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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 1, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

The invocation was given by Rev. Harold Quick of West Salem Trinity United Methodist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journals for the July 18, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting and the July 25, 2016 City Council Workshop Meeting were presented to Council for their approval.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval. Council Member May observed that the amount of overtime hours being worked appears to be declining. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel noted that the Fire Department reduced the number of personnel on duty per shift by one (from eight to seven); however, overtime is not yet down to the budgeted level. Clarification was required on the following items: #3 Bentley Systems - \$5,971.00 – Microstation Tech Support for Engineering Department. This is engineering design software that the City Engineer, Brad Ruble, is familiar with. He anticipates producing more in-house designs in the future. #19 St. Mary Church - \$17,500.00 – Right of Way acquisition for North 27th Street. It was necessary for the City to purchase cemetery plots to make way for the reconstruction of North 27th Street. #22 US Bancorp Equipment Finance - \$133,623.09 – 2012 Fire Truck (\$107,100.38) and Roll Off Truck in Public Utilities Department (\$26,522.71). This represents the third of five payments for this equipment. The Roll Off Truck is used to transport waste from the sanitary sewer treatment plant to the dumping station.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$2,030,814.20. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

BIDS & QUOTES

Bechtel presented for Council’s consideration permission to Seek Bids for Water and Sewer Infrastructure at the New Industrial Park. She noted that the City received the site certification from the Economic Development Administration. The EDA grant will provide \$3.2 million; the Economic Development Grant through the Illinois Department of Transportation will provide \$1.285 million; and the TARP (Truck Access Route Program) funds at \$85,000; the City’s matching funds of \$3.5 million from the 2012 bonds; for a grand total of approximately \$7 million. A ground-breaking ceremony for the Phoenix Modular Elevator building is expected in the next few days.

Council Member Piper made a motion to grant permission to Seek Bids for Water and Sewer Infrastructure at the New Industrial Park. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

CITY MANAGER

Bechtel presented for Council’s consideration a request for Permission to Close 9th Street from Jordan to Casey on August 7 for Fundraising Event. The Petitioning Party is Lowery’s Irish Pub, 300 S. 9th Street. Carrie Lowry of Lowry’s Irish Pub appeared and stated that the fundraiser is for Illinois State Trooper Jason Marlow who was recently diagnosed with cancer shortly after his toddler daughter had open heart surgery. The Family Festival to benefit the Marlow Family will be held on Sunday, August 7 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Lowry added that they would like to have more festivals at ZERO cost to the City to help create more tourism, entertainment for the community and stimulate growth in the downtown area.

Council Member Moore made a motion to grant permission to Close 9th Street from Jordan to Casey on August 7 for Fundraising Event. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

City Engineer Brad Ruble presented the capital projects report:

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – August 2016

TRANSPORTATION

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
42 nd St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	4.0 M	Design(HMG) Const.(Baxmeyer)	100% 90%	Complete 3 rd Q 2016	Road is closed to through traffic. Road is expected to open this month. Stay tuned for date.
N. 27 th / Old Union Rd.	2.0 M	Design(HMG) Construction(Baxmeyer)	100% 0%	Complete 2 nd Q 2017	Project has been awarded to Baxmeyer Cons. Will begin as soon as this week.
Perkins Avenue (10 th to 12 th)	1.0 M	Design(Horner/Shifrin) Construction(Baxmeyer)	100% 30%	Complete 3 rd Q 2016	Construction has begun. Road is closed to thru traffic.
42 nd at Veterans Signals	225 K	Design(HMG) Const.(Public Works)	100% 10%	1 st Q 2016 3 rd Q 2016	Public Works department is doing work.
Fairfield Road Resurfacing	1.2 M 80% IDOT	Design(Roundtable) Const. (SI Asphalt)	100% 10%	2 nd Q 2016 4 th Q 2016	Patching is completed. Sidewalk work to begin soon.
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 th Street going both east bound and west bound.
Phoenix Modular Temp. Road	70 K	Design (City) Construction	100% 100%	Mid July 2016	Project is complete.

SEWER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Lift Station 14 Force main Replacement	1.2 M	Design(HMG) Construction	95% 0%	As needed Unknown	Project on stand still waiting for monies to become available.
Lift Station 14 Station Replacement	2.0 M	Design(N/A) Construction	0% 0%	Pending	Getting qualifications from designers to select design firm.

SIDEWALKS / TRAILS

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Wilshire Sidewalk (Richview to Old Union)	190 K	Design(Rhutase!) Construction	95% 0%	4 th Q 2015 4 th Q 2016	Easement acquisition has begun. 10 out of 27 have been gotten. All have been mailed out.
*-SRTS Airport Rd. and McCauley	360 K 154K IDOT	Design(RoundTable) Const. (Not Selected)	100% 0%	2 nd Q 2016 4 th Q 2016	September IDOT bid. Easement acquisition has started.

WATER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Broadway & Main Water Phase 1	1.85 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	100% 90%	Complete Aug. 2016	All water main has been installed. Tying over services and fire lines. Clean up to be done soon.
Broadway & Main Water Phase 2	1.0 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	100% 0%	2 nd Q 2016 April 2017	Phase 2 will replace from 15 th to 6 th along Main Street. Project has been awarded to JK Trotter starting after phase 1.
S. 44 th Street Replacement	200 K	Design (Rhutase!) Construction	95% 0%	June 2016 4 th Q 2016	Haair plumbing has been awarded contracts. Work to begin after contracts executed.

INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Roads	7.3 M all project	Design(HMG) Construction	90% 0%	4 th Q 2016 2 nd Q 2018	Detailed design work has begun. 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 st Q 2016 2 nd Q 2017	Will be going out to bid for Water and Sewer this month. 1 st meeting of September award of water/sewer portion.

Nathan McKenna, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the programmatic report:

CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – August 2016

Project	Work Phase	Act. / Est. Cost	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Republic Rewards Program	Planning	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Voting ended on July 29 th , winning organization was the Jefferson County Historical Society. Republic will award the grant at an upcoming council meeting.
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Mow to Own Program has received a lot of interest. So far, 6 applications have been approved so far. It has also generated interest in purchasing of property. Sale of two properties pending. Asking council to surplus an additional 22 properties.
Housing Demolition	Demolition	57K		Ongoing	Demolition on the 14 properties ongoing. Completion of this round of demolition is expected to be early fall. Cost for this round of demolition is 57 thousand out of the 135 thousand budgeted this fiscal year.
IT Improvements	Planning	N/A		Fall 2016	Working with Louder Design on content of the new website. When we switched hosting sites for the domain, the old site did not transfer properly. In order to have a usable website, a temporary site was put together and is up and running.
City Hall Basement	Review	125 K (total) 22,190		Complete	Asking Council to approve a contract for professional services with Environmental Consultants LLC., to prepare scope of work, bidding documents and air monitoring for asbestos removal at City Hall.
City Hall Improvements	Review	N/A			Reviewing list of needed improvements and prioritizing
Lincoln Park Addition	Planning Construction	1.6M	100%	TBD	Project on hold pending review. Project funding from IDNR suspended until review by Gov. Office. (400 Thousand)
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 2M	100% 0%	TBD	Project on hold pending review. Project funding from IDNR suspended until review by Gov. Office. (1.55 million)

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration the First Reading of an Ordinance Declaring City Property Surplus. Bechtel advised this includes 22 parcels of property as well as a large number of bicycles and various equipment. These items will be added to the previous surplus items and will be sold on Saturday, August 27, at the I64 Auction House. Bechtel requested that City Council suspend the rules and vote tonight.

Council Member Piper made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Council to vote on this Ordinance tonight. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Council Member Piper made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-24 Declaring City Property Surplus. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving an Agreement for Professional Services with Environmental Consultants LLC for Asbestos and Mold Consulting. Bechtel stated this company will perform asbestos and microbial (mold) consulting services in relation to the remediation activities in selected basement areas at the City Hall building. They will provide air monitoring, project management, laboratory costs and clearance sampling. The total cost of this contract is \$22,190.00.

Council Member May made a motion to adopt a Resolution Approving an Agreement for Professional Services with Environmental Consultants LLC for Asbestos and Mold Consulting. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

MAYOR

Mayor Chesley announced that a City Council Workshop Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2016, at the City Hall at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the future improvement of the water and sewer system.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Moore made a Motion Directing the City Manager to Draft an Ordinance Amending Article 13, Section 13.8 "Open Burning", to Allow 8 Days a Year for Landscape Waste Burning. Moore stated that he has been contacted by many residents, both for and against, the issue. He asked that Council address the leaf burning issue. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the yard waste services already provided by Republic Services in the City's present contract. Bechtel provided information on how neighboring communities deal with leaf removal as well as cost estimates for the City removing the leaves using vacuum trucks.

The motion died for lack of a second.

VISITORS/CITIZEN REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Dick Acklin, of Mt. Vernon, expressed his concern that Jim Rippy was not reappointed to the Rend Lake Conservancy District Board.

Ray Botch, of Mt. Vernon, expressed his concern about the method used to hire the City Manager. He suggested that all Council meetings and workshops should be scheduled at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Center at Veterans Park.

Jere Shaw, of Mt. Vernon, expressed his frustration that James Rippy was not reappointed to the Rend Lake Conservancy District Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bechtel requested a review of Executive Session minutes under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21). Council Member Piper made a motion to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

Council returned to open session.

Bechtel presented for Council's consideration a Motion to Release Executive Session Minutes for the following dates as reviewed by Council: August 3, 2015; November 23, 2015; December 7, 2015; January 25, 2016; January 28, 2016; January 29, 2016; February 1, 2016; February 5, 2016; February 16, 2016; March 4, 2016.

Council Member Piper made a motion to release Executive Session minutes as presented. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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