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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, March 3, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, March 3, 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 Bill Howard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journals for the February 10, 2014 City Council Workshop Meeting and the February 18, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting were presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.**

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 #2 Coady Supply - \$4,950.00 — storm sewer pipe at 2402 Cherry. Neibert noted the project is being completed by the Public Works Department. He will consult with Director Matt Fauss as to the details and report back to the Council. Council Member Piper asked for clarification on Item #5 Horner and Shifrin - \$14,758.35 — designing of Perkins Avenue reconstruction. Design work and land acquisition is ongoing.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$686,325.85. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

BIDS & QUOTES

City Manager Neibert presented for Council's consideration the following bid results for the 34th St. and Veterans Water Main Relocation Project:

J.K. Trotter and Sons, Mt. Vernon	\$201,631.30
Haier Plumbing, Okawville	\$238,818.00
Tri-S Excavating, Odin	\$261,962.50
Kassen Excavating, Damiansville	\$268,686.50
Korte & Luitjohan, Highland	\$282,525.00

The Engineer's estimate was for \$250,500.00. Neibert recommended that the contract be awarded to J.K. Trotter and Sons, the low bidder, in the amount of \$201,631.30.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the award of the 34th St. and Veterans Water Main Relocation Project to the low bidder, J.K. Trotter and Sons of Mt. Vernon in the amount of \$201,631.30. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Neibert presented for Council's consideration the following bid results for the construction of a Storage Building at the Mt. Vernon Police Range. The estimated cost was \$10,000.00:

A-1 Building	\$8,705.00
TruBuilt	\$8,130.00

Neibert recommended that the contract be awarded to TruBuilt, the low bidder, in the amount of \$8,130.00.

Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the award of the construction of a Storage Building at the Mt. Vernon Police Range to the low bidder, TruBuilt, in the amount of \$8,130.00. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

**CITY MANAGER
Capital Projects Report**

CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT – General Summary of Project Status – March 2014

BY Nathan McKenna, Projects Manager

<i>Project</i>	<i>Work Phase</i>	<i>Act. / Est. Cost</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Est. Compl. Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Wayfinding System	Design Implementation	74.4K 550K	100 33	Nov 2013 3 rd Q 2014	Bid announcement March 3 rd , award April 7 th , 4 months for fabrication before install.
Housing Program	Planning Implementation	61.1K 85K	100 50	Ongoing Ongoing	Ambassador's meeting and Local Business Opportunity Outreach meeting March 11 th @ Municipal West Bldg.
9 th Street Streetscape Added Segments	Design Construction	175K	100 25	1 st Q 2014 March 2014	Concrete and brick work remaining for section from Harrison - Main, lighting remains at section by Register.
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 700K	50 15	March 2014 N/a	Window installation ongoing. Public Works doing some demo work, Preparing grant app for submission 3-7-14
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	70 lots available for purchase. minimum \$750. Will ask Council to surplus additional property following latest demo
Housing Demolition	Demolition	61.7K	50	March 2014	Four of eight structures demolished, working on the 5th. Final grading remains.
Sanitary Infiltration	Area ID Cost Est.	TBD	100	1 st Q 2014 2 nd Q 2014	Cost estimates for remediation being developed by Public Utilities.
City Hall Improvements	Planning Construction	175K	75 25	1 st Q 2014 2 nd Q 2014	West Entry design to be complete early March, preparing bid specs for bathroom improvements.
City Facility Energy Audit	Audit Implementation	FREE % REIMB	100	Completed 2 nd Q 2014	RFP received from ConEd Solutions. Will meet to discuss reimbursement process and bidding project.

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT - General Summary of Project Status – March 2014

BY Brad Ruble, City Engineer

TRANSPORTATION

<i>Project</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Work Phase</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Est. Compl. Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
42 nd St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	5.0M	Design Construction	100 0	Jan. 2014 4th Q 2015	Permits have been obtained. Final design is complete. Bidding expected in Summer. ROW acquisition is ongoing. 22 total.
South 27th Street (Jamison to Veterans)	1.5 M	Design Construction	0 0	3 rd Q 2014 2 nd Q2015	Engineering contract with Rhutasel waiting on award. Negotiating on major ROW parcel. Considering alternates.
N. 2th / Old Union Rd. (Richview to Wilshire)	3.3 M	Design Construction	40 0	4th Q2014 4th Q 2015	ROW document process has been worked out with the design firm. Cedarhurst on bike trail/sidewalk details complete.
Perkins Avenue (10 th to 12 th)	0.5 M	Design Construction	95 0	2 nd Q 2014 4th Q2014	Phase I environmental study is ongoing. Cultural and biological clearances have been obtained. ROW to begin after approval.
S. 34 th Street (Veterans to Harlan)	2.3 M	Design Construction	100 0	Dec. 2013 4th Q2014	Utility relocations to begin soon. Bids open March 14.
Airport Road	400T	Design Construction	100 60	Sept 2013 2 nd Q 2014	Asphalt and curb work is complete. Driveways and sidewalk remains. Winter has shut down construction.
42 nd at Veterans Signals	250T	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 4th Q 2015	Awaiting approval of design contract.

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	1.5M	Design Construction	95 0	1 st Q 2014 2 nd Q2014	Design is underway. Permitting is ongoing. We are awaiting monies for construction.
Ambassador Road near new high school	Unknown	Design Construction	0 0	4th Q 2014 4th Q 2015	Awaiting approval of engineering agreement.

SIDEWALKS/TRAILS

<i>Project</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Work Phase</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Est. Comp/. Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
27th St. Sidewalk	215 T	Design Construction	100 0	Complete 2 nd Q 2014	Guinzy Construction has been awarded the project and will begin when weather allows. Trees are removed.
Richview Rd. Sidewalk	170T	Design Construction	50 0	3rd Q 2014 4th Q 2015	Evaluating Alternatives. 8 ft. trail
ITEP Shared Use Trail- Veterans	550T	Design Construction	10 0	3rd Q 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Design Contract has been awarded. Design is ongoing by HMG
Bike Trail- Cedarhurst to Casey School	550T	Design Construction	100 99	Complete TBD	Crossing of the Railroad Tracks is all that remains. Railroad has some work remaining on the site.
Wilshire and Richview Sidewalk	TBD	Design Construction	10 0	3rd Q 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Survey work has been ongoing. Rhutasel & Associates
S. 42 nd Sidewalk	TBD	Design Constuction	20 0	2 nd Q 2014 4th Q 2014	Surveying is complete. Drafting has begun by Roundtable Design.

Council Member McEnaney requested that the Richview Road portion of the Wilshire and Richview sidewalk project receive priority over Wilshire.

WATER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Campi. Date	Notes
Broadway Water Main Replacement 4 th – 14 th	1.25 M	Design Construction	20 0	2 nd Q 2014 4th Q 2014	The surveying is ongoing. Design is underway for the project. Meeting soon to determine placement. Roundtable Design
Main St. Water Main Replace. 2 nd - 14th	1.65M	Design Construction	20 0	2 nd Q 2014 4th Q 2014	The surveying is ongoing. Design is underway for the project. Meeting soon to determine placement. Roundtable Design
Ambassador Road near new High School	Unknown	Design Construction	0 0	3rd Q 2014 4th Q 2015	Awaiting approval on engineering contract for project begin
34 th and Veterans	200T	Design Construction	100 0	Feb. 2014 2 nd Q2014	This will relocate water mains before larger roadway project is started. JK Trotter is low bidder with award of project soon.

Council Members requested to be involved in the decision making process regarding the timing of the water main replacements on Broadway and Main. The Illinois Department of Transportation will be involved in the decision because of the large portion of traffic staging and signaling to be involved.

Council Member Piper confirmed that funds have been set aside to complete the sewer and water projects on Ambassador Road near the new high school.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council’s consideration the First Reading on an Ordinance Approving the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Agreements for King City Books, R & R The Crossing, Girolamo’s, Headpieces by Toni, Once Upon a Lifetime Photography, William D and Phyllis A Edmison Trust, and Steven L. Beal. City Manager Neibert highlighted the following on each of the Agreements. These grants were awarded for various reasons such as additional sales tax for the downtown area, structural integrity of buildings, improvements to appearance of buildings, add businesses to downtown area, increase the number of jobs and retain jobs in the downtown area. Neibert requested that the Council suspend the rules and vote on this ordinance tonight. Neibert stated that \$20,000.00 was not accepted by Holly Kruep, \$25,000.00 is being held in reserve for a project submitted by Mr. LeVangie of Mama Dee’s Cajun Restaurant, 119 S. 9th St., while he finalizes his business plan and financing, and \$50,000.00 for Kent Renshaw pending a renegotiation with the TIF Board.

DEVELOPER	PROPERTY LOCATION	TIF ALLOCATION	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	STATUS
Steven L. Beal	224 S. 10 th St. (Rare Chophouse)	\$450,000.00 <i>Not to exceed</i>	\$1,102,476.54	Complete
Toni Federici	916 Main St. (Headpieces By Toni)	\$10,000.00	\$27,287.00	Complete
Frank Bartolotta	815-819 Jordan St. (Girolamo’s)	\$75,000.00	\$323,500.00	Complete
Nick Wheeler	922 Main St. (Once Upon a Lifetime Photography)	\$10,000.00	\$43,000.00	Incomplete
Kendra & Dale Peterson	104 N. 9 th St. (King City Books)	\$40,000.00	\$85,430.00	Incomplete
Randy & Linda Lowery	300 S. 9 th St. (R & R The Crossing)	\$50,000.00	\$119,700.00	Complete
William D. & Phyllis A. Edmison Trust	1000 Main St.	\$50,000.00	\$57,625.00	Incomplete
TOTAL		\$685,000.00	\$1,759,018.54	

Council Member Piper made a motion to suspend the rules to vote on this TIF Ordinance tonight. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-04 Approving the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Agreements for King City Books, R & R The Crossing, Girolamo’s, Headpieces by Toni, Once Upon a Lifetime

Photography, William D and Phyllis A Edmison Trust, and Steven L. Beal. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration the First Reading on an Ordinance Approving an Agreement with AmerenIP regarding 34th Street and Veteran's Memorial Drive Power Line Relocation. Neibert requested that the Council suspend the rules and vote on this ordinance tonight.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to suspend the rules to vote on this AmerenIP Relocation Agreement Ordinance tonight. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-05 Approving an Agreement with AmerenIP regarding 34th Street and Veteran's Memorial Drive Power Line Relocation. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration the First Reading on an Ordinance Approving Revision of Article 6, Section 6.9 of the Revised Code of Ordinances regarding the Number of Liquor Licenses. Mayor Chesley noted that no available liquor licenses exist at this time. Mike LeVangie appeared before the Council and explained he is requesting a Restaurant with Lounge liquor license for his new authentic Cajun restaurant, Mama Dee's, to be located at 119 S. 9th St. He expects to create 10-12 new jobs. FIRST READING ONLY.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Merchant Application for a Credit Card Account with Elavon, Inc. regarding the Aquatic Zoo. Neibert reported that the Contract will allow the Aquatic Zoo to utilize credit cards and debit cards.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Merchant Application for a Credit Card Account with Elavon, Inc. regarding the Aquatic Zoo. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving an IDNR PARC Project Application. Neibert reported that this is a Park and Recreational Facility Construction Grant Program (PARC) with a maximum project grant amount of \$2.5 million. This grant will allow for improvements to the Armory Building to be used for recreational and other ancillary purposes as deemed appropriate by the City. The grant application is due this Friday.

Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing an IDNR PARC Project Application. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Authorizing Application for Funds Through the Economic Development Administration to Construct a New Industrial Park. Neibert stated this Resolution formalizes the submission of the City's application to the Economic Development Administration for the infrastructure portion of the new Industrial Park in the amount of \$3.25 million in federal funds. The City will match the grant amount with approximately \$3.75 million through the Quality of Life fund that have been designated for this project. Land acquisition is not included in this grant.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Application for Funds Through the Economic Development Administration to Construct a New Industrial Park. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

MAYOR

There were no comments from Mayor Chesley.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Lash announced on Saturday, March 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building the local chapter of the NAACP in partnership with Good Samaritan Regional Hospital will host a Health Care and Career Fair. Free health screenings and vouchers will be available.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

No visitors addressed the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Manager Neibert requested an Executive Session to discuss land acquisition. **Council Member Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
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