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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 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 February 3, 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 McEnaney. 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 to clarify the following items: Item #12 Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende - \$34,579.50 — life station 14 force main replacement (\$169.05). Engineering is complete and waiting for easements; 42nd Street road reconstruction (\$25,651.84). Design is complete and have received about half of the necessary easements and rights-of-way; and North 27th and Old Union Road reconstruction (\$8,758.61). Engineering work is underway. Item #20 Kohls - \$41,201.08 — Reimbursement of ½% sales tax collected in 2013. This incentive was provided to Kohls for located in the City. Kohls will receive a total of \$1,250,000.00. They report sales are going well, and they are pleased with the Mt. Vernon store. Item #27 Rend Lake Conservancy District - \$203,217.75 — water purchases for January. Neibert noted that the water issued increased in January by about \$35,000.00 because of 19 city main breaks and many homes with water line breaks. Thirty residential customers have taken advantage of the recently adopted Ordinance authorizing 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. Item #28 Round Table Design - \$19,862.50 — 34th and Veterans water main relocate (\$7,500.00) and 27th Street sidewalk project (\$12,362.50). Council should be approving a bid for the 34th water main relocation in March and design is complete on the 27th Street sidewalk. A special check was written to Shores Builders in the amount of \$227,588.62 for water park construction pay application 12. This represents a partial payment to Shores for construction of the Aquatic facility. The City is holding \$30,000.00 to cover some “punch list” items. Anyone interested in applying for a position (life guards, concession workers, admission workers) at the Aquatic facility may obtain an application at the Human Resources Department at City Hall.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,273,393.80. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

BIDS & QUOTES

No bids and quotes were presented to Council.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neibert presented for Council’s consideration a Request for Permission to Seek Bids for the Way-Finding System. The project is estimated at \$375,000.00. The Branding Leadership Team (BLT) recommended the sign system. It is anticipated that the Council will approve the lowest bid at their first meeting in April. It will take three or four months to fabricate the signs and then another 30 days for installation. The project should be complete before Labor Day. IDOT approved the color blue for the background of the signs.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the request for permission to seek bids for the way-finding system. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

Neibert presented for Council’s consideration a Resolution Accepting Property from the Jefferson County Development Corporation. This property was donated to the Jefferson County Development Corporation by the individual who previously developed the surrounding commercial subdivision and houses the City’s new water tower.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Resolution accepting property from the Jefferson County Development Corporation. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

CITY ATTORNEY

No information was presented by the City Attorney.

MAYOR

Mayor Chesley advised this month’s water bills will contain a survey to be completed by water customers regarding the potential recycling program, the landscape waste and leaf burning. Chesley encouraged everyone to participate in the survey and let their voice be heard by the City Council.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Wood commended the department heads and their crews for the countless hours spent fixing the broken water mains, snow removal and equipment repairs during the harsh winter weather.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

No visitors addressed the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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