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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, April 21, 2014  
7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, April 21, 2014, 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 Chaplain Jeff Fernberg of Good Samaritan Regional Health Center.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS**

The Journals for the March 24, 2014 City Council Workshop Meeting, the March 31, 2014 City Council Workshop Meeting and the April 7, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting 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 Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval. Council Member McEnaney asked City Finance Director Merle Hollmann (City Manager Ron Neibert was absent) to clarify the following items: Item #10 Floyd Brookman - \$2,500.00 – web design for the Tourism Department. Mr. Brookman will perform some redesigning of the City's website. Council asked to see the design before it is launched. Item #11 Found Design - \$9,455.75 – strategy and wayfinding analysis. This is the next to the last payment for the wayfinding sign project, including bid specifications. Item #32 Walker Communications - \$3,820.20 – reprogram radio bases and vehicles. This represents a repeater system upgrade to amplify the Fire Department's radio signal.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$955,356.57. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.**

**BIDS & QUOTES**

City Projects Manager Nathan McKenna presented for Council's consideration four bid results for the fabrication and installation of the City of Mt. Vernon, IL Wayfinding and Signage Program, as follows. The City's Branding and Leadership Team (BLT) worked for several months with Found Design, Inc. to design the signage. BLT's recommended adding two gateway signs from Alternate 1 to the base bid.

	T HAM SIGN			GEOGRAPH INDUSTRIES		
	MT. VERNON, IL			HARRISON, OH		
ADDENDUM #1	x			X		
ADDENDUM #2	x			X		
BID BOND	x			X		
INSURANCE	x			X		
<b>BASE BID</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
VDIR.1	8	\$ 6,894.00	\$ 55,152.00	8	\$ 3,654.00	\$ 29,232.00
VDIR.2	3	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 24,300.00	3	\$ 3,848.00	\$ 11,544.00
VDIR.3	16	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 148,800.00	16	\$ 4,001.00	\$ 64,016.00
VDIR.4	7	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 28,350.00	7	\$ 4,557.00	\$ 31,899.00
VDIR.5	16	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 70,400.00	16	\$ 5,099.00	\$ 81,584.00
VDIR.6	15	\$ 5,650.00	\$ 84,750.00	15	\$ 6,199.50	\$ 92,992.50
RESIDENT.1	0	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ 3,374.00	\$ -
KIOSK.1	3	\$ 9,350.00	\$ 28,050.00	3	\$ 9,605.00	\$ 28,815.00
ALLOWANCE	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>TOTAL BID</b>			\$ 449,802.00			\$ 350,082.50
<b>ALTERNATE 1</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GATE.1	1	\$ 14,550.00	\$ 14,550.00	1	\$ 32,830.00	\$ 32,830.00
GATE.2	1	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 12,250.00	1	\$ 9,101.00	\$ 9,101.00
DIST.1	1	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	1	\$ 9,101.00	\$ 9,101.00
DIST.2	5	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 32,000.00	5	\$ 3,199.00	\$ 15,995.00
DIST.2A	1	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,400.00	1	\$ 3,878.00	\$ 3,878.00
DIST.3	2	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 11,000.00	2	\$ 2,444.00	\$ 4,888.00
<b>TOTAL ALTERNATE 1</b>			\$ 88,200.00			\$ 75,793.00
<b>ALTERNATE 2</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
PDIR.1	4	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 5,600.00	4	\$ 724.00	\$ 2,896.00
PDIR.1A	1	\$ 8,350.00	\$ 8,350.00	1	\$ 2,462.00	\$ 2,462.00
PDIR.2	4	\$ 1,212.50	\$ 4,850.00	4	\$ 658.00	\$ 2,632.00
KIOSK.1	3	\$ 9,266.66	\$ 27,800.00	3	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 25,500.00
<b>TOTAL ALTERNATE 2</b>			\$ 46,600.00			\$ 33,490.00
<b>ALTERNATE 3</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
PARK.1	2	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 650.00	2	\$ 523.00	\$ 1,046.00
PARK.2	2	\$ 5,650.00	\$ 11,300.00	2	\$ 4,263.00	\$ 8,526.00
PARK.2A	4	\$ 87.50	\$ 350.00	4	\$ 4,163.00	\$ 16,652.00
<b>TOTAL ALTERNATE 3</b>			\$ 12,300.00			\$ 26,224.00
<b>ALTERNATE 4</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
REMOVAL.1	10	\$ 75.00	\$ 750.00	10	\$ 350.00	\$ 3,500.00
REMOVAL.2	7	\$ 85.71	\$ 600.00	7	\$ 425.00	\$ 2,975.00
REMOVAL.3	3	\$ 83.34	\$ 250.00	3	\$ 850.00	\$ 2,550.00
<b>TOTAL ALTERNATE 4</b>			\$ 1,600.00			\$ 9,025.00

	HARMON SIGN			SIGN STAR		
	TOLEDO, OH			TAMPA, FL		
ADDENDUM #1	X			X		
ADDENDUM #2	X			X		
BID BOND	X					
INSURANCE	X			X		
<b>BASE BID</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
VDIR.1	8	\$ 5,358.00	\$ 42,864.00	8	\$ 3,751.35	\$ 30,010.80
VDIR.2	3	\$ 5,824.00	\$ 17,472.00	3	\$ 4,199.58	\$ 12,598.75
VDIR.3	16	\$ 6,422.00	\$ 102,752.00	16	\$ 4,606.18	\$ 73,698.86
VDIR.4	7	\$ 5,506.00	\$ 38,542.00	7	\$ 3,273.93	\$ 22,917.51
VDIR.5	16	\$ 6,009.00	\$ 96,144.00	16	\$ 3,823.50	\$ 61,175.96
VDIR.6	15	\$ 6,513.00	\$ 97,695.00	15	\$ 4,456.83	\$ 66,852.50
RESIDENT.1	0	\$ 4,116.00	\$ 4,116.00	0	\$ 2,158.52	
KIOSK.1	3	\$ 10,315.00	\$ 30,945.00	3	\$ 63,096.74	\$ 37,840.42
ALLOWANCE	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>TOTAL BID</b>			\$ 440,530.00			\$ 315,094.80
<b>ALTERNATE 1</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GATE.1	1	\$ 20,493.00	\$ 20,493.00	1	\$ 10,393.06	\$ 10,393.06
GATE.2	1	\$ 20,285.00	\$ 20,285.00	1	\$ 12,478.88	\$ 12,478.88
DIST.1	1	\$ 18,299.00	\$ 18,299.00	1	\$ 11,589.82	\$ 11,589.82
DIST.2	5	\$ 5,493.00	\$ 27,465.00	5	\$ 3,550.96	\$ 17,754.80
DIST.2A	1	\$ 5,210.00	\$ 5,210.00	1	\$ 3,491.21	\$ 3,491.21
DIST.3	2	\$ 4,665.00	\$ 9,330.00	2	\$ 2,068.00	\$ 4,136.00
<b>TOTAL ALTERNATE 1</b>			\$ 101,082.00			\$ 59,843.77
<b>ALTERNATE 2</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
PDIR.1	4	\$ 825.00	\$ 3,300.00	4	\$ 409.92	\$ 1,639.68
PDIR.1A	1	\$ 3,852.00	\$ 3,852.00	1	\$ 2,024.17	\$ 2,024.17
PDIR.2	4	\$ 776.00	\$ 3,104.00	4	\$ 243.37	\$ 973.48
KIOSK.1	3	\$ 10,591.00	\$ 31,773.00	3	\$ 6,306.74	\$ 18,920.22
<b>TOTAL ALTERNATE 2</b>			\$ 42,029.00			\$ 23,557.55
<b>ALTERNATE 3</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
PARK.1	2	\$ 3,483.00	\$ 6,966.00	2	\$ 334.51	\$ 669.02
PARK.2	2	\$ 5,713.00	\$ 11,426.00	2	\$ 3,844.42	\$ 7,688.84
PARK.2A	4	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	4	\$ 3,015.95	\$ 12,063.80
<b>TOTAL ALTERNATE 3</b>			\$ 38,392.00			\$ 20,421.66
<b>ALTERNATE 4</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
REMOVAL.1	10	\$ 330.00	\$ 3,300.00	10	\$ 225.00	\$ 2,250.00
REMOVAL.2	7	\$ 386.00	\$ 2,702.00	7	\$ 305.00	\$ 2,135.00
REMOVAL.3	3	\$ 1,662.00	\$ 4,986.00	3	\$ 920.00	\$ 2,760.00
<b>TOTAL ALTERNATE 4</b>			\$ 10,988.00			\$ 7,145.00

McKenna recommended the lowest bidder, Geograph Industries, Inc. with the base bid of \$350,082.50. Sign Star of Tampa, Florida, submitted the lowest base bid, however their bid was incomplete and could not be accepted. The BLT suggested adding two gateway signs from Alternate 1 to the base bid. This would make the total contract price \$368,284.50. This agenda item was tabled so that more detail on the locations of the signs may be reviewed by Mayor and Council.

**CITY MANAGER**

Brad Ruble, City Engineer, presented for Council's consideration a request for permission to seek bids for the demolition of 13 dangerous and dilapidated structures as follows:

#### Houses for Demolition

- 1201 Forest
- 502 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street
- 807 S. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street
- 2018 Lamar
- 301 Castleton
- 627 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Street
- 1921 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street
- 1112 Wescott
- 609 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street
- 2211 Casey
- 1218 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street
- 2004 Logan
- 804 S. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street

An asbestos inspection will have to be performed before any demolition may occur. These properties are beyond rehabilitation. The total cost of demolition will be approximately \$100,000.00. Mayor requested that the City staff draft a plan to get these vacant properties turned into privately owned property and not owned by the City.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the request for permission to seek bids for the demolition of 13 dangerous and dilapidated structures. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.**

#### CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration the First Reading on an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Real Property. **FIRST READING ONLY.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving the Agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the Acceptance of the OSLAD Grant for Development of Land at Lincoln Park in the amount of \$400,000.00. Park Director George Bryant appeared to inform the Council of the plans for development of eight acres south of the Aquatic Center. A conceptual plan was displayed. The Park will include a walking trail, eight tennis courts (lighted), detention area for water run-off, interpretive signage, softball field (not lighted at this time), bleachers, small restroom and picnic shelter. Total cost of the project is \$1,618,000.00.

Mayor Chesley requested that Bryant again organize a walking tour through the ten City parks for the Council and media.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving the Agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the Acceptance of the OSLAD Grant for Development of Land at Lincoln Park. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.**

**MAYOR**

Mayor Chesley presented the following Proclamations:

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS*, safety is the highest priority for the highways and streets of our City and State; and

*WHEREAS*, the great State of Illinois is proud to be a leader in motorcycle safety, education, and awareness; and

*WHEREAS*, motorcycles are a common and economical means of transportation that reduces fuel consumption and road wear, and contributes in a significant way to the relief of traffic and parking congestion; and

*WHEREAS*, it is especially meaningful that the citizens of our city and state be aware of motorcycles on the roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety; and

*WHEREAS*, the members of Leather & Lace Motorcycle Club continually promote motorcycle safety, education, and awareness to the general public in the City and State's where their members reside, presenting motorcycle awareness programs yearly; and

*WHEREAS*, the members of Leather & Lace Motorcycle Club have contributed extensive volunteerism and money to national and community charitable organizations; and

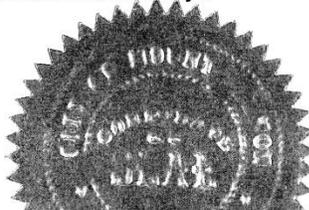
*WHEREAS*, during the month of May, all roadway users should unite in the safe sharing of roadways within the City of Mount Vernon and throughout the great State of Illinois;

THEREFORE, I Mary Jane Chesley, Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon, in the great State of Illinois, in recognition of 30 years of Leather & Lace Motorcycle Club serving as leaders in motorcycle safety, education, and awareness,

DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY, THIS YEAR 2014 AS

***MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH***

In the City of Mount Vernon, and urge all motorists to join in an effort to improve safety and awareness on our roadways.



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

*Mary Jane Chesley*

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley  
April 21, 2014

## **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, 2014 is the 142<sup>nd</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

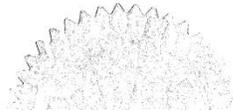
WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fire, and beautify our community; and

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 26, 2014 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.

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Walter Moore and Jamar Sanders have displayed an outstanding community spirit as citizens of the City of Mt. Vernon; and

WHEREAS, Walter Moore was three time all- starter, second- leading scorer on the Mt. Vernon Rams 1949 and 1950 State Championship teams that won 46 games in a row, the first African American basketball player for the Mt. Vernon High School and the University of Illinois, played on the 1952 Illinois squad which went on to win the Big Ten Championship, on Western Illinois NAIA Third place team in 1956 and it's NAI National Runner up in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Walter Moore taught and coached at Carbondale Central High School, Attucks High School and Macomb High School, awarded coach of the year in 1968, Distinguished Alumni Award from Mt. Vernon High School and was a Charter member of the IL Basketball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the Carbondale High School designated June 20<sup>th</sup> as Walter Moore Day to recognize each year the most outstanding basketball player at Carbondale High School; and

WHEREAS, Jamar Sanders is Mt. Vernon High School's 2<sup>nd</sup> all-time scorer in basketball history with a total of 1,934 points, led the Mt. Vernon team in scoring all four seasons with 311 points as a freshmen, 483 points as a sophomore, during his sophomore season won 24 games while claiming regional and sectional titles, finished his high school career as a senior scoring 643 points and winning a regional championship, his senior year of scoring ranks as the third best all time for a single season point total; and

WHEREAS, Jamar Sanders, played for two professional basketball teams while touring Europe, finished his college career playing for the University of Missouri-St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Vernon wishes to honor the memory of Walter Moore and honor the accomplishments of Jamar Sanders;

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED as Mayor of the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois this Proclamation does hereby jointly honor the memory of Walter Moore and honor the accomplishments of Jamar Sanders by dedicating the Moore/Sanders Basketball Courts at Dawson Park.



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

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Mt. Vernon Parks and Recreation Arbor Day Celebration will be held at Veterans Park on Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 10 am to 1 pm.

Mayor Chesley presented for Council's consideration the Re-Appointment of Joe Bob Pierce to the Airport Authority Commission.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Re-Appointment of Joe Bob Pierce to the Airport Authority Commission. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.**

### CITY COUNCIL

Mt. Vernon Festivals, Inc. and People National Bank will host Market Days at the old Armory Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information go to Facebook at Mt Vernon Public Market. Please contact Bonnie Jerdon or Rachel Hunsell at the Tourism Department at 242-3151 to volunteer.

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

No comments were heard.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins  
City Clerk