

City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, July 3, 2017
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, July 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

Mayor John Lewis called the meeting to order.

Pastor Brad Henson from the Ministerial Alliance gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed present: Council Member Jeff May, Council Member Donte Moore, Council Member Jim Rippy, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for June 19, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting was presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve the journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.**

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Linda Houston spoke against the issuing of a Liquor License to Funblasters. She said that Funblasters deals with children and children do not need to be exposed to liquor any more than they already are. She feels that a child's life is more important than liquor.

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval. Council Member Jim Rippy asked about the expenditures in the Quality of Life/Economic Development Account. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that \$36,045.00 was payable to EWI Architects, Inc. for the Mt. Vernon Rec Center (former armory) preliminary design and development. The \$89,145.00 was payable to Black & Sons Construction for the rebuilding of the walls for the Post office and the demolition of the roof at the Park Plaza Shopping Mall (former Montgomery Ward).

Council Member Jeff May motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$921,766.29. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS & QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel reported on the bids received for the 28th Street/Jones Street Sanitary Sewer Project. Bechtel stated that this important project will divert the City's west side sewer down 28th Street to Veteran's

Memorial Drive. This diversion will reduce the potential for sewer backups during rain events. The funding source is the Capital Improvement Fee in the Utilities. J. K. Trotter & Sons were the low bidder at \$88,954.00. The work is to begin within 4 to 6 weeks. Veteran's Memorial Drive will be closed for twelve (12) hours from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on one day overnight to connect the line on Veteran's. A detour will be available and area businesses will be notified.

Bid Tab

TABULATION OF BIDS for

Project: **28th Street Sanitary Sewer**
City of Mt. Vernon

Bid Due Date: **28-Jun-17**
Time: **10:00 a.m.**

ITEM #	Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	J.K. Trotter & Sons, Inc. 9266 E. Richview Rd. Mt. Vernon, IL 62264		Haler Plumbing & Heating, Inc. PO Box 400, 391 N. Eldon St. Oswestry, IL 62271		Banneyer Construction, Inc. 1834 Plymouth Rd. Waterloo, IL 62294	
						Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
1	15" PVC Sanitary Sewer (S-12)	LF	1,349	\$110.00	\$147,400.00	\$39.70	\$52,199.00	\$49.50	\$66,326.00	\$57.00	\$75,360.00
2	Cap 12"	Each	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
3	Manhole T.Y.A. 4" DIA. Type 1 Frame and Close Lid	Each	3	\$3,200.00	\$9,600.00	\$2,100.00	\$6,300.00	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$2,300.00	\$6,900.00
4	Gal Over Manhole	Each	1	\$4,300.00	\$4,300.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
5	Manhole Exit Depth, Excess of eight (8) feet	LF	6	\$50.00	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$600.00	\$150.00	\$900.00	\$200.00	\$1,200.00
6	Trench Backfill	CU YD	145	\$35.00	\$5,075.00	\$34.00	\$4,930.00	\$38.00	\$5,424.00	\$26.00	\$3,770.00
7	Connection to Existing Manhole	Each	1	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$18,750.00	\$18,750.00
8	Reconnection of Existing Services	Each	3	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$4,200.00	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00
9	Aggregate Base Course, 6"	SCYD	59	\$15.00	\$870.00	\$8.00	\$464.00	\$12.00	\$708.00	\$13.00	\$754.00
10	Pavement Removal	SCYD	59	\$20.00	\$1,180.00	\$10.00	\$590.00	\$20.00	\$1,180.00	\$18.00	\$1,054.00
11	Class C Paving, Type IV, 12"	SCYD	59	\$200.00	\$11,800.00	\$125.00	\$7,275.00	\$190.00	\$11,110.00	\$151.00	\$8,754.00
12	Traffic Control & Protection	Lump Sum	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$15,440.00	\$15,440.00
13	Driveway Removal	SCYD	30	\$15.00	\$450.00	\$5.00	\$150.00	\$5.00	\$150.00	\$95.00	\$2,850.00
14	Concrete Driveway	SCYD	5	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$75.00	\$375.00	\$150.00	\$750.00
15	Aggregate Surface Course Type B	SCYD	25	\$20.00	\$500.00	\$10.00	\$250.00	\$10.00	\$250.00	\$25.00	\$625.00
16	Seedling	AC	0.1	\$150.00	\$15.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
17	Mobilization (MTE 2%)	LS	1	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
TOTAL PRICE OF CONTRACT						\$194,760.00	\$88,954.00	\$102,776.00	\$104,050.00	\$104,050.00	\$89,300.00
Contractor's Total (As submitted on Bid Form)							LOW BIDDER				

I, Tishon Willis, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct Tabulation of Bids for the Contract received and opened at 10 a.m., on 06-28-2017 for the 28th Street Sanitary Sewer project.

Round Table Design, Inc.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to award the bid for the 28th Street/Jones Street Sanitary Sewer Project to J. K. Trotter & Sons for \$88,954.00. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel reported on the bids received for the Lake Terrace Northeast Resurfacing Project. Lake Terrace NE is the main entrance to Walgreens Distribution Center and the Rolland Lewis Industrial Park. The funding source is the 2012 Bonds. Rooters American Maintenance DbA Rooters Asphalt was the low bidder at \$201,378.01.

Lake Terrace NE Resurfacing												
Bid Tab, Opened 6/28/17 @ 10:00 A.M.				Bidders								
				Turman Contracting Jerseyville, IL		E.T. Simonds Carbondale, IL		Rooters American Maintenance		Christ Bros. Asphalt Lebanon, IL 62254		
ITEM#	Unit	# of Units	Cost Per Unit	Total for Item								
4" White Stripe	LF	1,280	\$ 5.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 5.75	\$ 7,360.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 7,040.00	\$ 3.35	\$ 4,228.00	\$ 3.60	\$ 4,608.00
Temporary Ramp	Sq Yd	143	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 1,001.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8.70	\$ 1,244.10	\$ 12.80	\$ 1,830.40
HMA Surface Removal	Sq Yd	14,299	\$ 3.00	\$ 42,897.00	\$ 1.73	\$ 24,737.27	\$ 2.40	\$ 34,317.60	\$ 1.84	\$ 26,310.16	\$ 2.60	\$ 37,177.40
HMA Surface Removal Bust Joint	So Yd	920	\$ 10.00	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 5,520.00	\$ 3.94	\$ 3,532.80	\$ 1.84	\$ 1,692.80	\$ 2.60	\$ 2,392.00
Prime Coat	SF	15,219	\$ 0.50	\$ 7,609.50	\$ 0.49	\$ 7,457.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.55	\$ 8,370.45	\$ 0.28	\$ 4,261.32
2.0" Surface Course "D" N70	TONS	1,705	\$ 95.00	\$ 161,975.00	\$ 94.00	\$ 160,270.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 179,025.00	\$ 90.50	\$ 154,302.50	\$ 85.51	\$ 145,794.55
Traffic Control and Protection	Lump Sum	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,400.00	\$ 15,400.00	\$ 2,218.76	\$ 2,218.76	\$ 4,530.00	\$ 4,530.00	\$ 8,245.00	\$ 8,245.00
				Total	\$ 239,511.50	\$ 221,745.58	\$ 233,134.16	\$ 201,378.01	\$ 201,378.01	\$ 204,308.67	\$ 204,308.67	Calculated As Read

Council Member Jim Rippy motioned to award the bid for the Lake Terrace Northeast Resurfacing Project to the low bidder, Rooters American Maintenance DbA Rooters Asphalt for \$201,378.01. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel reported on the bids received for Downtown Sidewalk and Curb Improvements at the Corners of 9th and Jordan and 10th and Harrison. The estimated cost of the project is \$50,000. Special Service Area #1 will provide \$20,000 and the Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District will provide \$30,000. Rollie

Excavating of Woodlawn, Illinois was the low bidder at \$42,285.00.

BID TABULATION for

Downtown Sidewalk and Curb Project
10th & Harrison and 9th & Jordan;
Mt. Vernon, Illinois

Bid Due Date: 10am, 6-29-17

Item #	Description	Units	Quantity	NAME ADDRESS & PHONE OF BIDDERS		Rollie Excavating		T&L Contracting		Evard Strang		Guliny Const.		Samron Midwest Contracting		Sheridan Concrete		Depaw & Owen			
				BID BOND		Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
				ADDENDUM #1		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
10th St. & Harrison St.																					
	Concrete Sidewalk, 4" thick	SF	1146	\$4.50	\$5,157.00	\$9.50	\$7,449.00	\$9.01	\$10,321.06	\$9.59	\$9,632.66	\$7.00	\$8,022.00	\$9.00	\$9,186.00	\$7.00	\$8,022.00	\$7.00	\$8,022.00		
	B-5.18 Curb & Gutter (includes dep. curb at sw re	LF	169.0	\$35.00	\$5,913.00	\$4.00	\$6,790.00	\$26.81	\$4,467.09	\$55.10	\$9,311.90	\$27.00	\$4,563.00	\$39.00	\$6,671.00	\$35.00	\$5,905.00	\$35.00	\$5,905.00		
	Remove - Concrete Sidewalk	SF	1146	\$1.00	\$1,146.00	\$1.75	\$2,006.50	\$3.81	\$4,366.26	\$3.57	\$4,091.22	\$4.00	\$4,584.00	\$3.90	\$4,480.40	\$2.50	\$2,865.00	\$2.50	\$2,865.00		
	Remove - Existing Curb & 18" pan width	LF	169	\$5.00	\$845.00	\$18.00	\$3,042.00	\$13.61	\$2,300.09	\$27.07	\$4,574.83	\$8.00	\$1,362.00	\$8.00	\$1,362.00	\$5.00	\$845.00	\$5.00	\$845.00		
	ADA Detectable Warning	SF	10		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$18.46	\$184.60	\$28.47	\$284.70	\$30.00	\$300.00	\$8.31	\$83.10	\$15.00	\$150.00	\$15.00	\$150.00		
	Concrete Sidewalk, 4" thick (to replace strip by d	SF	17		\$1,030.00	\$4.45	\$75.65	\$47.66	\$810.22	\$39.52	\$671.84	\$10.00	\$170.00	\$8.50	\$144.50	\$10.00	\$170.00	\$10.00	\$170.00		
	Remove - concrete Sidewalk (decorative strip by	SF	17		\$300.00	\$4.45	\$75.65	\$33.92	\$576.64	\$27.86	\$473.62	\$47.00	\$799.00	\$3.90	\$66.30	\$10.00	\$170.00	\$10.00	\$170.00		
9th St. & Jordan St.																					
	Concrete Sidewalk, 1" & 13" wide, 4" thick	SF	2018	\$4.00	\$8,072.00	\$6.00	\$12,108.00	\$6.11	\$12,338.58	\$7.65	\$15,426.30	\$8.00	\$16,146.00	\$8.00	\$16,146.00	\$7.00	\$14,126.00	\$7.00	\$14,126.00		
	Concrete Sidewalk, 1" wide, 6" thick (at driveway)	SF	170	\$5.00	\$850.00	\$8.50	\$1,445.00	\$9.94	\$1,690.50	\$10.11	\$1,718.70	\$7.50	\$1,275.00	\$8.00	\$1,360.00	\$6.50	\$1,105.00	\$6.50	\$1,105.00		
	Concrete pavement, 6" thick (at parking lot taper)	SF	124	\$7.50	\$930.00	\$8.50	\$1,054.00	\$13.77	\$1,707.48	\$13.17	\$1,633.08	\$10.00	\$1,240.00	\$8.00	\$992.00	\$9.50	\$1,178.00	\$9.50	\$1,178.00		
	B-6.18 Curb & Gutter (includes dep. curb at sw re	LF	39.0	\$35.00	\$1,365.00	\$9.00	\$351.00	\$43.23	\$1,685.97	\$105.43	\$4,111.77	\$40.00	\$1,560.00	\$59.00	\$2,301.00	\$65.00	\$2,535.00	\$65.00	\$2,535.00		
	B-6.18 Depressed Curb & Gutter (at driveway)	LF	18	\$35.00	\$630.00	\$46.00	\$828.00	\$30.17	\$543.06	\$102.23	\$1,840.14	\$40.00	\$720.00	\$59.00	\$1,062.00	\$45.00	\$810.00	\$45.00	\$810.00		
	Remove - Asphalt apron at parking lot taper	SF	124	\$1.50	\$184.80	\$1.75	\$217.00	\$2.94	\$364.56	\$15.61	\$1,823.24	\$10.00	\$1,240.00	\$3.90	\$483.60	\$3.00	\$372.00	\$3.00	\$372.00		
	Remove - Concrete Sidewalk	SF	2188	\$1.00	\$2,188.00	\$1.75	\$3,829.00	\$2.03	\$4,441.64	\$3.47	\$7,302.36	\$4.00	\$8,752.00	\$3.90	\$8,553.20	\$2.50	\$5,470.00	\$2.50	\$5,470.00		
	Remove - Existing Curb & 18" pan width	LF	54	\$5.00	\$270.00	\$16.00	\$864.00	\$13.45	\$726.30	\$36.16	\$1,952.64	\$15.00	\$810.00	\$3.90	\$210.60	\$35.00	\$1,890.00	\$35.00	\$1,890.00		
	Concrete Sidewalk, 9.5" wide, 4" thick	SF	845	\$4.00	\$3,380.00	\$6.00	\$5,070.00	\$4.60	\$3,882.00	\$9.16	\$7,731.75	\$5.50	\$4,652.50	\$8.00	\$6,760.00	\$7.00	\$5,915.00	\$7.00	\$5,915.00		
	Concrete Sidewalk, 6" wide, 4" thick	SF	395	\$4.00	\$1,580.00	\$6.50	\$2,567.50	\$9.84	\$3,881.40	\$9.20	\$3,614.00	\$8.00	\$3,160.00	\$8.00	\$3,160.00	\$6.50	\$2,567.50	\$6.50	\$2,567.50		
	ADA Detectable Warning	SF	10		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$18.46	\$184.60	\$28.47	\$284.70	\$30.00	\$300.00	\$8.31	\$83.10	\$15.00	\$150.00	\$15.00	\$150.00		
	B-6.18 Curb & Gutter (includes dep. curb at sw re	LF	169	\$35.00	\$5,915.00	\$40.00	\$6,760.00	\$34.88	\$5,884.72	\$53.65	\$9,046.80	\$28.00	\$4,704.00	\$58.00	\$9,812.00	\$55.00	\$5,905.00	\$55.00	\$5,905.00		
	Remove - Concrete Sidewalk	SF	1241	\$1.00	\$1,241.00	\$1.75	\$2,171.75	\$3.44	\$4,269.04	\$3.21	\$3,983.61	\$4.00	\$4,964.00	\$3.90	\$4,899.90	\$2.50	\$3,102.50	\$2.50	\$3,102.50		
	Remove - Existing Curb & 18" pan width	LF	169	\$5.00	\$845.00	\$15.00	\$2,535.00	\$5.80	\$970.40	\$27.23	\$4,571.84	\$7.65	\$1,286.85	\$3.00	\$504.00	\$35.00	\$5,905.00	\$35.00	\$5,905.00		
TOTAL PRICE OF CONTRACT																					
Contractor's Total (As submitted on Bid Form)					\$42,285.00		\$59,826.55		\$85,995.19		\$94,812.03		\$67,339.10		\$82,133.00		\$81,417.50				

I, Matthew R. Fauss, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct Tabulation of Bids for the Contract received and opened on June 26, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. for the Proposed Downtown Sidewalk and Curb Project for the City of Mt. Vernon.

Matthew R. Fauss, P.E.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to award the bid for the Downtown Sidewalk and Curb Improvements at the Corners of 9th and Jordan and 10th and Harrison, to the low bidder, Rollie Excavating, Woodlawn, IL for \$42,285.00. Seconded by Council Member Jeff May. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippey, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel reported on the bids received for MFT Street Maintenance Materials. This is for road improvement materials which include oil and chip plus overlays on 11th Street, Conger, and North 32nd Street. These are the streets prioritized by the Public Works Department. Council Member Jeff May stated compared to the City's overall need, the budget is not keeping up with the repair need. May asked if there was a long-term capital expenditure plan for road maintenance. Bechtel replied that it is included in the City's Comprehensive Plan that identifies the major roads, the different type of City roads, and total number of miles that the City maintains. May stated that Council needs to develop a long-term strategy for roadway capital expenditures. Mayor John Lewis agreed. Council Member Jim Rippey stated quality of life projects should take second place to infrastructure repair. Council Member Mike Young stated that the City should look at doing a better job the first time when finishing a repair. Council Member Donte Moore stated that the revenue stream is a problem. Rippey agreed that a long-term strategy is needed, but the City only has so much money and the people are being taxed to death. The funding source is from Motor Fuel Tax. Only one bid was received from Jax Asphalt for \$214,447.93 and it was \$10,000 less than the engineer's estimate.

BID TABULATIONS for
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, ILLINOIS
MUNICIPAL STREET MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS
MFT SECTION FUNDS
Bid Opening: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

Item #	SECTION 17-00000-00-GM Pay Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Engineers Estimate		Jax Asphalt		Delta Companies		Bid Bond Unit Price	NO BID Extended Price	Bid Bond Unit Price	NO BID Extended Price
				Unit Price	Extended Price	Bid Bond Unit Price	\$9,800 cc Extended Price	Bid Bond Unit Price	NO BID Extended Price				
1	Baluminous Material (HFE-150)	3,402	Gal	\$ 2.95	\$ 27,735.50	\$ 2.48	\$ 23,410.98						
	Seal Coat Aggregate (CA-15)	470	Ton	\$ 24.82	\$ 11,685.40	\$ 24.88	\$ 11,693.60						
	Total Item 1				\$ 39,401.90		\$ 35,104.58						
2	Total Patcher Oil (HFE-150)	10,000	Gal	\$ 2.66	\$ 26,600.00	\$ 2.24	\$ 22,400.00						
3	Total Patcher Marl (CA-15)	300	Ton	\$ 20.08	\$ 6,024.00	\$ 18.98	\$ 5,694.00						
4	- 3/4" Concrete Surface Course	2,073	Ton	\$ 71.00	\$ 147,183.00	\$ 68.85	\$ 144,789.05						
	- 3/4" Marl Prime Coat (HFE-90)	1,577	Gal.	\$ 3.95	\$ 6,229.15	\$ 3.90	\$ 6,150.30						
	Total Item 4				\$ 153,412.15		\$ 150,949.35						
				TOTAL BID	\$ 225,437.45		\$ 214,447.93		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -

Council Member Jeff May motioned to award the bid for MFT Street Maintenance Materials to Jax Asphalt for \$214,447.93. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented a request for permission to apply for the Bureau of Justice Ballistic Vest Grant. This a 50/50 grant for the purchase of thirteen vests to replace outdated ballistic vests. The value of the grant is \$10,163. The City's match would be \$5,081.50.

Council Member Jim Rippy motioned to grant permission to apply for a Bureau of Justice Ballistic Vest Grant. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to negotiate a contract for a Water Modeling Study. There are two companies that have access to the City's Water Modeling program. They are HMG and Roundtable Design. She is asking to negotiate with one company who has trained staff and who can complete the work in a short timeframe at a cost not to exceed \$12,000. Results expected from the study are recommendations about combining the Opdyke and L & N Water Towers, optimization of the use of the Times Square Mall Water Tower, and an analysis of dynamics for the Eagle Court Water Tower hydraulics. The study will show how the City's water towers are being used, maintained, and operated within the system. The funds will come from the Capital Investment Fee. Council Member Donte Moore asked if the study would show future sites for other water towers. Bechtel replied that it would be added to the request.

Council Member Jim Rippy motioned to grant permission to the City Manager to negotiate a contract for a Water Modeling Study. Seconded by Council Member Jeff May. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel introduced Raymond P. Botch to report on the Public Utilities Committee. Botch stated that Mayor Lewis charged the Committee to bring the City's water and sewer system into the 21st Century using four principles; 1) Identify the problem, 2) How do you fix the problem, 3) How do you finance the project, and 4) Transparency. The meetings are open to the public and minutes are available in the City Clerk's Office. He said that if a problem is identified that affects the bottom line, the problem should be fixed as soon as possible. The Water Modeling Study will provide key information on how to proceed with the water towers. Other items the Committee discussed is the SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) System and Lift Station #14. Botch feels that updating Lift Station #14 is the City's number one priority at a cost of \$3.2 million. The Committee has received RFQ's (Request for Qualifications) for the water and sewer system studies from several companies. The Committee will review the RFQ's at their next meeting and a recommendation will be sent to the Council. The component of the RFQ's is the testing of quality of the City's water and sewer lines. Botch stated that the Committee is fortunate to

have Council Member Jeff May as a member because of his financial knowledge. Botch asked that Jonathan Younger be appointed to the Committee due to the resignation of Jeff Wielt. Council Member Donte Moore asked for additional background on Lift Station #14. Botch explained that it serves the west side of the community by pumping the sewage to the Sanitary Sewer Treatment Plant. If Lift Station #14 goes down, there is no way to pump the sewage. Mayor John Lewis asked how long the City would have to repair Lift Station #14 before problems are evident. Botch replied that it is unknown until the problem is determined. If it goes down, there will be major issues with the shutdown of all the hotels and restaurants. Council Member Mike Young asked if the west side outgrew Lift Station #14 or was it just dilapidated. Botch said that it might have been able to be expanded if it was maintained, but it was not. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel reported that the City has sixteen (16) lift stations and seven (7) of them feed into Lift Station #14.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel introduced Nicholas Lemay to give a report on the Rend Lake Conservancy District. Lemay stated that some of the key items include a decrease in property taxes, completion of a backup line that provides a secondary source of water to the Mt. Vernon area, and a remote monitoring system. Keith Thomason, general manager of the Rend Lake Conservancy District, provided a history on Rend Lake and the District. The lake construction was completed in 1970 and it is the second largest lake in Illinois consisting of 19,000 acres. The withdraw compacity is 70 million gallons per day. Currently, a third of the compacity is used daily. The District is composed of six townships in Jefferson County and all the townships in Franklin County. The drinking water produced is delivered to 170,000 people in Southern Illinois. Thomason spoke on the plans for the Rend Lake Conservancy District. Council Member Jeff May asked if the District had a capital plan. Thomason replied yes and will provide the City Manager a copy. Council Member Jim Rippy asked why after all these years of reducing taxes, that it was decided to hold the tax rate level. Lemay explained that the State of Illinois is proposing a four-year property tax freeze and with that possibility, the District decided to hold the current tax rate level. Rippy stated that the original goal of the District was to keep reducing the tax until it was no longer required to have property tax. Lemay stated that he was not aware of that goal. Rippy asked about equal representation on the Board from Jefferson County and Franklin County. He said that he was appalled to learn that the person blocking equal representation was hired as a consultant for the District. Lemay and Thomason said that they were not aware of anyone blocking equal representation.

CITY ATTORNEY

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration a Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Article 6, Section 6.9 relating to the Number of Liquor Licenses by Creating a Restaurant License for Funblasters. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that the request would create a Restaurant Beer and Wine only license for Funblasters. Council Member Jim Rippy stated that he is concerned about the government jumping into people's business. He feels that if someone is opposed to liquor being served at Funblasters, they should not go, which may cause it to go out of business. **No motion was heard.**

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration an Ordinance Approving a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Agreement with Guero's Mexican Restaurant. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that Guero's is a new downtown restaurant in the Downtown TIF District. The funds would make various plumbing improvements identified by the State Plumbing Inspector. The TIF Board recommended to the City Council to approve 100% of Guero's request for \$9,750. Council Member Jeff May asked for the available funds in the Downtown TIF District. Bechtel replied about \$120,000 over and above the obligations.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2017-29, an Ordinance Approving a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Agreement with Guero's Mexican Restaurant. Seconded by Council Member Jim Rippy. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration a first reading of an Ordinance Prohibiting Parking of Motor Vehicles on Harlan Road. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that "No Parking Signs" have been installed for a long time and they have been disregarded by significant numbers of the motoring public. This Ordinance establishes that parking on Harlan Road and adjacent to Harlan Road creates a traffic hazard, obstructs the normal movement of traffic and the movement of emergency vehicle, and creates conditions injurious to health, safety, and welfare of the public. A violation of the prohibition against Harlan Road or adjacent to Harlan Road shall

be subject to issuance of a citation and imposition of a fine for prohibited parking, and shall subject the motor vehicle to towing without notice. The area includes all of Harlan Road, not just the area by Lincoln Park. Mayor John Lewis stated that because of transparency, this proposed Ordinance was placed on the City's website for public viewing. Council Member Mike Young stated that after the resurfacing of the parking lots, there will be more than adequate parking with 317 parking spaces. Council Member Donte Moore agreed that this is a step in the right direction. **First Reading was held.**

