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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, February 6, 2017  
7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Jerilee Hopkins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS**

The Journal for the January 17, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting was presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.**

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

Mike Beard, Director of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, presented Mayor Chesley with a group photo taken at the recent State of the City luncheon held at the Holiday Inn and hosted by the JCCC. Citizens were invited to place their signature on the border of the photograph. Beard also reminded everyone to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Show at the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport on Friday, 5-9 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Greg Patel, of Fun Blasters, 103 Shiloh, appeared to request a beer and wine liquor license for his business. He noted that he has arcade games, bumper cars, bounce houses, ball blaster and toddlers play area. It was suggested that a Council workshop or a meeting be scheduled with Mr. Patel so that Council may be more informed about this business.

Dwight Timmons, a Board Member of Northeast Water District, suggested that he defer his place on the Speaker List to Kenny Clark, Board President of Northeast Water District. Clark expressed his concern about Agenda Item 10-B establishing a Capital Improvement Fee for villages. Mayor Chesley noted that more discussion on this topic will be heard later in the meeting.

Paul Rainwater expressed his concern that he is receiving estimated water bills. Rainwater said the meter wasn't read, and he received another estimated bill again. City Manager Bechtel will consider the complaint.

Ray Botch suggested that the 2012 bond surplus funds should not be spent by this Council but wait until a new Council is elected.

Robert White appeared in support of Mr. Patel's request for a beer and wine liquor license. He asked Council regarding the next steps to be taken in this request. Chesley noted that Nathan McKenna, Assistant to the City Manager, will contact Council to schedule a meeting or workshop with Mr. Patel.

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel clarified the following items: #8 Guinzy Construction Inc. - \$1,974.14 – Digging out backhoe at CTA project, digging for water leak, cutting ditch to drain water and backfilling area. The City's backhoe was stuck in the mud at Force Main #14 near Continental. Guinzy pulled the backhoe out and helped finish the project. #12 Illinois Department of Transportation - \$53,505.16 – Reimbursement for Fairfield Road resurfacing. This represents the first installment for the City's 20% of resurfacing Fairfield Road project. The City's portion is about \$200,000.00; the project total is \$1.2 million.

**Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,742,188.62. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.**

#### **BIDS & QUOTES**

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for Council's consideration Permission to Seek Bids for renovations to Fire Station 4 located at 714 S. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, as follows:

- Flooring replacement throughout
- Replace worn carpet with more robust longer lasting flooring
- Interior paint of living space
- Refurbishment of ceiling and replacement where needed
- Kitchen cabinet and countertop replacement
- Appliance replacement where needed
- Shower insert installation
- Bathroom vanity installation
- Plumbing repair and replacement as needed
- General update and modernization of the nearly 30-year-old interior of the building

No City Funds will be used for the improvements. All work will be paid by the Foreign Fire Insurance Board. The purpose of the Fire Department Foreign Fire Insurance Board is to manage and authorize the disbursement of the foreign fire insurance tax revenue that is paid by out-of-state insurance companies selling fire insurance in Illinois for the maintenance, use, and benefit of the Fire Department.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to grant Permission to Seek Bids for Renovations to Fire Station 4, 714 S. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.**

Bechtel presented for Council's consideration Permission to Seek Bids to Replace the Front and West Doors at City Hall. Both doors are in dilapidated condition and need to be replaced. This is part of the ongoing City Hall rehab.

**Council Member Moore made a motion to grant Permission to Seek Bids to Replace the Front and West Doors at City Hall. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.**

Bechtel presented for Council's consideration Permission to Seek Bids for Roof Replacement of City Hall. There are leaks in several areas of the building. Cost of the roof is estimated to be \$195,000.00. This is part of the ongoing City Hall rehab.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to grant Permission to Seek Bids for Roof Replacement of City Hall. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.**

Bechtel presented for Council's consideration Bid results for New Industrial Park Water and Sewer Project. Seven bids were received. JK Trotter & Sons Inc, Mt. Vernon, IL, was the low bidder at \$717,494.05. Bechtel recommended that Council accept the low bid from JK Trotter & Sons Inc. The City's estimate for this project is about \$900,000.00.

