

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 15, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, August 15, 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. Ron Lash of the Jefferson County Ministerial Association.

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 Journal for the August 1, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting was presented to Council for their approval.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member Moore. 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. Clarification was requested on the following items: The special check written to Craig Simon in the amount of \$2,932.50 for Destination Mt. Vernon Design is for graphic art in the recent newspaper Tourism insert. #9 Greater Egypt Regional Planning - \$4,827.14 – appropriation from 10/2016 thru 9/2017 (\$3,819.25) and reimbursement for expenses on the Industrial Park project (\$1,007.89). This denotes the annual membership fee which is assessed based upon the City's population. The remainder is for the administering of grants. #11 Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende - \$22,329.35 – West Industrial Park engineering (\$13,485.60) and Industrial Park Water Sewer design (\$8,884.75). Water and sewer engineering is almost complete. Engineering for the remaining is ongoing. #16 Kuncce Computers - \$26,416.00 – new computer in Tourism \$1,568.00, New Windows Server for City Hall (\$24,435.00) and various computer repairs (\$413.00). The new computer at the Tourism Department will enable them to update the new website when it goes on line. The Windows Server was needed for storage of financial archives.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$962,236.71. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

BIDS & QUOTES

Bechtel presented for Council's consideration a request for permission to Seek Bids for 12th Street Sidewalk and Curb Project. Partial curbing and new sidewalks will be installed from the northeast corner of 12th and Main Streets to Harrison Street and will be funded with Special Service Area revenue.

Council Member Moore made a motion to grant permission to Seek Bids for 12th Street Sidewalk and Curb Project. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

CITY MANAGER

Bechtel presented for Council's consideration a request for Permission to Close Lamar Street between 19th and 20th Streets for a Block Party. Linola Spann, of 1905 Lamar, is organizing a cookout for parents and kids to be held on Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Hotdogs, chips and drinks will be served. Everyone is invited.

Also, the neighborhood/community watch meeting will be held on Monday, August 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building.

Council Member Piper made a motion to grant permission to Close Lamar Street between 19th and 20th Streets for a Block Party. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council's consideration an Ordinance Rezoning Property Located at 1014 Southgate Drive from R-M2; Medium Density Residential and B-2; Secondary Business to R-3; High Density Residential. The petitioners, Warren and Karen Stark, are owners of Southgate Apartments. The Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously approved the rezoning. Construction of duplexes is expected to begin this fall and will take one year to complete.

Council Member May made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-25 Rezoning Property Located at 1014 Southgate Drive from R-M2; Medium Density Residential and B-2; Secondary Business to R-3; High Density Residential. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Change Order to the Perkins Avenue Project to Install a New Water Main. Bechtel explained that old underground fuel storage tanks were found buried during construction. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) regulations require their removal at the City's expense. In addition, it is recommended that a new water main and sanitary sewer manholes be installed at this time. The change order totals \$88,200.00, increasing the total project cost by 8.05%, for a grant total of \$1,183,808.12 for the Perkins Avenue project.

Council Member Piper made a motion to adopt a Resolution Approving Change Order to the Perkins Avenue Project to Install a New Water Main. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving an Agreement with IDOT for Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project on McCauley Road and Marteeny Street. City Engineer Brad Ruble appeared to clarify the change in the scope of the construction on McCauley Road. He explained that according to the design plans the ditches will be enclosed only in the middle section on the east side of the telephone poles to allow for construction of a safe sidewalk. If the ditches are also enclosed on the north and south ends of the project, Ruble estimated it would cost an additional \$76,000.00.

Mike McDonough, who resides on the corner of McCauley Road and Curtis Court, appeared to urge the City to enclose the ditches on his side yard (McCauley Road).

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to adopt a Resolution Approving an Agreement with IDOT for Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project on McCauley Road and Marteeny Street and to spend the additional \$77,000.00 to enclose the ditches on McCauley Road. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore and Piper. Nay: May and Chesley.

MAYOR

Mayor Chesley asked residents to not dispose of grass clippings into the City streets because the clippings clog the drainage crates and cause water to accumulate in the streets.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Moore reminded residents that the neighborhood/community watch meeting will be held on Monday, August 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Center.

VISITORS/CITIZEN REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ray Botch had a few questions concerning the City's water system.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk