

**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Public Budget Hearing
April 28, 2015
3:00 p.m.**

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley called the Public Hearing to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Old Council Chambers at City Hall. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the fiscal budget 2015-16. City Manager Neibert presented a draft of the 2015-16 fiscal year budget. The total city-wide budgeted expenditures for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2016 are \$47,928,230. Funds available are \$61,939,731 leaving an aggregate fund balance at the end of the year of \$14,011,501. This budget does not reflect the Local Distribution Funds that the Governor proposes to reduce to municipalities (approximately \$750,000). Adjustments to the budget may be made based on the Governor's actions at a later date. All of the special revenue funds show positive fund balances except for the Industrial Park (Westside) TIF and the Route 15/I-57 (Eastside TIF). The Proprietary funds show a positive fund balance at the end of the fiscal year, except for Sanitation. These figures reflect the proposed three percent water and sewer rate increase effective May 1, 2015 if approved by the City Council.

There were no comments from the public. The Public Hearing was closed at 3:06 p.m.

**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Special City Council Meeting
April 28, 2015
3:07 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Special City Council Meeting on Monday, April 28, 2015 at 3:09 pm at the Old Council Chambers at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

FY 2015-2016 BUDGET

Mayor Chesley presented for Council consideration First Reading on Adoption of Ordinance Approving the FY2015-2016 Budget.

Council Member Wood noted that the City Council Members have met numerous times regarding this budget and the Finance Department has worked many, many hours to prepare the budget. All of the Council meetings were public meetings and none of the public that previously said they wanted to participate in the budget process were present at those meetings.

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

Council Member Piper made a motion to Approve Ordinance 2015-12 approving the FY 2015-2016 Budget. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Mayor Chesley presented for Council's consideration First Reading on Ordinance Regarding Water and Sewer Rates. This three percent increase both in water and sewer service charges on the operating of the Public Utilities Department. Piper urged the Council to address the water and sewer service situation in the next six months, bring the public up to speed and present a number of solutions for consideration.

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

Council Member Lash made a motion to Approve Ordinance 2015-13 Regarding Water and Sewer Rates. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Finance Director Hollmann thanked City Treasurer Mary Jo Pemberton for her many, many hours of volunteer work in the Finance Department during the budget preparation period.

It was also noted that this is City Manager Ron Neibert's last meeting with the City Council. He is taking a City Manager's position in Eustis, Florida commencing May 4, 2015.

Many kind words were stated about working with Neibert as well as Council Members Lash and Wood whose terms end on May 4, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk