

City of Mt. Vernon
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2015
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 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 Don Bigham.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the January 5, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting was presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, Piper and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney and Wood.**

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval. Council Member Piper asked City Manager Ron Neibert for clarification on the following items: Item #1 Automated Protection Systems - \$25,224.49 – Fire station alerting system. New computer alerting system that improves response time for Fire Department. Item #8 Jefferson County Development Corporation - \$50,000.00 – third distribution of funds for the 2014-15 budget year. Item #15 PGAV, Inc. - \$15,068.89 – Enterprise Zone Application Consulting Fees for assistance on the completion of the Enterprise Zone application to the State of Illinois.

Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$799,830.51. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, Piper and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney and Wood.

BIDS & QUOTES

No bids and quotes were presented.

CITY MANAGER

Mt. Vernon Police Chief Chris Deichman presented the following awards: Lifesaving Awards to Officer Matt Hoelscher and Assistant Chief Trent Page. It is the second time Hoelscher has received the Lifesaving Award. Cpl. Travis Chapman was awarded the 2014 Officer of the Year.

Neibert presented for Council's consideration a request for permission to seek bids for demolition of six (6) residential structures: 300 N. 16th Street, 1011 Lamar Avenue (garage only), 1300 Jones Avenue, 1212 S. 15th Street, 801 S. 20th Street, and 805 S. 20th Street.

Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the request for permission to seek bids for demolition of six (6) residential structures: 300 N. 16th Street, 1011 Lamar Avenue (garage only), 1300 Jones Avenue, 1212 S. 15th Street, 801 S. 20th Street, and 805 S. 20th Street. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, Piper and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney and Wood.

CITY ATTORNEY

No business was presented by City Attorney Bill Howard.

MAYOR

Mayor Chesley thanked the Chamber of Commerce for hosting the luncheon where she presented the annual State of the City address. She also thanked the City Department Directors and Assistant Directors who attended. Many members of the public noticed their attendance.

All girls, ages 4 and older, and their Daddy (or special father figure) are invited to dance the night away at the first annual semi-formal Daddy Daughter Dance to be held on Friday, February 6, 2015, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at the Rolland W. Lewis Building. \$25.00 per couple and \$10.00 for each additional daughter. Call 242-6890 for reservations.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Piper thanked the Mayor and Department Heads for the information they compiled and presented by the Mayor's State of the City address.

Council Member Lash thanked everyone for their participation in the Martin Luther King event held on Monday, January 19, 2015. Former Council Member Rick Heck was given special recognition for his contribution to the community. A spaghetti dinner benefit for Rick Heck, former City Council member, will be held at the Rolland W. Lewis Building on Saturday, January 23, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Rick is undergoing treatment for lung cancer.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk