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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
Monday, March 14, 2016**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in a Workshop Meeting on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Council Chamber Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Mt. Vernon, IL.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley called the meeting to order. Roll call showed present: Council Members Dennis McEnaney, Donte Moore and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley. Absent: Council Members Jeff May and Todd Piper.

Also present were City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, Finance Director Merle Hollmann and Nathan McKenna.

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

No visitors spoke at the meeting.

**9 MONTH BUDGET REVIEW**

Director of Finance Merle Hollmann presented the following spreadsheets:

CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS FIRST 9 MONTHS BUDGET REVIEW AS OF JANUARY 31, 2016		3/10/2016		
Description	General Corporate Fund	Comments	Public Utilities Fund	Comments
Operating Cash Balance @ 4/30/2015	\$ 3,600,603		\$ 102,768	
Operating Cash Balance @ 8/31/2015	\$ 3,174,364	Extra payroll in May lowered cash by \$184,000	\$ 480,551	Extra payroll in May lowered cash by \$23,500
Operating Cash Balance @ 10/31/2015	\$ 2,839,554	Extra payroll in Oct lowered cash by \$368,000	\$ 404,885	Extra payroll in Oct lowered cash by \$47,000
Operating Cash Balance @ 1/31/2016	\$ 2,518,079		\$ 348,499	
Operating Working Fund Balance @ 4/30/2015	\$ 3,959,289	Projected in budget to be \$3,850,847	\$ 638,356	Projected in budget to be \$543,291
Operating Working Fund Balance @ 8/31/2015	\$ 3,945,406		\$ 614,840	
Operating Working Fund Balance @10/31/2015	\$ 3,697,689		\$ 645,882	CTA water usage may be over-estimated
Operating Working Fund Balance @ 1/31/2016	\$ 3,567,699		\$ 624,544	
Actual Revenues as % of Budget	75.2% Should be 75.0%		74.2% Should be 75.0%	
Actual Expenditures as % of Budget	72.9% Should be 75.0%		74.9% Should be 75.0%	
Originally Budgeted Operating Surplus(Deficit) FY 2015-2016	\$ (406,378)		\$ 38,393	
Originally Budgeted Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$ (434,763)		\$ -	
Total Originally Budgeted Operating Surplus(Deficit) FY 2015-2016	\$ (841,141)		\$ 38,393	
Actual Operating Surplus (Deficit) after 6 months	\$ (65,518)		\$ (13,812)	
1/2 Budgeted Annual Transfer to Capital Projects	\$ (326,072)		\$ -	
Total Actual Operating Surplus (Deficit) after 6 months	\$ (391,590)		\$ (13,812)	

Hollmann indicated an error on the above spreadsheet — the first column, last entry should read *Actual Operating Surplus (Deficit) after 9 months; ¾ Budgeted Annual Transfer to Capital Projects; Total Actual Operating Surplus (Deficit) after 9 months.* He reminded Council that most of the anticipated transfer to the capital projects fund \$(326,072) is to cover equipment purchases.

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, IL  
MULTI-YEAR COMPARISON OF 1% SALES TAX**

LIABILITY MONTH	MONTH RECEIVED	FY 2007-2008	FY 2008-2009	FY 2009-2010	FY 2010-2011	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016	MONTHLY PERCENTAGE COMPARISON OF MOST RECENT YR TO PREVIOUS YEAR
APRIL	JULY	\$438,632.50	\$407,794.29	\$418,967.94	\$403,299.10	\$438,054.71	\$413,345.85	\$417,313.89	\$446,544.55	\$453,501.72	1.6%
MAY	AUGUST	\$437,823.02	\$417,753.35	\$428,603.92	\$434,046.32	\$425,073.52	\$462,490.66	\$451,599.76	\$462,605.32	\$464,125.16	0.3%
JUNE	SEPTEMBER	\$438,349.79	\$437,964.93	\$435,429.82	\$473,792.37	\$471,145.49	\$450,682.91	\$449,115.95	\$471,678.09	\$481,928.07	2.2%
JULY	OCTOBER	\$415,210.14	\$408,698.43	\$400,426.58	\$433,021.47	\$475,730.14	\$431,115.53	\$439,482.29	\$468,015.09	\$467,011.54	-0.2%
AUGUST	NOVEMBER	\$391,587.50	\$400,432.01	\$406,111.58	\$422,792.11	\$440,940.37	\$431,643.75	\$427,230.95	\$463,591.46	\$457,652.17	-1.3%
SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	\$404,666.14	\$417,077.49	\$390,092.87	\$422,938.76	\$430,482.03	\$424,995.71	\$423,086.66	\$455,783.48	\$436,302.03	-4.3%
OCTOBER	JANUARY	\$365,561.57	\$361,403.50	\$392,603.66	\$403,217.32	\$423,053.79	\$403,469.31	\$411,730.30	\$439,598.77	\$443,213.70	0.8%
NOVEMBER	FEBRUARY	\$394,892.50	\$379,219.69	\$391,284.53	\$388,891.92	\$482,427.64	\$434,126.45	\$429,370.49	\$449,715.77	\$438,230.23	-2.6%
DECEMBER	MARCH	\$481,086.33	\$473,037.77	\$521,162.57	\$528,918.62	\$578,423.02	\$527,102.34	\$516,248.25	\$554,323.37	\$542,572.85	-2.1%
JANUARY	APRIL	\$356,690.15	\$328,298.84	\$360,605.42	\$367,556.57	\$402,637.47	\$393,061.21	\$376,020.98	\$413,605.65	\$0.00	-100.0%
FEBRUARY	MAY	\$349,526.38	\$351,788.39	\$389,515.00	\$408,084.47	\$432,826.88	\$391,809.94	\$409,135.29	\$402,685.75	\$0.00	-100.0%
MARCH	JUNE	\$419,798.42	\$396,569.80	\$415,972.00	\$444,939.91	\$486,526.94	\$431,162.08	\$460,339.39	\$468,445.96	\$0.00	-100.0%
<b>ANNUAL TOTALS</b>		<b>\$4,893,824.44</b>	<b>\$4,780,038.49</b>	<b>\$4,950,775.89</b>	<b>\$5,131,498.94</b>	<b>\$5,487,322.00</b>	<b>\$5,195,005.74</b>	<b>\$5,210,674.20</b>	<b>\$5,496,593.26</b>	<b>\$4,184,537.47</b>	
<b>% INCREASE/(DECREASE) OVER PREVIOUS YEAR</b>			<b>-2.3%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>-5.3%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>		
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNTS</b>									<b>\$4,211,855.90</b>	<b>\$4,184,537.47</b>	
<b>% INCREASE/(DECREASE) OVER PREVIOUS YEAR-TO-DATE</b>										<b>-0.6%</b>	
<b>% INCREASE/(DECREASE) OVER CURRENT YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET</b>										<b>-0.7%</b>	
<b>TOTAL BUDGET FOR CURRENT YEAR</b>									<b>\$5,497,000.00</b>		

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, IL  
MULTI-YEAR COMPARISON OF 1% HOME RULE SALES TAX**

LIABILITY MONTH	MONTH NORMALLY RECEIVED	FY 2007-2008	FY 2008-2009	FY 2009-2010	FY 2010-2011	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016	MONTHLY PERCENTAGE COMPARISON OF MOST RECENT YR TO
											PREVIOUS YEAR
APRIL	JULY	\$297,006.70	\$275,753.11	\$266,099.80	\$301,146.94	\$315,948.25	\$301,330.71	\$290,518.85	\$303,214.02	\$307,763.98	1.5%
MAY	AUGUST	\$312,168.52	\$296,874.22	\$297,474.87	\$302,600.21	\$313,862.01	\$320,847.45	\$316,153.60	\$318,543.12	\$312,410.24	-1.9%
JUNE	SEPTEMBER	\$295,592.70	\$314,824.22	\$309,316.91	\$318,679.07	\$330,904.19	\$321,667.13	\$317,664.36	\$327,368.99	\$330,632.84	1.0%
JULY	OCTOBER	\$278,212.22	\$287,489.38	\$277,586.84	\$303,422.24	\$313,659.63	\$294,773.90	\$299,893.82	\$308,231.89	\$303,531.20	-1.5%
AUGUST	NOVEMBER	\$268,153.24	\$270,784.81	\$279,518.79	\$297,739.31	\$309,213.30	\$301,317.68	\$292,853.90	\$303,530.00	\$299,817.54	-1.2%
SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	\$278,745.89	\$284,427.11	\$279,605.67	\$316,875.03	\$302,637.83	\$306,524.18	\$295,054.52	\$301,555.73	\$291,681.84	-3.3%
OCTOBER	JANUARY	\$254,649.67	\$258,565.22	\$293,164.49	\$272,788.62	\$296,529.37	\$280,437.17	\$281,033.82	\$300,200.89	\$288,061.69	-4.0%
NOVEMBER	FEBRUARY	\$284,400.15	\$261,073.92	\$283,192.14	\$297,492.65	\$306,433.22	\$305,744.52	\$302,881.22	\$306,622.74	\$297,195.59	-3.1%
DECEMBER	MARCH	\$341,627.86	\$335,098.58	\$386,348.58	\$379,094.14	\$414,084.63	\$376,032.51	\$359,300.40	\$375,241.65	\$368,602.55	-1.8%
JANUARY	APRIL	\$236,642.22	\$215,207.54	\$245,779.54	\$244,906.39	\$275,478.80	\$260,799.71	\$259,218.08	\$262,046.52	50.00	-100.0%
FEBRUARY	MAY	\$235,609.28	\$227,547.61	\$269,925.78	\$261,457.66	\$297,324.87	\$270,192.20	\$269,820.24	\$275,056.26	50.00	-100.0%
MARCH	JUNE	\$287,445.05	\$281,697.64	\$309,470.36	\$321,441.71	\$341,993.90	\$308,803.26	\$317,723.46	\$300,719.02	50.00	-100.0%
<b>ANNUAL TOTALS</b>		<b>\$3,370,253.50</b>	<b>\$3,309,343.36</b>	<b>\$3,497,483.77</b>	<b>\$3,617,643.97</b>	<b>\$3,818,070.00</b>	<b>\$3,648,470.42</b>	<b>\$3,602,116.27</b>	<b>\$3,682,330.83</b>	<b>\$2,799,697.47</b>	
<b>% INCREASE/(DECREASE) OVER PREVIOUS YEAR</b>			<b>-1.8%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>-4.4%</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>		
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNTS</b>								<b>\$2,844,509.03</b>	<b>\$2,799,697.47</b>		
<b>% INCREASE/(DECREASE) OVER PREVIOUS YEAR-TO-DATE</b>										<b>-1.6%</b>	
<b>% INCREASE/(DECREASE) OVER CURRENT YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET</b>										<b>-1.4%</b>	
<b>TOTAL BUDGET FOR CURRENT YEAR</b>										<b>\$3,674,000.00</b>	

Hollmann will review the sales taxes collected in other communities along Interstate 57 to look for any trends.

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, IL  
MULTI-YEAR COMPARISON OF STATE INCOME TAX**

LIABILITY MONTH	MONTH NORMALLY RECEIVED	FY 2007-2008	FY 2008-2009	FY 2009-2010	FY 2010-2011	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016	MONTHLY PERCENTAGE COMPARISON OF MOST RECENT YR TO
											PREVIOUS YEAR
MAY	JUNE	\$135,791.44	\$132,441.18	\$105,801.91	\$85,731.11	\$91,194.53	\$100,923.46	\$88,556.52	\$86,004.56	\$113,725.06	32.2%
JUNE	JULY	\$134,455.49	\$146,614.36	\$115,195.26	\$120,486.27	\$118,137.36	\$129,600.09	\$135,629.35	\$142,340.26	\$160,459.37	12.7%
JULY	AUGUST	\$80,706.45	\$85,489.27	\$78,414.98	\$78,991.23	\$81,274.76	\$81,325.49	\$84,266.52	\$83,035.22	\$93,117.52	12.1%
AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	\$82,786.63	\$82,191.89	\$74,873.29	\$81,008.07	\$78,230.17	\$80,668.15	\$82,208.52	\$81,199.62	\$88,689.06	9.2%
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	\$141,043.05	\$146,184.36	\$115,377.48	\$117,736.10	\$124,252.62	\$127,018.33	\$143,426.11	\$144,884.06	\$155,874.90	7.6%
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	\$90,655.69	\$91,299.79	\$86,929.99	\$88,606.87	\$79,131.47	\$95,975.85	\$94,960.68	\$97,679.95	\$102,777.46	5.2%
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	\$82,614.41	\$71,115.00	\$68,332.20	\$97,994.34	\$74,505.64	\$79,205.29	\$75,796.33	\$73,449.17	\$80,378.77	9.4%
DECEMBER	JANUARY	\$121,894.77	\$120,088.84	\$120,113.55	\$111,720.59	\$110,695.55	\$122,776.91	\$140,362.22	\$124,447.23	\$150,814.02	21.2%
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	\$180,126.77	\$150,993.48	\$127,300.04	\$138,061.74	\$127,626.00	\$144,932.41	\$148,960.15	\$185,675.95	\$165,037.54	-11.1%
FEBRUARY	MARCH	\$96,167.28	\$81,833.38	\$78,769.09	\$68,859.84	\$85,146.93	\$81,268.69	\$85,079.83	\$81,000.64	50.00	-100.0%
MARCH	APRIL	\$138,804.26	\$126,335.83	\$122,886.82	\$118,461.84	\$132,205.69	\$141,117.32	\$148,780.08	\$165,526.86	50.00	-100.0%
APRIL	MAY	\$247,759.51	\$198,151.03	\$160,781.69	\$151,351.48	\$191,959.11	\$260,658.72	\$230,903.16	\$273,849.20	50.00	-100.0%
<b>ANNUAL TOTALS</b>		<b>\$1,532,805.75</b>	<b>\$1,432,738.41</b>	<b>\$1,254,776.30</b>	<b>\$1,259,009.48</b>	<b>\$1,294,359.83</b>	<b>\$1,445,470.71</b>	<b>\$1,458,929.47</b>	<b>\$1,539,092.72</b>	<b>\$1,110,873.70</b>	
<b>% INCREASE/(DECREASE) OVER PREVIOUS YEAR</b>			<b>-6.5%</b>	<b>-12.4%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>		
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNTS</b>								<b>\$1,018,716.02</b>	<b>\$1,110,873.70</b>		
<b>% INCREASE/(DECREASE) OVER PREVIOUS YEAR-TO-DATE</b>										<b>9.0%</b>	
<b>% INCREASE/(DECREASE) OVER CURRENT YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET</b>										<b>10.7%</b>	
<b>TOTAL BUDGET FOR CURRENT YEAR</b>										<b>\$1,516,300.00</b>	

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, IL  
MULTI-YEAR COMPARISON OF 1% FOOD & BEVERAGE TAX**

LIABILITY MONTH	MONTH RECEIVED	FY 2008-2009	FY 2009-2010	FY 2010-2011	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016	MONTHLY PERCENTAGE COMPARISON OF MOST RECENT YR TO PREVIOUS YEAR
MAY	JUNE	\$0.00	\$52,173.48	\$51,984.89	\$53,431.26	\$55,941.74	\$55,016.59	\$59,449.66	\$62,055.09	4.4%
JUNE	JULY	\$0.00	\$52,587.38	\$53,553.00	\$55,311.76	\$57,007.91	\$55,739.07	\$59,626.69	\$61,545.15	3.2%
JULY	AUGUST	\$0.00	\$53,740.05	\$56,331.70	\$56,952.71	\$58,535.21	\$56,476.53	\$60,654.61	\$65,306.70	7.7%
AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	\$0.00	\$49,786.13	\$51,913.22	\$51,639.74	\$53,341.64	\$53,583.57	\$57,701.87	\$58,850.66	2.0%
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	\$44,937.33	\$47,965.69	\$49,855.08	\$50,904.20	\$51,409.11	\$50,894.92	\$53,601.81	\$55,317.34	3.2%
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	\$47,160.70	\$47,527.07	\$51,934.25	\$52,967.75	\$52,273.79	\$52,766.25	\$57,824.71	\$58,210.14	0.7%
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	\$44,302.56	\$46,293.72	\$47,859.34	\$49,616.58	\$51,850.49	\$51,823.90	\$54,204.42	\$54,674.11	0.9%
DECEMBER	JANUARY	\$50,190.78	\$51,581.89	\$51,328.06	\$56,104.83	\$55,142.56	\$54,470.96	\$60,440.50	\$60,491.88	0.1%
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	\$44,330.02	\$43,272.06	\$46,652.08	\$48,894.45	\$48,132.94	\$47,953.78	\$55,320.51	\$51,672.77	-6.6%
FEBRUARY	MARCH	\$44,312.69	\$44,678.87	\$48,102.53	\$50,648.69	\$47,777.56	\$48,965.27	\$51,488.20	\$0.00	-100.0%
MARCH	APRIL	\$51,078.09	\$53,121.79	\$55,415.20	\$56,689.52	\$55,674.40	\$57,282.05	\$60,086.57	\$0.00	-100.0%
APRIL	MAY	\$48,415.31	\$50,362.97	\$53,439.17	\$53,664.82	\$52,697.81	\$55,738.21	\$60,435.50	\$0.00	-100.0%
<b>ANNUAL TOTALS</b>		<b>\$ 374,727.48</b>	<b>\$ 593,091.10</b>	<b>\$ 618,368.52</b>	<b>\$ 636,826.31</b>	<b>\$ 639,785.16</b>	<b>\$ 640,711.10</b>	<b>\$ 690,835.05</b>		
<b>% INCREASE/(DECREASE) OVER PREVIOUS YEAR</b>			N/A	4.3%	3.0%	0.5%	0.1%	7.8%		
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNTS</b>								<b>\$518,824.78</b>	<b>\$528,123.84</b>	
<b>% INCREASE/(DECREASE) OVER PREVIOUS YEAR-TO-DATE</b>										1.8%
<b>% INCREASE/(DECREASE) OVER CURRENT YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET</b>										3.2%
<b>TOTAL BUDGET FOR CURRENT YEAR</b>										<b>\$679,100.00</b>

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, IL  
MULTI-YEAR COMPARISON OF 2 CENT DIESEL FUEL TAX**

LIABILITY MONTH	MONTH RECEIVED	FY 2008-2009	FY 2009-2010	FY 2010-2011	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016	MONTHLY PERCENTAGE COMPARISON OF MOST RECENT YR TO PREVIOUS YEAR
MAY	JUNE	\$ -	\$44,956.14	\$42,481.78	\$44,469.25	\$50,555.76	\$38,162.90	\$49,318.57	\$55,289.58	12.1%
JUNE	JULY	\$ -	\$44,271.60	\$43,858.75	\$49,235.44	\$45,691.76	\$42,513.76	\$50,002.36	\$51,289.33	2.6%
JULY	AUGUST	\$ -	\$48,356.97	\$43,664.78	\$52,047.12	\$44,124.71	\$42,604.36	\$47,088.17	\$50,806.23	7.9%
AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	\$ -	\$48,257.63	\$46,562.85	\$55,674.53	\$51,649.65	\$45,667.18	\$49,543.81	\$52,598.42	6.2%
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	\$ 41,699.35	\$39,982.79	\$42,849.95	\$57,119.32	\$53,891.83	\$44,625.02	\$47,738.59	\$48,949.84	2.5%
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	\$ 40,017.17	\$45,626.51	\$44,091.34	\$63,650.16	\$56,263.85	\$51,714.83	\$49,678.69	\$45,157.91	-9.1%
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	\$ 38,663.83	\$38,496.21	\$39,368.93	\$51,024.36	\$51,672.71	\$44,035.82	\$44,046.25	\$44,786.12	1.7%
DECEMBER	JANUARY	\$ 42,410.22	\$40,098.65	\$39,068.57	\$44,535.53	\$43,086.48	\$44,073.82	\$50,249.33	\$44,813.98	-10.8%
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	\$ 44,873.26	\$41,467.93	\$39,917.18	\$56,527.45	\$49,033.03	\$49,307.61	\$56,233.51	\$48,644.58	-13.5%
FEBRUARY	MARCH	\$ 43,309.82	\$38,822.94	\$39,645.89	\$59,002.60	\$45,940.28	\$40,906.36	\$52,516.77	\$0.00	-100.0%
MARCH	APRIL	\$ 44,857.83	\$42,337.17	\$48,332.25	\$53,950.81	\$50,625.63	\$51,948.14	\$59,283.18	\$0.00	-100.0%
APRIL	MAY	\$ 43,256.89	\$42,170.51	\$46,039.74	\$53,296.61	\$46,269.55	\$48,856.75	\$56,927.87	\$0.00	-100.0%
<b>ANNUAL TOTALS</b>		<b>\$ 339,088.37</b>	<b>\$ 514,845.05</b>	<b>\$515,882.01</b>	<b>\$640,533.18</b>	<b>\$588,805.24</b>	<b>\$544,416.55</b>	<b>\$612,627.10</b>	<b>\$442,335.99</b>	
<b>% INCREASE/(DECREASE) OVER PREVIOUS YEAR</b>			N/A	0.2%	24.2%	-8.1%	-7.5%	12.5%		
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNTS</b>								<b>\$ 443,899.28</b>	<b>\$ 442,335.99</b>	
<b>% INCREASE/(DECREASE) OVER PREVIOUS YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL</b>										-0.4%
<b>% INCREASE/(DECREASE) OVER CURRENT YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET</b>										3.8%
<b>TOTAL BUDGET FOR CURRENT YEAR</b>										<b>\$ 587,900.00</b>

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session was held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The Workshop Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins  
City Clerk