

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, February 2, 2015  
7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

The invocation was given by Kent Jackson of the Jefferson County Ministerial Association.

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 Journals for the January 20, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting and the January 26, 2015 City Council Workshop were presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member Wood. 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 McEnaney asked City Manager Ron Neibert for clarification on the following items: Item #13 Morphotrust - \$25,238.00 – Livescan fingerprint system at Police Department. This new fingerprint machine was in this year's capital budget.

**Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$691,954.02. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.**

**BIDS & QUOTES**

No bids and quotes were presented.

**CITY MANAGER**

Neibert distributed a balance sheet for the Aquatic Zoo covering the first season in operation through November 30, 2014, as follows. The revenue will remain in the Aquatic Zoo fund to capitalize improvements.

CITY OF MT. VERNON, IL  
AQUATIC ZOO  
PROFIT FROM MAY 1, 2013 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2014

Revenue May 1, 2013 thru November 30, 2014	\$ 377,336.50
Deferred Pool Revenue at November 30, 2014	\$ 36,708.00
Total revenue for 2014 season	<u>\$ 414,044.50</u>
Expenses per Tyler for May 1, 2013 thru April 30, 2014	\$ (17,780.66)
Expenses per Tyler for May 1, 2014 thru Nov 30, 2014	\$ (289,312.76)
Less Sales Tax paid in January 2015	\$ (7,475.07)
Property Insurance for 2014 not recorded above	\$ (15,351.00)
Workmans Comp Ins for 2014 not recorded above	\$ (7,955.05)
Total Expenses for 2014 season	<u>\$ (337,874.54)</u>
Profit for 2014 Season	<u>\$ 76,169.96</u>

Nathan McKenna, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the following programmatic report:

**CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT**

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS –February 2015



Project	Work Phase	Act. / Est. Cost	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Housing Program	Planning Implementation	61.1 K 85 K	100% 95%	Ongoing Ongoing	Reviewing final items from Zanola Company, City staff will have a booth at the home show and David Null will also have a booth to discuss his Main St. Project.
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 2M	100% 15%	Fall 2015/Spring 2016	Waiting on IDNR on status of the grant agreement. All grants and contracts on hold by Governor's Office.
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Letters sent to neighboring property owners notifying availability of adjoining lots.
Housing Demolition	Demolition	340K 50K Est.		Complete Ongoing	Premier Demolition will start asbestos abatement of the Town Homes the week of Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Bid opening for 6 residential structures Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup> .
City Hall West Entry	Construction	50 K	0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Bid opening Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup> . Project timeline is 3 months but only 6 weeks of onsite construction. Project to be completed by June 1 <sup>st</sup> .
Republic Rewards Grant	Implementation	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Applications due Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup> . All applications will be placed on a Facebook page for the public to decide on top five projects. Top 5 will then be placed on the republicgivesback.com website.
Lincoln Park Addition	Planning Construction	1.6M	100%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015 Fall 2015	Project bids due Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup> . Public Utilities placed the waterlines and will start on sewer first week of Feb.

David Null, a property developer from Birmingham, AL, who is planning a new housing project to be located on the old Mt. Vernon Motel property, will be attending the Home Show and promoting his new project; this being a direct result of the City's housing program.

Brad Ruble, City Engineer, presented the following capital projects report:



**CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT**

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – February 2015

**TRANSPORTATION**

<i>Project</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Work Phase</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Est. Compl. Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
42 <sup>nd</sup> St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	5.0 M	Design(HMG) Const.	100% 0%	Complete 1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2016	Bids are due February 11th.
South 27 <sup>th</sup> Street (Jamison to Veterans)	1.7 M	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	0% 0%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2015 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2016	Awaiting decisions to move forward with design.
N. 27 <sup>th</sup> / Old Union Rd. (Richview to Wilshire)	3.3 M	Design(HMG) Construction	90% 0%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2016	Design is ongoing. Final Plans and ROW documents are being prepared.
Perkins Avenue (10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> )	0.75 M	Design(Horner & Shifrin) Construction	100% 0%	Complete 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015	Negotiations are ongoing with property owners. City will be demolishing building for construction.
S. 34 <sup>th</sup> St. & Veteran's (Veterans to Harlan)	2.3 M	Design(HMG) Const.(Guinzy)	100% 75%	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	34 <sup>th</sup> Street pavement is 100% complete. Winter has shut down construction until spring.
42 <sup>nd</sup> at Veterans Signals	900 T	Design(HMG) Construction	30% 0%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2016	Preparing an EDP Grant with IDOT to obtain 50% funding for signals and pavement widening. On hold due to Governor change.
Ambassador Roadway near new High School	1.25 M	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	95% 0%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015	Final plans are nearly complete. Will proceed to bid phase shortly.

**SEWER**

<i>Project</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Work Phase</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Est. Compl. Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
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	400 K	Design(HMG) Construction	75% 0%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2015	Sewer design is ongoing. Will be requesting 1 easement prior to bidding the project.

Council Member Wood expressed his frustration that the Illinois Department of Transportation has not approved the signals and pavement widening at 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and Veterans Memorial Drive in light of the danger the intersection poses to the public. It was suggested that it may be necessary for the City to pay for the signals and pavement widening and request reimbursement from the Illinois Department of Transportation. City Manager Neibert will communicate with IDOT regarding this matter.



**SIDEWALKS / TRAILS**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Richview Wide Sidewalk (27 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> on South)	400 T	Design(Heneghan) Construction(Moniger)	100% 0%	Sept. Bid 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Project was awarded to Moniger Construction. Relocate gas main prior to construction.
ITEP Shared Use Trail – Veterans & S. 34 <sup>th</sup>	340 T	Design(HMG) Construction(Pinoy)	100% 0%	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Project awarded to Pinoy Construction. Planning on doing some culvert extension work this winter.
Richview Sidewalk (24 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> on north)	160 T	Design(Rhutasel) Construction(Rollie)	100% 0%	4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2014 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Rollie Excavating was low bidder and awarded project. Wilshire portion will require ROW and TCE.
Wilshire Sidewalk (Richview to Old Union)	190T	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	85% 0%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015	Need to acquire ROW and Easements to construct the sidewalk.
S. 42 <sup>nd</sup> Sidewalk (West Side)	350 T	Design(RoundTable) Constuction(Eubanks)	100% 0%	Oct. 2014 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	1.25 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	99% 0%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2016	Working through a few issues with IDOT on permit. Main placement is proving difficult.
Main St. Water Main Replace. 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	1.65 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	99% 0%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2016	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 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Have hired J.K. Trotter to do bore of Wells bypass. Will be going out for bid of materials this week.

**\*-INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Roads	8.5 M total projects	Design(HMG) Construction	0% 0%	4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2016	Selected design firm. Had kick off meeting. Need to get design agreements approved thru funding agencies.
Water & Sewer		Design(HMG) Construction	0% 0%	4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2016	Selected design firm. Need to get design agreements approved thru funding agencies.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council’s consideration a Resolution Approving TIF Inducement Resolution for Samuel & Carol Schillenburg. Mr. and Mrs. Schillenburg stated they plan to renovate a restaurant that previously burned and located at 1501 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street. This resolution authorizes any expenses from the renovation to be eligible for TIF assistance.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving TIF Inducement Resolution for Samuel & Carol Schillenburg. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council’s consideration a Resolution Approving Issuance of a TIF Note and a Development Note to Reimburse DDC Hotels, Inc. (Drury). Neibert noted this Resolution authorizes previously approved redevelopment costs from TIF revenues and rebate revenues generated from the project subject of the Redevelopment Agreement. These notes are only an obligation to pay Drury out of revenues created by Drury’s project. This is NO obligation to pay from any other City revenues.

**Council Member Wood made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving Issuance of a TIF Note and a Development Note to Reimburse DDC Hotels, Inc. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council’s consideration a Resolution Approving Apparatus Contract with Ferrara Fire Apparatus Inc. Neibert added that this Resolution approves the purchase of a new pumper truck

to replace an older truck in the City's fire fleet. It is take eight or nine months to build the truck at a cost of \$605,000.00. The truck was selected by the Apparatus Committee of the Fire Department. The revenues to make the payment on the new vehicle will be from the income currently used to make the payments on the truck we purchased five year prior and due to be paid in full shortly. Lt. Chris Yenne appeared to answer questions from Council.

**Council Member Wood made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving Apparatus Contract with Ferrara Fire Apparatus Inc. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.**

**MAYOR**

Mayor Chesley welcomed interested audience members to stand behind her as she read the following Proclamation for Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week.

*PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS, the health and well-being of all children throughout Mount Vernon, Illinois are of paramount importance to OUR families and communities; and*  
*WHEREAS, about 1 in 110 children are born with a heart defect every year making it the most common birth defect and 60 times more prevalent than all forms of childhood cancer combined in the United States; and*  
*WHEREAS, congenital heart defects are among our most common birth defects and they are often fatal due to their seriousness, a lack of effective medical intervention options and the limited availability of infant donor hearts; and*  
*WHEREAS, the origins and symptoms of congenital heart defects are becoming more readily identifiable and the range of surgical options are expanding continuously thanks to doctors' and scientists' diligent research efforts and field experiences that extend our body of knowledge every day; and*  
*WHEREAS, there is much to learn about the causes of and effective treatments for congenital heart defects and it is important for parents, pediatricians and nurses to recognize the warning signs associated with congenital heart defects among newborns so they may provide proper treatment as early as possible; and*  
*WHEREAS, many of Mount Vernon, Illinois' families and communities are directly or indirectly affected by infant illness and death caused by congenital heart defects, and I applaud the efforts of doctors and scientists everywhere who work diligently to solve life's medical mysteries and to improve the quality of life for us all;*  
*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Mary Jane Chesley, do hereby recognize February 7-14, 2015 as CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK in the CITY of MOUNT VERNON, Illinois, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.*

*Mayor Mary Jane Chesley  
February 2, 2015*

Mayor reminded everyone of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Home Show at the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport on Saturday, February 8 and Sunday, February 9. The hours are 9 - 5 pm Saturday and Sunday 11 – 4 pm. Admission is \$2.00.

**CITY COUNCIL**

There were no comments from City Council.

**VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Representatives for YouthBuild of Jefferson and Marion Counties appeared to inform Council that YouthBuild is again funded. They began classes on January 5 and the next classes will begin in August, 2015. YouthBuild of Jefferson and Marion Counties is for young adults who are in need of a certificate High School Equivalency (HSE/GED) and are between the ages of 17 and 24 years old. Residents may call 618-242-6723 for Jefferson County and 618-533-5288 for Marion County. They are looking for community service projects in Jefferson County.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins  
City Clerk