JOB NAME: West Industrial Park Water and Sewer Extensions		CONTRACTORS												
OWNER: City of Mount Vernon, Illinois		JK Trotter & Sons Inc. 8288 East Richview Road Mount Vernon, IL 62864	Baxmeyer Construction, Inc. 1034 Floraville Road Waterloo, IL 62298	Kleffer Bros. Construction Co., Inc. 833 West 3rd Street Mount Carmel, IL 62863	Wiggs Excavating, Inc. 12022 Licab Road Benton, IL 62812	Heier Plumbing & Heating, Inc. 301 North Elston Street P. O. Box 400 Olawville, IL 62271	Kamardiski Excavating 4336 State Route 182 Gardola City IL 62040-6409							
BID OPENING: January 31, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.														
HMG PROJECT NO.: 7206.600		LOWbid												
Item														
36.	Concrete Pavement Replacement	28 S. Y.	\$100.00	\$2,800.00	\$190.00	\$5,320.00	\$120.00	\$3,360.00	\$120.00	\$3,360.00	\$120.00	\$3,360.00	\$165.00	\$4,620.00
37.	Rock Removal	245 C. Y.	\$125.00	\$30,625.00	\$137.00	\$33,565.00	\$150.00	\$36,750.00	\$150.00	\$36,750.00	\$250.00	\$61,250.00	\$180.00	\$39,200.00
38.	Select Granular Backfill	477 C. Y.	\$35.00	\$16,695.00	\$51.00	\$24,327.00	\$45.00	\$21,465.00	\$32.50	\$15,502.50	\$36.00	\$17,172.00	\$42.00	\$20,034.00
39.	Final Grading & Seeding	1 L. S.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$16,750.00	\$16,750.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$13,140.00	\$13,140.00
40.	Project Identification Sign	1 L. S.	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,440.00	\$1,440.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
<b>Total of All Bid Prices</b>				<b>\$717,494.05</b>		<b>\$747,125.50</b>		<b>\$782,573.00</b>		<b>\$707,808.00</b>		<b>\$822,876.70</b>		<b>\$857,558.00</b>
Certified to be an accurate tabulation of bids.														
John A. Wieler, P.E. Licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois License No. 062-003871 License Expires November 30, 2017														

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to accept the low bid from JK Trotter & Sons Inc. for \$717,494.05. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.

**CITY MANAGER**

City Engineer Brad Ruble presented the Capital Projects Report for February.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT**

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – February 2017

**TRANSPORTATION**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
N. 27 <sup>th</sup> / Old Union Rd.	2.0 M	Design(HMG) Construction(Baxmeyer)	100% 50%	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2017	Stage 1 is complete. Project is shut down for the winter. Water relocation to begin shortly.
Perkins Avenue (10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> )	1.2 M	Design(Homer/Shifrin) Construction(Baxmeyer)	100% 70%	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2017	Road is currently open to traffic, but will reopen in the spring for finish work and widening of Rte. 37.
Fairfield Road Resurfacing	1.2 M 80% IDOT	Design(Roundtable) Const. (SI Asphalt)	100% 99%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2016 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2016	Project is complete except for a minor item or two.
Route 15 Overlay Broadway and Main	70 K City 1.7 M IDOT	Design Construction	Unknown 0%	Jan. 2017 Summer 2017	This is an IDOT project. Begins just east of Fairfield Rd. and extends to 15 <sup>th</sup> Street going both east bound and west bound.
44 <sup>th</sup> St. Overlay	400 K	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	0% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2017 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2017	Design agreement is on this council agenda. North and South

**SANITARY SEWER/STORM SEWER**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Lift Station 14 Force main Replacement	1.2 M	Design(HMG) Construction	95% 0%	Pending	HMG has design nearly complete. Awaiting funding approval to proceed.
Lift Station 14 Station Replacement	2.0 M	Design(N/A) Construction	0% 0%	Pending	Heneghan has begun preliminary engineering.
S. 28 <sup>th</sup> and Jones St. Sanitary Sewer	150 K	Design(Roundtable) Construction	0% 0%	Pending	Round Table is awaiting our go ahead to begin design. Possible using revolving loan fund money for project.
Last, Rufus, Peek St. Storm Sewer	150 K	Design(RoundTable) Construction	0% 0%	Pending	Design agreement is on this council agenda.
Brownsville/Harian Storm Sewer	174 K	Design(RoundTable) Construction	0% 0%	Pending	Design agreement is on this council agenda.
Northbrook Dr.	55 K	Design(in house) Construction	10% 0%	Pending	Public Works is going to design and possibly construct.

**SIDEWALKS / TRAILS**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Wilshire Sidewalk (Richview to Old Union)	190 K	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	95% 0%	4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2017	Easement acquisition continues.
*-SRTS Marteeny Rd. and McCauley	360 K 154K IDOT	Design(RoundTable) Const. (Not Selected)	100% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2016 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2017	Bidding has been delayed due to ROW issues.

**WATER**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Broadway & Main Water Phase 2	1.0 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	100% 99%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2016 April 2017	New main is in up to 13 <sup>th</sup> St. Project rolling on. All new main will be in this month barring problems.
S. 44 <sup>th</sup> Street Replacement	200 K	Design (Rhutasel) Construction	100% 95%	June 2016 Dec. 2016	Project is complete except cleanup work.

**INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Roads	7.3 M all project	Design(HMG) Construction	95% 0%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2016 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2018	Detailed design work is progressing. North Industrial Drive, South Industrial Drive, Shiloh Drive, and Sparrow Lane.
Water & Sewer	85K Tarp, 1.285M EDP, 3.25M EDA	Design(HMG) Construction	100% 0%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2016 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2017	Bids are being awarded tonight. J. K. Trotter was the low bidder.

Nathan McKenna, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the programmatic report for February.

**CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT**

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – February 2017

Project	Work Phase	Act. / Est. Cost	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	We currently have 110 properties declared surplus. Of the 110, eight of them are under contract for mow to own or has interest in mow to own. Preparing a list of additional properties to have declared surplus at an upcoming council meeting.
IT Improvements	Planning	18 K			Design work of enjoymtvernon.com website is progressing. Expected completion end of this month. Working with the design firm to add additional content to the mtvernon.com such as archive for past council meeting minutes and agendas.
City Hall Improvements	Review	1.2 M		Ongoing	Meeting with McCoy and Howard Engineers to discuss next step for Electrical, HVAC and Plumbing. Asking council permission to seek bids to replace entry doors to City Hall and replace the roof. Expecting to seek bids in March and replacements be made in April.
Lincoln Park Addition	Planning Construction	1.6M	100%	TBD	Grant has been removed from suspended list (\$400K IDNR grant). Project was previously bid out and awarded to Fager-McGee Construction. This project awaits Council action.
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 2M	100% 0%	TBD	Poettker Construction is finalizing the preliminary plans and scope of work for the project. Once preliminary plans are complete will submit them to IHPA and IDNR for review and approval. We are seeking an extension to the project period for the grant from IDNR. Under current agreement expiration date is June 30, 2017.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council's consideration the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Article 21, Section 21-300 adding On-Premises Dwelling Units in Conjunction with Moving & Storage Operations as a Conditional Use in B-2 Zoning District. Leo Miller of BLT Properties, appeared to request the zoning change so that a resident manager may stay on the property 24-hours a day to provide security and after hour assistance to customers.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on the Ordinance at this meeting. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper. Council Member McEnaney made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-07 Amending Article 21, Section 21-300 adding On-Premises Dwelling Units in Conjunction with Moving & Storage Operations as a Conditional Use in B-2 Zoning District. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Establishing a Capital Improvement Fee for the Village of Woodlawn, Village of Bluford, Dix-Kell Water Commission, Village of Belle Rive, Village of Waltonville and Northeast Water Company. Bechtel noted that City Council previously enacted Ordinance 2016-27 imposing a Capital Improvement Fee upon certain residential, commercial, and government users of the City's water system (which Ordinance did not include the municipal corporations identified above) to provide funds to make capital improvements required to preserve the integrity of the water system of the City and to serve the best interests of the users of the water system, as follows:

In addition to payment of the rates established by Resolution enacted January 21, 2014 establishing rates for gallonage purchases, a Capital Improvement Fee based upon the size of the "MASTER" water meter or meters utilized for the sale of water to the municipal corporations identified herein is hereby assessed and shall be paid each month in accordance with the following schedule: 3" meter - \$84.38; 4" meter - \$126.57; 6" meter - \$190.47.

Dwight Timmons, a Board Member of the Northeast Water Company, requested that a meeting with the City and Village representatives be scheduled before Council votes on this Resolution.

Mayor and Council agreed that Bechtel will send a letter to Villages regarding the proposed Resolution including the fee schedule for their master meter.

**Council Member Moore made a motion to table Agenda Item 10-B Resolution Establishing a Capital Improvement Fee for the Village of Woodlawn, Village of Bluford, Dix-Kell Water Commission, Village of Belle Rive, Village of Waltonville and Northeast Water Company, until the next Council meeting on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Round Table Design for the Jones/28<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer project. Bechtel noted this is for civil engineering services for sanitary sewer main replacement along 28<sup>th</sup> Street connecting to Jones and Veterans Memorial Drive for an estimated fee of \$8,750.00. She is hopeful that revolving loan funds will be used to pay for this project.

**Council Member Moore made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Round Table Design for the Jones/28<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer project. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Rhutasel and Associates Inc. for design work for 44<sup>th</sup> Street overlay project. Bechtel stated the proposed improvements consist of the following: South 44<sup>th</sup> Street—roadway resurfacing, pavement widening, and restriping for proposed three lanes. North 44<sup>th</sup> Street—roadway resurfacing, pavement widening, base stabilization, culvert replacement and grading and shaping of ditches.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Rhutasel and Associates Inc. for design work for 44<sup>th</sup> Street overlay project. 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 a Proposal for Engineering Services with Round Table Design for Storm Sewer projects on Last Street/Rufus Street and Brownsville Rd. Bechtel stated engineering services will include storm sewer design and construction document development along Harlan and Brownsville Roads for a fee of \$15,500.00; and storm sewer design and construction document development in the vicinity of Last, Rufus and Peek Streets for \$17,500.00. These projects will be paid out of the 2012 bond surplus.

**Council Member Moore made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving a Proposal for Engineering Services with Round Table Design for Storm Sewer projects on Last Street/Rufus Street and Brownsville Rd. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.**

#### MAYOR

Mayor Chesley reminded everyone that the 2017 Midwestern Herb and Garden Show will be held at the Times Square Mall on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

She advised that the State of the City address is on the City's website, [www.mtvernon.com](http://www.mtvernon.com).

#### CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Moore noted that he has received many complimentary telephone calls regarding the new street lights installed at 10<sup>th</sup> and Oakland Streets. Thank you to everyone involved in this project.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bechtel requested an Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) Semi-annual Review of Executive Session Minutes and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) Disposition of Property. **Council Member McEnaney made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) Semi-annual Review of Executive Session Minutes and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) Disposition of Property. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: May and Piper.**

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins  
City Clerk