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

**MINUTES**

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Tom Hunter 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 January 19, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting was presented to Council for their consideration. **Council Member May made a motion to approve the Journals 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. Council Member May inquired about Item #4 Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende, Inc. - \$33,128.92 – N. 27<sup>th</sup> St and Old Union Rd Reconstruction (\$7,362.86), West Industrial Park Engineering (\$25,766.06) This represents a process payment on Engineering Services. Item #12 Postmaster - \$6,000.00 – postage for water bills. Interim City Manager Bechtel reported that no progress has been made for online bill payment. Council Member McEnaney inquired about Item #8 Kohls - \$40,093.08 – January thru December 2015 ½% sales tax reimbursement. This is a portion of the incentive package for Kohls. Item #9 Lauterbach & Amen - \$4,200.00 – GASB 45 Actuarial report for fiscal year 2014/2015. This represents a report necessary for the City's annual audit report. Item #14 Taser International - \$4,553.14 – Taser replacements, cartridges and holsters for Police Department. Chief Chris Deichman stated the Department has 12 Tasers which are signed-out on a nightly basis. Officers must be certified to carry a Taser.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$802,818.54. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

#### **BIDS & QUOTES**

No bids were submitted.

#### **CITY MANAGER**

Bechtel presented for Council's consideration a Request for Permission to Seek Bids for an Outdoor Chemical Storage Building. Fleet Services needs this OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) compliant building for the storage of oil and other chemicals.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to grant Permission to Seek Bids for an Outdoor Chemical Storage Building. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

Bechtel presented for Council's consideration a Request for Permission to Seek Bids for Fireworks for the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Salute to Freedom Celebration. The City's newly appointed Director of Tourism, Angela Schrum, was introduced.

**Council Member Moore made a motion to grant Permission to Seek Bids for Fireworks for the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Salute to Freedom Celebration. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

Bechtel presented for Council's consideration a Request for Permission to Waive Bidding Procedures to Install Cured in Place Piping of a Sewer line. Public Utilities Director Jeff Wielt appeared. He stated that Visu-Sewer offers a trenchless, less invasive method to rehabilitate leaky sewer lines. He proposes to utilize this method on Rushton Drive to North 7<sup>th</sup> Street which is about 250 feet.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to grant Permission to Waive Bidding procedures to Install Cured in Place Piping of a Sewer Line. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

City Engineer Brad Ruble presented the February Capital Projects Report:

**CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT**

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – February 2016



**TRANSPORTATION**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
42 <sup>nd</sup> St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	4.0 M	Design(HMG) Const.(Baxmeyer)	100% 45%	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2016	Road is closed to through traffic. Waiting for weather to improve to continue on with construction.
N. 27 <sup>th</sup> / Old Union Rd.	2.0 M	Design(HMG) Construction	95% 0%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2015 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2016	May end the project after the cemeteries. Easements being worked on.
Perkins Avenue (10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> )	1.0 M	Design(Horner/Shifrin) Construction(Baxmeyer)	100% 0%	Complete 1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2016	Baxmeyer was awarded the project. Expected to start this month or next.
42 <sup>nd</sup> at Veterans Signals	225 K	Design(HMG) Construction	30% 0%	Pending Pending	Looking at Public Works constructing the signals
Ambassador Roadway near new High School	1.25 M	Design(Rhutasel) Const. (ET Simonds)	100% 70%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2016	Sidewalk and Cleanup is all that remains. Road is open for traffic this winter. Completion this spring.
Fairfield Road Resurfacing	1.0 M 80% IDOT	Design(Roundtable) Construction	100% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2016 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2016	On track for an April bid opening. Summer construction.

**SEWER**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Lift Station 14 Force main Replacement	1.2 M	Design(HMG) Construction	100% 0%	As needed Unknown	Project on stand still waiting for monies to become available.
Ambassador Road near new High School	300 K	Design(HMG) Const(Trotter)	100% 95%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015	Project is complete except for some dirt work cleanup. Waiting until spring to allow or settling. Sewer is functioning and operable.
Lift Station 14 Station Replacement	2.0 M	Design(N/A) Construction	0% 0%	Pending	Project is on stand still.

**SIDEWALKS / TRAILS**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Richview Wide Sidewalk (27 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> on South)	400 K	Design(Heneghan) Construction(Moniger)	100% 0%	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2016	Moniger Const. to start project in the spring.
Wilshire Sidewalk (Richview to Old Union)	190 K	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	95% 0%	4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2016	Easement acquisition has begun. 8 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)	15% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2016 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2016	Surveying has begun. Design work is beginning.

**WATER**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Broadway & Main Water Phase 1	1.85 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	100% 0%	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2016	Connecting services to customers on Main St. Will begin on Broadway section this month.
Broadway & Main Water Phase 2	1.0 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	95% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2016 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2016	Phase 2 will replace from 15 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> along Main Street

**INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Roads	7.3 M all project	Design(HMG) Construction	70% 0%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2016 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2017	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	90% 0%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2016 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2016	Water and sewer EPA permits have been obtained. Easements will need to be acquired before bidding occurs.

Nathan McKenna, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the February Programmatic Report:

**CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT**

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – February 2016



<b>Project</b>	<b>Work Phase</b>	<b>Act. / Est. Cost</b>	<b>% Complete</b>	<b>Est. Compl. Date</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Housing Program	Implementation		100% ongoing	Ongoing Ongoing	Construction continues at Woodglen Acres, discussion being held to start additional houses. New semi-annual web magazine completed and will be upload to buildmtvernonil.com
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) In the fifth month of State fiscal year without a budget.
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Identifying neighboring property owners to send letters offering opportunity to purchase adjacent surplus lots. Compiling a new list of recently acquired properties to be declared surplus by council.
Housing Demolition	Demolition	72K		Ongoing	Heck Excavating has 5 out of the 9 structures down from the latest bidding. Remaining fund for this fiscal year budget will go to asbestos surveying of upcoming demo project.
City Hall Basement	Review	125 K		Complete	Estimates for Mold remediation, asbestos abatement and water drainage received.
City Hall Improvements	Review	N/A			Comprehensive report on city hall repairs is complete. Top priority listed is the boiler system (\$76K replacement cost) and the condition of the basement(\$125K).
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)
Republic Rewards Program	Planning	N/A	N/A	TBD	This is a grant opportunity offered by Republic Services to not-for-profit organizations. Winners are chosen by residents of Mt. Vernon through online voting using points accumulated through login recycling.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council’s consideration the First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Real Estate to the City of Mt. Vernon located adjacent to the New Industrial Park. **FIRST READING ONLY.**

**MAYOR**

No information was shared by Mayor Chesley.

**CITY COUNCIL**

No information was shared by Council Members.

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

James Rippey requested the City Council pass a Resolution encouraging the citizens of Mt. Vernon to vote “no” on the use of water revenues to support recreational activities at the Rend Lake Conservancy District.

Jere Shaw expressed his concern about how funds are spent at the Rend Lake Conservancy District. He also discussed a letter he sent to Fred Kondritz, Mayor of Benton, IL.

Mayor Chesley noted that the Council will take this request under advisement.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Chesley requested an Executive Session in order to discuss personnel pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

**Council Member May made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 2(c)(1). Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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