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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, January 6, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, January 6, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley called the meeting to order.

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, David Wood and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley. Council Member Todd Piper was absent.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the December 16, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting was presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.**

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$990,602.06. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

BIDS & QUOTES

No Bids & Quotes were presented.

CITY MANAGER

Mayor Chesley commented that representatives from Tnemec Company Incorporated planned to present the City Council with a trophy for winning the nation-wide “Tank of the Year Award”. Unfortunately, Tnemec is unable to attend tonight’s meeting because of the inclement weather in the area. The presentation will be rescheduled.

City Manager Ron Neibert presented for Council’s consideration a request for authorization to seek bids to construct a storage building at the Mt. Vernon Police Range. The permanent storage building will be 18 ft. x 24 ft. Council Member Wood questioned why the building is being paid with general corporate funds.

Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the request for authorization to seek bids to construct a storage building at the Mt. Vernon Police Range. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

Nathan McKenna, City Projects Manager, presented the following information:

CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS –January 2014



Project	Work Phase	Act. / Est. Cost	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Wayfinding System	Design Implementation	74.4 K 435 K	100% 0%	November 2013 1 st Q 2014	Bid Specifications 95% complete. Final site survey end of January. Seek bids in February.
Housing Program	Planning Implementation	61.1 K 85 K	100% 50%	Ongoing	First builder email January 7 th , additional website content has been added. Progress being made on media outreach.
9 th Street Streetscape Added Segments	Design Construction	175K	100% 0%	1 st Q 2014	Concrete and brick work remaining for section from Harrison – Main, lighting remains at section by Register.
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 700 K	50% 15%	N/A N/A	Windows to be delivered Jan. 20 th . Architectural rendering to be reviewed by BLT Jan. 9 th .
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Still accepting offers for lots, minimum \$750. Will ask Council to surplus additional property following latest demo
Housing Demolition	Demolition		0%		Hails Excavating awarded latest bid for 8 structures - \$61,700. Will start in January.
Sanitary Infiltration	Area ID Cost Est.	TBD	100%	1 st Q 2014	Cost estimates for remediation being developed by Public Utilities.
City Hall Improvements	Planning Construction	175 K	50% 0%	1 st Q 2014	Painting and Carpet complete. West entry design underway. Bathroom upgrades being considered.
City Facility Energy Audit	Audit Implementation	FREE % reimbursable	100%	Completed 1 st Q 2014	Obtaining cost estimates for boiler replacement. Boiler specialist tested lines, waiting on results.

McKenna advised the City has around 80 lots that have been identified as surplus. In addition, there are approximately 20 more than will be presented to the Council to be declared surplus.

There are areas in the City where storm water has infiltrated the sanitary sewer system.

Brad Ruble, City Engineer, presented the following information:

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS –January 2014



TRANSPORTATION

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
42 nd St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	5.0 M	Design Construction	98% 0%	Jan. 2014 4 th Q 2015	Permits have been obtained. Final design is ongoing. Bidding expected in Winter. ROW documents have been mailed out to residents.
South 27 th Street (Jamison to Veterans)	1.5 M	Design Construction	0% 0%	2 nd Q 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Engineering contract with Rhutasel waiting on award. Negotiating on major ROW parcel. Considering alternates.
N. 27 th / Old Union Rd. (Richview to Wilshire)	3.3 M	Design Construction	25% 0%	4 th Q 2014 4 th Q 2015	Survey work complete. Design underway. Cedarhurst on bike trail/sidewalk details complete.
Perkins Avenue (10 th to 12 th)	0.5 M	Design Construction	90% 0%	2 nd Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	Phase I environmental study has been submitted to IDOT. Review of the document is ongoing. ROW to begin after approval.
S. 34 th Street (Veterans to Harlan)	2.3 M	Design Construction	100% 0%	Dec. 2013 4 th Q 2014	ROW documents have been mailed. Utility relocations to begin soon. Bid advertisement in soon.
Airport Road	400 T	Design Construction	100% 60%	Sept 2013 2 nd Q 2014	Asphalt and curb work is complete. Driveways and sidewalk remains.
42 nd at Veterans Signals	250 T	Design Construction	10% 0%	Unknown 3 rd Q 2015	IDS study will be submitted soon. We are moving forward with the design of signals.
Ambassador Roadway near new High School	Unknown	Design Construction	0% 0%	3 rd Q 2014 1 st Q 2015	Awaiting approval of design contract.

SEWER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Lift Station 14 Force main Replacement	Unknown	Design Construction	90% 0%	Dec. 2013 2 nd Q 2014	Design is underway. Easement documents are coming in. Permitting is ongoing.
Ambassador Road near new High School	Unknown	Design Construction	0% 0%	4 th Q 2013 4 th Q 214	Awaiting approval of engineering agreement.

Ruble will forward the design plans for the S. 34th Street project to Council.

Mayor Chesley requested that Ruble forward to the Mayor and Council the information fliers being sent to residents residing on streets where construction will occur.



SIDEWALKS / TRAILS

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
27 th St. Sidewalk	215 T	Design Construction	100% 0%	Complete 2 nd Q 2014	City in process of getting requested easements signed. Project is out for bid. Bids due January 16.
Richview Rd. Sidewalk	170 T	Design Construction	85% 0%	2 nd Q 2014 2 nd Q 2014	Henneghan working on engineering plans. Negotiating with major property owner.
ITEP Shared Use Trail – Veterans	550 T	Design Construction	0% 0%	2 nd Q 2014 3 rd Q 2014	Project relocation approved by IDOT. Need to complete design engineering. Awaiting design contract approval.
Bike Trail – Cedarhurst to Casey School	550 T	Design Construction	100% 99%	Complete Oct. 2013	Crossing of the Railroad Tracks is all that remains. Railroad has done some work on the site.
Wilshire and Richview Sidewalk	TBD	Design Construction	0% 0%	TBD	Surveying to begin this week on the site.
S. 42 nd Sidewalk	TBD	Design Construction	0% 0%	2 nd Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	Surveying is complete. Drafting has begun.

WATER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Broadway Water Main Replacement 4 th – 14 th	1.25 M	Design Construction	10% 0%	2 nd Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	The surveying is ongoing. Design is underway for the project.
Main St. Water Main Replace. 2 nd – 14 th	1.65 M	Design Construction	10% 0%	2 nd Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	The surveying is ongoing. Design is underway for the project.
Ambassador Road near new High School	Unknown	Design Construction	0% 0%	1 st Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	Awaiting approval on engineering contract for project begin
34 th and Veterans	75 T	Design Construction	75% 0%	Feb. 2014 2 nd Q 2014	This will relocate water mains before larger roadway project is started. Design is nearly completed.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans was unable to attend the meeting. City Manager Neibert presented for Council's consideration a Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 8 relating to the N. 42nd Street reconstruction Project. It is necessary for HMG Engineers, Inc. to perform additional services with regard to easement documents because no rights of way plat was produced or found on the portion of N. 42nd Street that was previously constructed.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 8 relating to the N. 42nd Street reconstruction Project. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

MAYOR

The presentation of the State of the City will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn and sponsored by the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.

The 11th Annual Citizens' Police Academy will begin on January 14, 2014 and continue on each Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal West Building. Please call 242-2131 for further information on how to register.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Wood requested that the City Manager discuss with the Police Department how they will handle the new cell phone law. He suggested a press release be issued as well.

Council Member Lash advised that Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday celebration will be held on Monday, January 20, 2014 at Cedarhurst Center for the Arts at noon.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

No visitors addressed the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk