

City of Mt. Vernon
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, January 5, 2015
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, January 5, 2015 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed present: Council Members Ron Lash, Dennis McEnaney, Todd Piper, David Wood and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the December 15, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting was presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood, and Chesley.**

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval. Council Member McEnaney asked City Manager Ron Neibert for clarification on the following items: Item #3 Countrywide ESA - \$5,524.70 – asbestos inspections for several demolition properties. Municipalities are required by EPA regulations to have soon to be demolished properties inspected for asbestos. Item #4 CSX Transportation - \$2,650.00 – contract agreement for pipelines paralleling the railroad tracks for the repaving of Main Street and Broadway Street. Item #7 First National Bank of Carmi - \$155,928.43 – principal and interest payment on platform fire truck. This represents the next to the last payment. Item #18 PGAV, Inc. - \$17,900.00 – Enterprise Zone Application Consulting Fees. Item #19 Staples - \$4,001.98 – various office supply purchases including 60 cases of paper for all City departments. City Hall is participating in the City's recycling program.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$861,830.27. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood, and Chesley.

BIDS & QUOTES

No bids and quotes were presented.

CITY MANAGER

Nathan McKenna, Projects Manager, presented the following status report:

CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS –December 2014

Project	Work Phase	Act. / Est. Cost	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Wayfinding System	Design Construction	74.4 K \$368,284.50	100% 100%	Complete Complete	Seeking a quote from Geograph Industry for an additional sign and panels to add Historical Village to wayfinding signage.
Housing Program	Planning Implementation	61.1 K 85 K	100% 95%	Ongoing Ongoing	Should receive marketing material and employer hotsheet within the next week to close out contract with Zanola Company. Next <u>web magazine</u> to be completed by end of January.
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 2M	100% 15%	Fall 2015/Spring 2016	Seeking council approval for contracts with EWR Assoc. for Architectural services and Poettker Construction for construction management of Armory project to comply with IDNR grant requirements. IDNR grant is \$1.5 M
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Sold two properties with existing structures for \$14 K total. Letters to neighboring property owners of City owned lots to go out first week of January.
Demolition Projects	Demolition	340K		Complete N/A	Premier Demolition was issued a notice to proceed beginning Jan. 5 th . Will meet with Premier prior to asbestos abatement and demolition starting.
City Hall West Entry	Planning Construction	50K	100% 0%	Complete 2 nd Q 2015	Finalizing bidding documents for West entry addition to City Hall. Bid opening mid-February.
Curbside Recycling	Implementation	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Now taking grant applications for \$5K community grant offered by Republic. Application deadline is January 30 th .
Lincoln Park Addition	Planning Construction	1.6M	75% 0%	1 st Q 2015 2 nd Q 2016	Project to be bid out Mid January, with bid opening February. Notice to proceed to be issued in April following council approval. Completion of trail, restrooms, shelter, tennis courts and utilities to be completed Fall 2015.
Comprehensive Plan Review	Review		100%	Complete	Review update complete. Council to prioritize projects at upcoming retreat.

Brad Ruble, Engineer, presented the following status report:

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – January 2015

TRANSPORTATION

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
42 nd St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	5.0 M	Design(HMG) Const.	100% 0%	Complete 4 th Q 2015	Progressing to bid stage. Expect bids in February.
South 27 th Street (Jamison to Veterans)	1.7 M	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	0% 0%	2 nd Q 2015 4 th Q 2015	Awaiting decisions to move forward with design.
N. 27 th / Old Union Rd. (Richview to Wilshire)	3.3 M	Design(HMG) Construction	90% 0%	4 th Q 2014 4 th Q 2015	Design is ongoing. Final Plans and ROW documents are being prepared.
Perkins Avenue (10 th to 12 th)	0.5 M	Design(Horner & Shifrin) Construction	100% 0%	Complete 3 rd Q 2015	Property owners have gotten proposals on land acquisition.
S. 34 th St. & Veteran's (Veterans to Harlan)	2.3 M	Design(HMG) Const.(Guinzy)	100% 75%	Complete 2 nd Q 2015	34 th Street pavement is 100% complete. Winter has shut down construction until spring. <i>Sidewalk west side</i>
42 nd at Veterans Signals	900 T	Design(HMG) Construction	30% 0%	2 nd Q 2015 3 rd Q 2015	Preparing an EDP Grant with IDOT to obtain 50% funding for signals and pavement widening.
Ambassador Roadway near new High School	1.25 M	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	95% 0%	1 st Q 2015 3 rd Q 2015	Final plans are being worked on, coordinating with utilities to avoid conflicts. <i>Water, sewer, power</i>

SEWER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Lift Station 14 Force main Replacement	1.8 M	Design(HMG) Construction	95% 0%	As needed Unknown	Design is underway. Permitting is ongoing.
Ambassador Road near new High School	500 K	Design(HMG) Construction	75% 0%	1 st Q 2015 3 rd Q 2015	Sewer design is ongoing. Coordinated with land owner for service needs.

SIDEWALKS / TRAILS

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Richview Rd. Sidewalk (27 th to 24 th on South)	400 T	Design(Heneghan) Construction(Moniger)	100% 0%	Sept. Bid 2 nd Q 2015	Project was awarded to Moniger Construction. Relocate gas main prior to construction. <i>Water line relocation</i>
IPEP Shared Use Trail – Veterans & S. 34th	340 T	Design(HMG) Construction(Pinoy)	100% 0%	Complete 2 nd Q 2015	Project awarded to Pinoy Construction. Planning on doing some culvert extension work this winter. <i>Review of Neibert</i>
Wilshire and Richview Sidewalk (24 th to 12 th)	350 T	Design(Rhutasel) Construction(Rollie)	80% 0%	4 th Q 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Rollie Excavating was low bidder and awarded project. Wilshire portion will require ROW and TCE.
S. 42 nd Sidewalk (West Side)	350 T	Design(RoundTable) Constuction(Eubanks)	100% 0%	Oct. 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Project awarded to Eubanks Const.
*-SRTS Airport Rd. and Marteeny	200T	Design(Not Selected) Const. (Not Selected)	0% 0%	Unknown Unknown	Just received funding design firm not selected as of yet.

WATER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Broadway Water Main Replacement 4 th – 14 th	1.25 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	99% 0%	Oct. 2014 4 th Q 2015	Working through a few issues with IDOT on permit. Main placement is proving difficult.
Main St. Water Main Replace. 2 nd – 14 th	1.65 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	99% 0%	Oct. 2014 4 th Q 2015	Working through a few issues with IDOT on permit. Main placement is proving difficult.
Ambassador Road near new High School	200 T	Design(BMG) Construction	95% 0%	1 st Q 2015 2 nd Q 2015	Submitted for EPA permit. Will do const. with city forces. <i>Wide sidewalk on South side</i>

***-INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Roads		Design(N/A) Construction	0% 0%	unknown unknown	
Water		Design(N/A) Construction	0% 0%	unknown unknown	
Sewer		Design(N/A) Construction	0% 0%	unknown unknown	

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council’s consideration an Ordinance Approving Tax Increment Redevelopment Agreements with Kent Renshaw and Community First Bank. Kent Renshaw appeared to discuss his ongoing renovation of the Stumpp Building located at 1005, 1007, 1009, 1011 and 1013 Broadway. The amount of the award is \$91,844.00. Architect Brian Edmison appeared to discuss the renovation project by Community First Bank located at 117 N. 10th St. The amount of the award is \$250,000.00 to be paid out at \$50,000.00 per year for five years.

Council Member Piper made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-1 Approving Tax Increment Redevelopment Agreements with Kent Renshaw and Community First Bank. Seconded by McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Abstain: Lash and Wood.

The Council will meet with the TIF Advisory Board to discuss the criteria used to grant TIF funds and require developers be present at the Council meeting when their project is to be discussed. Council Member Wood suggested a member of the TIF Advisory Board also be present at the Council meeting.

City Manager Neibert advised that Agenda Items # 9-B and 9-C be removed from the agenda.

MAYOR

Mayor Chesley advised that she will present the annual State of the City at noon on January 15 at the Holiday Inn. The public is invited.

The Mt. Vernon Police Department is still accepting applications for the 2015 Citizens Police Academy. The academy is scheduled to begin on Tuesday January 13, 2015 at 6:00pm. This is an excellent opportunity to get

an inside look at the Mt. Vernon Police Department and the services the MVPD provides. For more information or to get an application, contact the Mt. Vernon Police Department at (618) 242-2131.

A spaghetti dinner benefit for Rick Heck, former City Council member, will be held at the Rolland W. Lewis Building on January 23, 2015 from 5 pm to 8 pm. Rick is undergoing treatment for lung cancer.

The high school is putting all the year books on line. They are looking for year books from several years. If you have an old year book, please contact Rob Knutson at the high school.

CITY COUNCIL

There were no comments by Council members.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the sale or acquisition of real estate. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Wood made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk