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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, April 15, 2013  
MINUTES**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, April 15, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27<sup>th</sup> 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, Todd Piper, David Wood and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley. Councilmen Dennis McEnaney was absent.

**PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS**

The Journal for the April 1, 2013 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, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney**

**APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for Approval. Acting City Manager, Merle Hollmann, Director of the Finance Department, gave an overview of the projects.

**Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$2,112,452.02. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney**

**BIDS & QUOTES**

None to report.

**CITY MANAGER**

Absent.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration the First Reading on Ordinance Rezoning Property Located at 11100 N. Illinois Hwy. 148 from the Zoning Classification AG to R-3. Petitioning Party: Randy Bernard

Mr. Bernard stepped forward and stated that he would like to build an economy 4-Plex apartment building. The cost to rent the apartments would be \$600.00 per month. The building will consist of two 1-bedroom apartments and two 2-bedroom apartments. The units will be connected.

**First Read Only**

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration the First Reading on Ordinance Rezoning Properties Located at 1125 Maple Street, 1119 Maple Street, 1117 Maple Street, 1031 Maple Street, 1027 Maple Street, 1025 Maple Street, 1021 Maple Street, 1003 Maple Street, 333 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 315 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 301 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 1102 North Street, 1106 North Street, 1108 North Street, 1111 North Street, 1112 North Street, 1113 North Street, 1114 North Street, 1120 North Street, 1121 North Street, 1124 North Street, 1125 North Street, 1126 North Street, 1128 North Street, 1130 North Street, 302 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 314 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street from the Zoning Classification R-2, B-1 and R-3 to R-2. Petitioning Party: Central Christian Church

Marshall Davis from Round Table Design stepped forward seeking a Rezoning and Conditional Use of the properties as listed. At this time the properties are various zonings and they would like to get them all the same. The Conditional Use would be for church-related purposes. One of the buildings is for a children's ministry at 10<sup>th</sup> and Maple Street right by the existing church building. Randy Sells of Central Christian Church stated that it would be approximately 6,700 square feet and would be for first through fifth graders. The younger children would be moved from the upstairs area of the existing church building downstairs and the adult classes upstairs. This will create a safer and more secure environment. The other building is located on the 12<sup>th</sup> Street property and would be a multipurpose counseling and food pantry at approximately 3,700 square feet. He stressed the importance of the new locations for the safety of the children and for accommodating the growing congregation. All of the properties listed are owned by Central, most of the properties are used for parking and two still have houses on them which will eventually be torn down. These spaces will then be used for parking. Central averages 1,870 people per weekend. The atrium built in 2004 is not big enough to accommodate all those people so the gym will be opened up as the children's check-in station. A small packet will be given to the Council to review.

**First Read Only**

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration the First Reading on Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for a Church or Private Schools and subordinate uses related thereto for Properties Located at 1125 Maple Street, 1119 Maple Street, 1117 Maple Street, 1031 Maple Street, 1027 Maple Street, 1025 Maple Street, 1021 Maple Street, 1003 Maple Street, 333 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 315 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 301 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 1102 North Street, 1106 North Street, 1108 North Street, 1111 North Street, 1112 North Street, 1113 North Street, 1114 North Street, 1120 North Street, 1121 North Street, 1124 North Street, 1125 North Street, 1126 North Street, 1128 North Street, 1130 North Street, 302 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 314 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street; Petitioning Party: Central Christian Church

**First Read Only**

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration the First Reading on Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for One Residential Unit above Main Floor for Property Located at 120 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street; Petitioning Party is Kip & Katrina Bauer.

Kip Bauer stepped forward and stated that he and his wife have purchased the property and are now in the process of renovating it and the plan is to live in the building and open an art gallery on the main floor. Council Member Wood reiterated that this renovation was funded through the TIF district and thanked him for his efforts.

**First Read Only**

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration the Resolution Granting a Conditional Sign Permit for Property at 200 Shiloh Drive; Petitioning Party: Magnum Steel Works, Inc.

A representative from Magnum Steel Works, Inc. stepped forward and stated they had built the new facility and are asking for their name above the office area along with the MSW logo on the southwest corner of the building.

**Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Resolution Granting a Conditional Sign Permit for Property at 200 Shiloh Drive. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood, Chesley. Absent: McEnaney**

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration the Resolution Approving Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation ITEP Grant Funds between the City of Mt. Vernon and Rhutasel and Associates, Inc. Regarding Mt. Vernon 9<sup>th</sup> Street Streetscape Project.

Acting City Manager Merle Hollmann stated he spoke with Brad Ruble, City Engineer, who stated the project is about a \$45,000.00 contract. The design was done by White and Borgognoni, architects out of Carbondale, IL. The streetscape project is funded 80 percent by grant and 20 percent by local funds.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation ITEP Grant Funds between the City of Mt. Vernon and Rhutasel and Associates, Inc. Regarding Mt. Vernon 9<sup>th</sup> Street Streetscape Project. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood, Chesley. Absent: McEnaney**

**MAYOR**

Mayor Chesley presented the Arbor Day and Tree City USA Recognition Proclamation to, George Bryant, the Parks and Recreation Department Director

***OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS, In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and**

**WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and**

**WHEREAS, 2013 is the 141<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the holiday and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and**

**WHEREAS, several small trees have been donated to be distributed to residents of Mt. Vernon; and**

**WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and**

**WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fire, and beautify our community; and**

**WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Vernon has been recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA since 1994 and has received a Growth Award since 1997 for its continued and increasing dedication to its tree care program;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Jane Chesley, Mayor of the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2013 as ARBOR DAY in the City of Mt. Vernon, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and**

**FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.**

**In witness whereof I  
hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this  
City to be affixed.**

**Mayor Mary Jane Chesley  
April 15, 2013**

George Bryant, Parks and Recreation Director stepped forward and spoke regarding the Family Adventure Series taking place on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM at Veterans Memorial Park. They have a number of sponsors from Ameren, Boys/Girl Scouts, Good Samaritan Hospital, Walmart etc. In the past years they have had 1,000 to 1,500 people participating in the program. Director Bryant gave an update on the Tree City USA Award received and the accomplishments the past year.

Lincoln Park Conceptual Design Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2013 PM at 6:00PM at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building. The other four parks will be discussed at 8:00PM. This will give them the opportunity to find out what the community would like to see and bring it back to City Council.

Mayor Chesley presented for Council's consideration the Re-Appointment of Brandon Bullard, Ronald R. Neibert, Jim Brown and Chris Mendenall to the Minority Affairs and Human Relations Commission.

**Council Member Lash made a motion to Re-Appoint Brandon Bullard, Ronald R. Neibert, Jim Brown and Chris Mendenall to the Minority Affairs and Human Relations Commission. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney**

Mayor Chesley presented for Council's consideration the Re-Appointment of Diane Hultgren, Dennis Epplin, Justin Riley, Barbara Miles and Michelle Venturi to the Tree Board.

**Council Member Wood made a motion to Re-Appoint Diane Hultgren, Dennis Epplin, Justin Riley, Barbara Miles and Michelle Venturi to the Tree Board. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney**

**CITY COUNCIL**

Nothing to Report.

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

John Kuwalski Senior Vice of American Legion Post 141 stepped forward and asked for help in closing IL Route 15, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets from 9:45-10:45am for the honoring of at least 95 Jefferson County Veterans who passed this past year. The Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am on the west side Court House steps and will last approximately thirty minutes.

Mr. Kuwalski also spoke regarding the Kyle Price run coming through town on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be between 200 and 300 bikes this year. He asked that the citizens of Mt. Vernon and motorist throughout Mt. Vernon exercise caution during this time.

**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, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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