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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 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. Timothy Brinson of the Antioch International Assembly.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the January 6, 2014 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, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.**

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 to clarify the following items: Item #13 Joseph Zanola - \$3,390.00 — housing marketing study. Neibert advised that the first e-blast will be going out soon and several other materials will be making their appearance this week. The new materials will be sent to Mayor and City Council. Items 14 Mark Black - \$3,625.00 — painting of council chamber and surrounding offices and Item 15 One Stop Flooring - \$12,486.82 — carpeting council chamber and surrounding offices. Neibert noted that both items are complete. He stated that he is awaiting the results of the testing of the heating piping system and looking to replace the boiler in City Hall. Upgrades are planned for the restrooms in City Hall as well as an entrance on the west side is being designed.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$905,718.50. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.

BIDS & QUOTES

City Manager Neibert presented for Council's consideration the following bid results for the North 27th Street sidewalk project. Four bids were submitted. Neibert recommended that the Council award the bid to the lowest responsive responsible bidder, **Guinzy Construction, Inc.** in the amount of \$227,803.56.

			Engineers Estimate		Guinzy Const., Inc. 160 W. Main Street Ashley, IL 62808		KRB Excavating 789 W. Broadway Trenton, IL 62293		Depew & Owen Builders Inc. 511 South Oak St Centralia, IL 62801		Samron Midwest Contracting PO Box 1550 Murphysboro, IL 62966		
1	Stump Removal (6-15 Units)	574	Unit	\$20.00	\$11,480.00	\$10.69	\$6,136.06	\$21.00	\$12,054.00	\$18.00	\$10,332.00	\$11.92	\$6,842.08
2	Stump Removal (Over 15 Units)	421	Unit	\$25.00	\$10,525.00	\$13.54	\$5,700.34	\$30.00	\$12,630.00	\$18.00	\$7,578.00	\$12.97	\$5,460.37
3	Tree Root Pruning	54	Each	\$120.00	\$6,480.00	\$64.14	\$3,463.56	\$25.00	\$1,350.00	\$25.00	\$1,350.00	\$86.10	\$4,649.40
4	Embankment	807	CU YD	\$50.00	\$40,350.00	\$13.78	\$11,120.46	\$26.00	\$20,982.00	\$12.00	\$9,684.00	\$61.95	\$49,993.65
5	Seeding Class 3A	1	Acre	\$11,000.00	\$8,250.00	\$7,082.79	\$5,312.09	\$15,000.00	\$11,250.00	\$7,000.00	\$5,250.00	\$4,667.00	\$3,500.25
6	Temporary Ditch Checks	40	Foot	\$20.00	\$800.00	\$29.64	\$1,185.60	\$20.00	\$800.00	\$14.00	\$560.00	\$11.55	\$462.00
7	Inlet and Pipe Protection	6	Each	\$120.00	\$720.00	\$145.60	\$873.60	\$50.00	\$300.00	\$75.00	\$450.00	\$92.40	\$554.40
8	Perimeter Erosion Barrier	1,560	Foot	\$2.00	\$3,120.00	\$2.59	\$4,040.40	\$3.50	\$5,460.00	\$3.00	\$4,680.00	\$3.15	\$4,914.00
9	Agg Base Course, Type B 4"	56	SQ YD	\$15.00	\$840.00	\$39.91	\$2,234.96	\$7.00	\$392.00	\$50.00	\$2,800.00	\$10.50	\$588.00
10	PCC Driveway Pavement 6"	40	SQ YD	\$80.00	\$3,200.00	\$93.81	\$3,752.40	\$75.00	\$3,000.00	\$30.00	\$1,200.00	\$65.00	\$2,600.00
11	PCC Sidewalk 4"	21,624	SQ FT	\$6.00	\$129,744.00	\$5.81	\$125,635.44	\$5.25	\$113,526.00	\$6.50	\$140,556.00	\$4.35	\$94,064.40
12	Combination Curb & Gutter Removal	92	Foot	\$50.00	\$4,600.00	\$38.67	\$3,557.64	\$4.00	\$368.00	\$35.00	\$3,220.00	\$18.90	\$1,738.80
13	Modular Block Retaining Wall	164	Foot	\$64.00	\$10,496.00	\$92.77	\$15,214.28	\$69.00	\$11,316.00	\$130.00	\$21,320.00	\$125.00	\$20,500.00
14	Storm Sewer Frams & Lids to be Adj	3	Each	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$355.01	\$1,065.03	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$75.00	\$225.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
15	Comb CC&G TM6.24 AEP	140	Foot	\$26.00	\$3,640.00	\$48.10	\$6,734.00	\$28.00	\$3,920.00	\$60.00	\$8,400.00	\$32.00	\$4,480.00
16	Mobilization	1	L. Sum	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$4,665.87	\$4,665.87	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$8,200.00	\$8,200.00
17	TR Cont & Prot 701501	1	L. Sum	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$19,288.19	\$19,288.19	\$12,674.00	\$12,674.00	\$6,508.00	\$6,508.00	\$26,550.00	\$26,550.00
18	Misc. Signs Replacement	1	L. Sum	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,060.77	\$2,060.77	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
19	Mailboxes to be Relocated	9	Each	\$75.00	\$675.00	\$189.51	\$1,705.59	\$200.00	\$1,800.00	\$75.00	\$675.00	\$150.00	\$1,350.00
20	Construction Layout	1	L. Sum	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$4,057.28	\$4,057.28	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$6,625.00	\$6,625.00
Total Bid (As Read)				\$259,420.00		\$227,803.56		\$231,122.00		\$233,288.00		\$248,072.35	
Total Bid (As Corrected)													

