is \$120,376.80 with a 4-year service warranty. This will be paid in three annual payments of \$40,125.60.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to waive the Bidding Requirements. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to Enter into an Agreement with Stryker to Purchase Cardiac Monitors for the Fire Department. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested Council's permission to Seek Bids for Two (2) Dump Trucks. Bechtel explained that the City is systematically replacing the City's dump trucks. Council Member Ray Botch asked if they could be included in the vehicle leasing program. Bechtel replied that the leasing program does include heavy-duty equipment.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to Seek Bids for Two (2) Dump Trucks. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested Council's permission to Seek Bids for Three (3) Ford Interceptors for the Police Department. Bechtel reported that State Rate for the Interceptors is \$35,000 each. Bid notices will be sent to local dealers.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to Seek Bids for Three (3) Ford Interceptors for the Police Department. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading an Ordinance Declaring Surplus Municipal Property. The property consists of portable/mobile radio equipment, real property at 1900 Perkins, and a 2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to suspend the rules on voting on an Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to adopt Ordinance #2020-33, an Ordinance Declaring Surplus Municipal Property. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading an Ordinance Reducing the Number of Zoning and Planning Commission Members from Nine (9) to Seven (7).

First Reading was held.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading an Ordinance to Enter into the Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency Support Program (Local CURE Program). City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel

explained that the State of Illinois allocated funds to every community. Mt. Vernon was allocated \$630,222.00. The eligible expenses must be directly used in the fight against COVID. The funds cannot be used for the lost of revenue.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to suspend the rules on voting on an Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to adopt Ordinance #2020-34, an Ordinance to Enter into the Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency Support Program (Local CURE Program). Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Resolution Approving an Amendment to an Economic Development Agreement with Milano Railcar Company d/b/a Milano Railway Logistic Services LLC. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that Milano's project is moving forward. This Amendment allows, after the property is closed and Milano actually owns the property, Milano to be able proceed with the demolition before the Post Office moves.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to approve the Resolution Approving an Amendment to an Economic Development Agreement with Milano Railcar Company d/b/a Milano Railway Logistic Services LLC. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

MAYOR

Mayor John Lewis reported on the August 2020 statistics from the various City Departments.

The Mt. Vernon Police Department handled 1,827 calls which equals to about 59 calls each and every day. 80 people were arrested during the month. There were 104 criminal charges, 24 drug charges, and 30 warrants served. They also conducted 258 traffic stops resulting in 92 citations. 9 people were arrested for D.U.I., responded to 90 traffic crashes, answered 94 alarms, and had 47 community contacts. The Detective Division was assigned 39 new cases and referred 6 cases to the States Attorney. The Tactical Unit had 2 call outs, K9 team had 22 deployments, and there was 1 crime scene callout.

The Fire Department responded to 328 alarms and calls. The City Hall Station answered 157 alarms, the Airport Station answered 21 alarms, and the 42nd Street Station answered 150 alarms. Of the responses, 238 were recorded as EMS related, 18 of the responses were recorded as fire related, and 7 of the responses were recorded as hazard related. They responded to 1 structure fire, 2 passenger vehicle fires, 1 road freight fire, 1 trash rubbish fire, 2 woods fires, 11 outside rubbish fires, 12 motor vehicle crashes with injuries, 31 false alarms, and gave mutual aid on 2 calls. The Fire Inspection Dept. performed 3 business site inspections, 5 consultations, and 1 plan review. The Fire Prevention Division performed 2 car seat inspections, 1 fire extinguisher training, 1 educational in-service, and 1 Red Cross Blood Drive for the month. September is National Preparedness Month. This month take time out to promote family and community disaster planning now and throughout the year. As our nation continues to respond to COVID-19, there is no better time to be involved this September to; make a plan, build a home survival kit, prepare for disasters and most importantly, teach your children about disaster preparedness. Remember "Disasters Don't Wait, Make Your Plan Today" for more information go to www.ready.gov.

Public Utilities Department responded to 17 water breaks, repaired or replaced 13 services, processed 169 work orders, processed 152 JULIE locates, had 163 red letter disconnects, completed 117 site restorations, 38 water samples were collected, and 1 hydrant repaired. On the sewer side, they responded to 3 service calls, 1 backed up sewer main, 6 routine sanitary and storm mains cleaned and/or televised resulting in 2,140 linear feet of sanitary sewer main cleaned, 1 main repaired, 1 service lateral was repaired, 18 sewer mains were routinely treated, and 360 hours were spent hauling debris.

Engineering and Inspection Department. They conducted no 10A Inspections due to COVID-19, and there have been 50 nuisance postings with 6 nuisance abatements. There were no properties condemned so the total # of condemned properties waiting to be demolished is still 35 and there were 14 building permits totaling \$2,165,927.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Ray Botch asked everyone to wish City Clerk Mary Jo Pemberton a happy birthday.

Council Member Joe Gliosci asked if there was an update on the 2020 Census. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel does not have an update since the house-to-house numerators began working. The last count was around 9,300. The Census ends September 30, 2020.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

No comments were heard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Jo Pemberton, City Clerk