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Application for the Illinois Community Development Block Grant Program Grant. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that this application was discussed at the earlier Public Hearing. The City commits funds from the City's Utilities Capital Improvement Fund and Force Labor from the City's Engineering Department for use in conjunction with an Illinois Community Development grant (funds are from the Mt. Vernon Revolving Loan Fund). Such funds to equal 15.44% of the estimated cost of \$1,896,701 or \$292,889.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve the Resolution Approving Application for the Illinois Community Development Block Grant Program Grant. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Rhutasel and Associates, Inc. for Engineering Service on the North and South 44th Street Roadway Reconstruction. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that this is an extension of a current contract with Rhutasel and Associates, Inc. to change the contract to provide curbs, gutters, and concrete. The project will improve 44th Street from the Grill Restaurant to the former winery. This change increases the cost of the project from \$665,000 to \$2.1 million.

Bechtel explained how this project affects the balance of the 2012 Bond Funds. Some proposed projects that still require Council's approval include the Armory development, demolition of the Park Plaza Mall, and new tennis courts. Bechtel reported that the State of Illinois regraded the Park grant application with only tennis courts included and the application did not rate high enough to be awarded a grant. Council Member Donte Moore asked about the timeline to spend the bond money. Bechtel replied that the funds need to be spent by the end of the year. Council Member Jeff May asked if the funds are not spent what happens to the funds. Bechtel replied that the funds will be placed in escrow until the call date of the bond and then it would be applied against the debt. Moore stated that the Council promised new tennis courts, but \$660,000 has already been spent on the Armory development. He feels if the Armory project is not completed, then the \$660,000 is gone. Bechtel stated that the money was spent for new windows and roof at the Armory. Moore suggested holding a Workshop Meeting to have a discussion on how to spend the balance of the funds in the 2012 Bond Fund. Mayor Lewis feels that the North and South 44th Street Roadway Reconstruction project is definitely needed and the improvements will bring in more industry. Council Member Mike Young agreed that the 44th Street needs improved, because an asphalt overlay would not support the construction vehicles. Mayor Lewis announced that Mt. Vernon High School Board and Rend Lake College are talking about cooperating with the City to construct six new tennis courts. Council Member Jeff May agreed that 44th Street is in terrible shape and feels that the City should approve the Agreement for Engineering Services. May feels that the issue on how to spend the balance of the 2012 Bond Fund needs to be resolved soon.

Council Member Jeff May motioned to approve the Resolution Approving an Agreement with Rhutasel and Associates, Inc. for Engineering Service on the North and South 44th Street Roadway Reconstruction. Seconded by Council Member Jim Rippy. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

MAYOR

Mayor John Lewis publicly apologized to some members of the City Council and the City Manager. Lewis stated that he posted some issues on Facebook before informing the City Council and City Manager.

Mayor John Lewis reported on the June statistics from the Fire and Police Departments. The Fire Department responded to 258 alarms and the Police Department responded to 1,841 total events.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Jim Rippy reported that he, Council Member Mike Young, and City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel met with representatives of Milano Rail and the L & N Railroad regarding the opening of the 7th Street crossing. To date, Rippy stated that no one has said that they want 7th Street closed at the crossing. They discussed the possibilities on how to open the crossing and the necessary upgrades. After the representatives gather more information, they will meet again. The goal is to reopen 7th Street.

Council Member Mike Young reported that east-west stop signs on Harlan Road are missing at Lincoln Park. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that there were never stop signs at that location. Young stated that two residents brought this to his attention. Bechtel will look into the matter.

Council Member Mike Young asked why the City is not spraying for mosquitoes. Bechtel said that the Public Works Department has been spraying for a while and will provide a schedule to the Council.

Council Member Mike Young asked if Perkins Avenue was still on schedule to open in July. Bechtel replied yes, however the contractors did find some very soft mud. She does not feel that will delay the project.

Council Member Jim Rippy asked what the reason is for the gravel pile near the entrance of Fox Creek. Bechtel will find out and advise the Council.

Council Member Donte Moore complimented Jonathan Younger and the Public Utilities crew on their long hours to keep the City's system going.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

No comments were heard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jeff May motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Jo Pemberton
City Clerk