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the bid to the lowest bidder, Guinzy Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$227,803.56. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neibert had nothing to present to Council.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration the first reading of an Ordinance Rezoning Property located at 1801 S. 10th Street from the Zoning Classification B-2 to B-PL. The petitioning party is Martin & Bayley, Inc. Jim Whetstone of Martin & Bayley, Inc. noted they plan to demolish the Huck's Store on the property and rebuild a \$2.5 million Huck's Store west of the existing store. Their petition was unanimously adopted by the Zoning and Planning Commission and no objectors were present at the hearing. FIRST READING ONLY. This Ordinance is expected to be approved by the Mayor and Council at their February 4th meeting so that necessary permits may be obtained.

Mr. Whetstone noted that Huck's is expecting a new restaurant to be constructed at their Truck Stop located at Route 15 and Wells Bypass. He thanked the City of Mt. Vernon for their support and cooperation.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration the first reading of an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for Day Care Center/Church for property located at 500 East Harrison (the old Benjamin Franklin Grade School).

The petitioning party is Antioch International Assembly. Pastor Tim Brinson addressed the Council. Their petition was unanimously approved by the Zoning and Planning Commission and no objectors were present at the hearing. City Manager Neibert will meet with Pastor Brinson regarding the number of parking spaces required for 500 East Harrison Street. FIRST READING ONLY.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration the first reading of an Ordinance Revising Article 11 of the Revised Code of Ordinances Section 11.7 regarding transient merchants. Neibert noted that volume has increased for the "transient merchant" and/or "itinerant vendor" license. In order to protect the citizens of Mt. Vernon, the highlighted language has been added:

...The license obtained hereunder shall be prominently displayed and visible at all times **when selling or when soliciting orders for tangible personal property and shall be presented to each customer or solicitee, prior to any solicitation, for review when soliciting orders or commitments for sale of services.** Each license shall be returned to the office of the City Clerk upon expiration of the license or upon the transient merchant or itinerant vendor ceasing sales **or solicitations, whichever occurs first.** Each license issued herein shall state in prominent and visible language the following: *The holder of this License is not affiliated with, nor endorsed by the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois.*

Neibert requested that the Council suspend the rules and vote on this Ordinance at tonight's meeting. Council Member McEnaney made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on the Ordinance tonight. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-01 revising Article 11 of the Revised Code of Ordinances Section 11.7 regarding transient merchants. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Temporary Construction Licenses between Ameren Illinois Company and the City of Mt. Vernon. Neibert noted that these are construction licenses for the North 27th Street sidewalk project.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Temporary Construction Licenses between Ameren Illinois Company and the City of Mt. Vernon for the North 27th Street sidewalk project. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Water Rate Increase to Municipal Customers. Neibert explained the City has entered into Agreements with the Village of Woodlawn, Village of Bluford, Dix-Kell Water Commission, Village of Belle Rive, Village of Waltonville, and Northeast Water Company (aka municipal corporations). This water rate increase will be passed on to the municipal corporations and NOT to residential and commercial businesses within the City of Mt. Vernon. The increases in water rates are necessary because of the increase in rates imposed upon the City by the Rend Lake Conservancy District.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Water Rate Increase to Municipal Customers. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Authorizing Modification and Amendment to Section 16.6(c)3 of the Revised Code for a Limited Period of Time to Permit Adjustments to Accounts of Single and Double Family Residential Units for Leaks Arising from the Recent Extreme Weather, Provided the Leak Otherwise Meets the Requirements of Section 16.6(c)3. The City has received numerous reports from citizens of water leaks within their residences because of recent extreme freezing weather conditions not customary to

Southern Illinois. The Ordinance authorizes adjustments for “water leaks which cannot be reasonably prevented”, but said adjustments are permitted only for pipes running from the City meter to the exterior of the structure receiving the water service. Certain water customers shall be eligible for a one-time adjustment for leaks occurring within a structure arising from the recent extreme freezing weather.

Notice of this adjustment will be included in the monthly billing for City customers.

Council Member Lash made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Modification and Amendment to Section 16.6(c)3 of the Revised Code for a Limited Period of Time to Permit Adjustments to Accounts of Single and Double Family Residential Units for Leaks Arising from the Recent Extreme Weather, Provided the Leak Otherwise Meets the Requirements of Section 16.6(c)3. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council’s consideration a Resolution Approving the Application for IDOT’s Safe Routes to School Grant for Sidewalks in Summersville School Area. The sidewalk will run along the east side of Marteeny Street from the Summersville School and the Airport Park. This grant requires 20% matching funds from the City. Council Member McEnaney requested that the City Engineer prepare an estimate to address the ditches along Marteeny as well as improvement to the road surface on Marteeny.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving the Application for IDOT’s Safe Routes to School Grant for Sidewalks in the Summersville School Area. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council’s consideration a Resolution of Support for the Application to Illinois Housing Development Authority for a Housing Rehabilitation Grant. This is another housing rehabilitation program that is administered by the Crosswalk agency in West Frankfort.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve a Resolution of Support for the Application to Illinois Housing Development Authority for a Housing Rehabilitation Grant. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council’s consideration a Resolution Approving Design Contract Regarding Veterans Memorial Drive and South 34th Street ITEP Shared-Use Trail. This Task Order No. 16 is for new construction of a shared-use trail along the south side of Veterans Memorial Drive and the east side of South 34th Street.

Council Member Lash made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving Design Contract Regarding Veterans Memorial Drive and South 34th Street ITEP Shared-Use Trail. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council’s consideration a Resolution Accepting Surrender of the Moose Lodge Lease for property situated at Jaycee Lake effective January 31, 2014. The Moose Lodge no longer has the financial resources to support the operation and maintenance of the facility. It was suggested that the City Manager inform the Parks and Recreation Board of the available property on Jaycee Lake.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve a Resolution Accepting Surrender of the Moose Lodge Lease for property situated at Jaycee Lake. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council’s consideration an Inducement Resolution with Kendra and Dale Peterson Regarding 104 N. 9th Street located within the Downtown TIF District. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are leasing

the property located at 104 N. 9th Street and propose to develop the site into King City Book Store. An Inducement Resolution allows TIF eligible expenses to qualify for reimbursement prior to a formal agreement between the Developer and the City.

Neibert noted that a meeting of the TIF Board will be scheduled in the near future.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve an Inducement Resolution with Kendra and Dale Peterson Regarding 104 N. 9th Street located within the Downtown TIF District. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.

MAYOR

No information was shared by the Mayor

CITY COUNCIL

No information was shared by the City Council.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

No visitors addressed the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk