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

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, April 7, 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. Ed Sprinkle of the Faith Church of the Nazarene.

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 Journal for the March 17, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting was presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member Lash. 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 #17 Raymond Dickens - \$3,931.36 – new signs and posts for City streets. This represents signs that are worn and replaced. Item #19 Starfish Aquatics - \$1,595.11 – annual renewal of Starguard for Parks Department. Starguard is a certification program for the new lifeguards at the Aquatics Facility. Item #23 Vermont Systems - \$35,248.17 – Software maintenance, training and supplies for the new Aquatics facility. This is an accounting software program for the Aquatics facility.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$775,154.72. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

BIDS & QUOTES

City Manager Neibert presented for Council's consideration the following bid results for uniform/floor mats contract, as follows:

Initial Set up Cost				
Item	Total Quantity	Aramark Initial Cost	Cintas Initial Cost	Clean Initial Cost
Pants - Denim	429	\$ 12,012.00	\$ 8,151.00	\$ 6,435.00
Pants - Polyester/Cotton	55	\$ 1,017.50	\$ 976.25	\$ 825.00
Shirts - Polyester/Cotton long sleeve	418	\$ 5,852.00	\$ 7,106.00	\$ 5,225.00
Shirts - Polyester/Cotton short sleeve	330	\$ 4,620.00	\$ 5,610.00	\$ 3,795.00
Shirts - 100% Cotton long sleeve	55	\$ 1,017.50	\$ 935.00	\$ 935.00
Shirts - 100% Cotton short sleeve	55	\$ 1,017.50	\$ 935.00	\$ 880.00
Shirts - Polyester "polo" short sleeve	77	\$ 1,501.50	\$ 1,520.75	\$ 1,155.00
Shirts / Polyester "polo" womens	11	\$ 214.50	\$ 217.25	\$ 165.00
Total		\$ 27,252.50	\$ 25,451.25	\$ 19,415.00

Weekly Rental Rates Bid					
Item	Current Total Quantity	Current Aramark Rates	Aramark Weekly Rental Rates	Cintas Weekly Rental Rates	Clean Weekly Rental rates
Shop towel - Red	130	\$ 22.10	\$ 3.25	\$ 7.80	\$ 3.90
Shop towel - White	125	\$ 20.00	\$ 4.38	\$ 16.25	\$ 6.25
Mat - rubber 3x4	8	\$ 40.52	\$ 14.40	\$ 17.12	\$ 5.76
Mat - rubber 4x6	11	\$ 78.54	\$ 39.60	\$ 28.16	\$ 15.84
Mat - carpet 3x4	3	\$ 20.46	\$ 3.96	\$ 6.00	\$ 2.16
Mat - carpet 4x6	5	\$ 43.80	\$ 13.00	\$ 12.35	\$ 7.20
Mat - carpet 3x10	2	\$ 19.54	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.88	\$ 3.60
Pants - Denim	429	\$ 150.15	\$ 132.99	\$ 120.12	\$ 107.25
Pants - Polyester/Cotton	55	\$ 12.65	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.55
Shirts - Polyester/Cotton long sleeve	418	\$ 96.14	\$ 66.88	\$ 75.24	\$ 71.06
Shirts - Polyester/Cotton short sleeve	330	\$ 39.60	\$ 26.40	\$ 59.40	\$ 46.20
Shirts - 100% Cotton long sleeve	55	\$ 19.25	\$ 10.45	\$ 13.20	\$ 14.30
Shirts - 100% Cotton short sleeve	55	\$ 6.60	\$ 7.15	\$ 13.20	\$ 12.65
Shirts - Polyester "polo" short sleeve	77	\$ 28.49	\$ 16.17	\$ 20.02	\$ 16.17
Shirts / Polyester "polo" womens	11	\$ 1.54	\$ 2.31	\$ 2.86	\$ 1.98
Weekly Service Charge		\$ 143.37	\$ 17.95	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Total		\$ 742.75	\$ 376.89	\$ 413.60	\$ 330.87
52 Weeks Total		\$ 38,623.00	\$ 19,598.02	\$ 21,507.20	\$ 17,205.24

Neibert recommended that a three-year contract be awarded to the low bidder, Clean Uniform Co., in the amount of \$19,415.00 for the first year which includes new uniforms and \$17,205.24 for the second and third years.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the award of the three-year contract to Clean Uniform Co. in the amount of \$19,415.00 for the first year which includes new uniforms and \$17,205.24 for the second and third years. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

CITY MANAGER

Nathan McKenna, Capital Projects Manager, presented the following report to the Council:

CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS –April 2014



Project	Work Phase	Act. / Est. Cost	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Wayfinding System	Design Construction	74.4 K 400 K	100% 0%	November 2013 3 rd Q 2014	Bids received Apr. 4 th and under review. Will recommend award at next council meeting
Housing Program	Planning Implementation	61.1 K 85 K	100% 70%	Ongoing Ongoing	Housing opportunity Road Shows scheduled for April 23 rd . Next webinar set for Tuesday April 8 th @ 9 am.
9 th Street Streetscape Added Segments	Design Construction	175K	100% 80%	1 st Q 2014 April 2014	Contractor completing concrete work, install of lighting, brick pavers and landscaping to follow.
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 700 K	50% 15%	March 2014 N/a	Grant application submitted, window install ongoing, set up temporary water service for use during Market Days.
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	61.7 K	50%	March 2014	All structures down, some site work 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	175 K	75% 25%	1 st Q 2014 2 nd Q 2014	West Entry design complete, completing bid specs, material list completed for bathroom upgrades
City Facility Energy Audit	Audit Implementation	FREE % reimbursable	100%	Completed 2 nd Q 2014	Reviewing RFP from 3 companies to choose the best option on upgrades and savings

Council Member McEnaney requested that the following items be placed on McKenna’s report: 1) A storm water study containing a list of all the problem areas as well as the cost to repair the problem areas within the City; and 2) the OSLAD grant recently awarded to the City including the scope of the project, design and construction timelines.

Brad Ruble, City Engineer, presented the following report to the Council:

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – April 2014



TRANSPORTATION

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
42 nd St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	5.0 M	Design Construction	100% 0%	Complete 4 th Q 2015	Final design is complete. Bidding expected in Summer. ROW acquisition is ongoing. 21 total, 12 signed
South 27 th Street (Jamison to Veterans)	1.5 M	Design Construction	0% 0%	3 rd Q 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Engineering contract with Rhutasel waiting on award. Negotiating on major ROW parcel. Considering alternates.
N. 27 th / Old Union Rd. (Richview to Wilshire)	3.3 M	Design Construction	50% 0%	4 th Q 2014 4 th Q 2015	Design is ongoing. HMC
Perkins Avenue (10 th to 12 th)	0.5 M	Design Construction	95% 0%	2 nd Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	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%	Complete 2 nd Q 2015	Utility relocations have begun. Ameren to start soon. Contractor starting on south end soon.
Airport Road	400 T	Design Construction	100% 85%	Sept 2013 2 nd Q 2014	Asphalt and curb work is complete. Driveways and sidewalks are nearly complete, grading and clean up remain.
42 nd at Veterans Signals	250 T	Design Construction	10% 0%	Unknown 3 rd Q 2015	IDS study has been submitted. IDOT is reviewing currently
Ambassador Roadway near new High School	Unknown	Design Construction	0% 0%	3 rd Q 2014 4 th Q 2015	Awaiting approval of design contract.

SEWER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Lift Station 14 Force main Replacement	Unknown	Design Construction	95% 0%	1 st Q 2014 2 nd Q 2014	Design is underway. Permitting is ongoing. We are awaiting monies for construction.
Ambassador Road near new High School	Unknown	Design Construction	0% 0%	4 th Q 2014 4 th Q 2015	Awaiting approval of engineering agreement.

Council Member McEnaney requested that the name of the design/engineering firm for each project be included on this monthly report.



SIDEWALKS / TRAILS

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
27 th St. Sidewalk	215 T	Design Construction	100% 0%	Complete 2 nd Q 2014	Guinzy Construction will begin very soon. All ROW and Easements have been obtained.
Richview Rd. Sidewalk	170 T	Design Construction	75% 0%	3 rd Q 2014 4 th Q 2015	Evaluating Alternatives.
I/TEP Shared Use Trail – Veterans	550 T	Design Construction	20% 0%	3 rd Q 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Design Contract has been awarded. Design is ongoing. <i>AMC</i>
Bike Trail – Cedarhurst to Casey School	550 T	Design Construction	100% 99%	Complete TBD	Crossing of the Railroad Tracks is all that remains. Railroad has completed their work.
Wilshire and Richview Sidewalk	TBD	Design Construction	10% 0%	3 rd Q 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Survey work has been ongoing. Design is progressing. <i>Rhutasel</i>
S. 42 nd Sidewalk	TBD	Design Construction	40% 0%	2 nd Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	Surveying is complete. Design is progressing. <i>Roundtable</i>

WATER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Broadway Water Main Replacement 4 th – 14 th	1.25 M	Design Construction	20% 0%	2 nd Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	The surveying is ongoing. Design is underway for the project. Meeting soon to determine placement
Main St. Water Main Replace. 2 nd – 14 th	1.65 M	Design Construction	20% 0%	2 nd Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	The surveying is ongoing. Design is underway for the project. Meeting soon to determine placement.
Ambassador Road near new High School	Unknown	Design Construction	0% 0%	3 rd Q 2014 4 th Q 2015	Awaiting approval on engineering contract for project begin
34 th and Veterans	200 T	Design Construction	100% 30%	Feb. 2014 May 2014	Project is ongoing.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council’s consideration the Second Reading on an Ordinance Rezoning Property located at 1714 North Street from the Zoning Classification R-3 to I-1. Petitioning Party: Jefferson County Habitat for Humanity.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-07 Rezoning Property located at 1714 North Street from the Zoning Classification R-3 to I-1. Petitioning Party: Jefferson County Habitat for Humanity. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council’s consideration the Second Reading on an Ordinance Authorizing the Ceding of Private Activity Bonding Authority. Neibert commented that the Illinois Private Activity Bond Allocation Act provides that any home rule unit may reallocate to a state agency any portion of its unused allocation of volume cap. The City desires to utilize this cap in cooperation with the Southeastern Illinois Economic Development Authority (SIEDA), a five county agency, to support projects that will create jobs and expand the City’s tax base, in the amount of \$1,521,800.00.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve Order No. 2014-08 Authorizing the Ceding of Private Activity Bonding Authority. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council’s consideration a Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance Vacating an Alley. Petitioning Party: Franchise Realty Investment Trust – IL (McDonald’s). This includes a portion of the alley directly north of McDonald’s Restaurant located at 2806 Broadway Street. The remainder of the alley is not vacated.

Council Member Lash made a motion to suspend the rules to vote on the Ordinance tonight. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Council Member Lash made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-09 Vacating Alley. Petitioning Party: Franchise Realty Investment Trust – IL (McDonald’s on Broadway). Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council’s consideration a Resolution Reclassifying Certain Public Utilities and Sanitation Accounts for Accounting Purposes. Neibert explained that periodically the City “writes-off” certain indebtedness owed by individuals who have not paid for water and sewer service. These individuals do not receive water or sewer service from the City until their past due balance is paid.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Resolution Reclassifying Certain Public Utilities and Sanitation Accounts for Accounting Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving the Park Concession Stand Agreement with Mary Mullinax.

Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving the Park Concession Stand Agreement with Mary Mullinax. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving a Contract with Republic Services. Neibert commented that the City's trash pickup contract is due to expire. Recently, specifications were sent out and only one bid was received from Republic Services, Inc. The Council is amending the contract to include 12 months of landscape waste pickup. A large portion of the contract provides for a community wide recycling of metals, plastics, paper, and card board for the City. The first year monthly cost is \$16.49 for regular trash pickup, 12 months of landscape waste pickup and bi-weekly recycling. A different color of tote will be provided for recyclables only. Recycling totes will be available at the City's parks. Republic Services and the City will work together to educate the public regarding the new recycling program. Calendars containing the pickup dates will be disseminated to all the City's customers.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving A Contract with Republic Services containing community-wide recycling. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

MAYOR

Mayor Chesley presented Assistant Police Chief Chris Deichman with the following Proclamation:

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the City of Mt. Vernon's police-fire communications center; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the City of Mt. Vernon have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED as Mayor of the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, I hereby proclaim April 13 through April 19, 2014 as National Telecommunicator's Week in the City of Mt. Vernon, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

*in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of this city to be affixed.*

AYOR MARY JANE CHESLEY

Mayor Chesley presented for Council's consideration the Re-Appointment of Sherry Meadows to the Mt. Vernon City Housing Authority Board.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Re-Appointment of Sherry Meadows to the Mt. Vernon City Housing Authority Board. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Mayor Chesley announced that the City has received the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant in the amount of \$400,000.00 which is a state-financed grant program that provides funding assistance to local government agencies for acquisition and/or development of land for public parks and open space. The Grant will be used for Phase 1 expansion at Lincoln Park at a cost of \$1.2 million to the City.

Also, a Mt. Vernon Trails Map is available at the City Clerk's Office and will be included in the Welcome Packet being developed by the Mayor.

The five year review of the City's Comprehensive Plan will begin this July. Council members are asked to inform the Mayor on which committee, made up of citizens, they will serve. Neibert will compile a summary of the City's accomplishments over the last five years.

CITY COUNCIL

Mt. Vernon Festivals, Inc. began their second annual Market Days at the old Armory last Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 2,000 people attended with 60 vendors. Please contact Bonnie Jerdon or Rachel Hunsell at the Tourism Department at 242-3151 to volunteer.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Hortin Petties expressed his concern about children walking to the Aquatic Zoo on busy City streets and the need for more sidewalks. Mayor Chesley noted that local bus service will be adding the Zoo to their routes.

Mr. Petties also suggested that some sort of memorial be designated in Mayor Chesley's honor.

Shannon Woodworth, Manager of the DuQuoin State Fair, along with other staff members, appeared to invite everyone to the Fair which will commence on August 22 through September 1, 2014. The theme will be "Love A Fair: Since 1923". A special Veterans Day will be held honoring all Military Veterans.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk