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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
City Council Public Hearing
Monday, May 5, 2014
6:30 p.m.**

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building at Veterans Park. The Public Hearing was to inform the public of the proposed application to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and to the Illinois Housing Development Authority for Housing Rehabilitation Grants to provide safe and sanitary housing for low to moderate income persons within the target area of the City of Mt. Vernon.

Melinda Potter, resident at 2408 Perkins, asked if Perkins was excluded from the program. John Stark from Crosswalk stated that surveys are picked up at the Water Billing Department. Crosswalk reviews those surveys submitted by residents in Mt. Vernon and if they are income eligible they mark the locations on a map. There were a lot of people interested that were eligible on Airport Road. Ms. Potter stated that she filled the survey out two years ago, but never heard back. Mr. Stark stated that neighbors also have to fill those surveys out in order to increase the chances of their area being selected. Ms. Potter mentioned that she had walked throughout her neighborhood but wasn't getting anywhere. Mr. Tim West, with Crosswalk, replied that it was very competitive throughout the State and they do a four or five block area. He noted that 100% of the surveys have to be filled out from each household even if a household is not interested in the program. The program is based on a point system for every 100% of surveys completed. The more points, the greater the chances of Crosswalk coming to an area.

Mayor Chesley noted that she does appreciate what Crosswalk has done in the past.

The Public Meeting was adjourned at 6:37p.m.

**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, May 5, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, May 5, 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 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, David Wood and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journals for the April 15, 2014 City Council Workshop Meeting and the April 21, 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, 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 #1 Brown Traffic Products - \$3,879.93 – Traffic controller for street lights. Neibert explained this is a sensor camera for the intersection at 42nd and Broadway replacing the old one. Item #3 Edwards Pump & Valve - \$15,260.43 – 10” altitude valve for Vernwood Tank. This is an altitude valve that indicates the depth of the tank or the level of fill and signals when to fill. Item #5 General Refrigeration & Plumbing - \$39,182.00 – 50% down payment on lighting retrofitting. This is for the project recently approved by the Council to put the energy efficient lighting in the three buildings which began today. Item #9 J K Trotter & Sons - \$144,885.50 – South 34th Street water line relocation. This is for the replacement of the cast iron pipe in that area and relocating some other lines that were in conflict with the 34th Street Road project. Item #12 KT Electric - \$4,500.00 – Dawson Park picnic shelter lighting materials and installation. This project is almost complete and a dedication and ribbon cutting is set toward the end of the month. Item #22 Santander Leasing - \$55,189.73 – Jet truck annual loan payment. This is the jet truck that is used for cleaning the sanitary storage sewer lines and there is an annual lease purchase payment.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$962,137.09. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

BIDS & QUOTES

City Manager Neibert concluded that the City had received several quotes and bids for the Way-Finding System. The low bid on the base bid and recommended partial first alternate was in the amount of \$368,284.50 from Geograph Industries, Inc. This was also the recommendation of the Brand Leadership Team. The low bid from Sign Star was incomplete because the required bid bonding documents were not submitted.

ADDENDUM #1 ADDENDUM #2 BID BOND INSURANCE	T H I A M S I G N MT. VERNON, IL			G E O G R A P H I N D U S T R I E S HARRISON, OH		
	x			x		
	x			x		
	x			x		
BASE BID	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
VDIR.1	8	\$ 6,891.00	\$ 55,152.00	8	\$ 3,651.00	\$ 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	\$ 3,371.00	\$ -
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
TOTAL BID			\$ 449,802.00			\$ 350,882.50
ALTERNATE 1	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
GATE.1	1	\$ 14,550.00	\$ 14,550.00	1	\$ 32,830.00	\$ 32,830.00
GATE.2	1	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 12,750.00	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
TOTAL ALTERNATE 1			\$ 88,200.00			\$ 75,793.00
ALTERNATE 2	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
POIR.1	4	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 5,600.00	4	\$ 724.00	\$ 2,896.00
POIR.1A	1	\$ 8,350.00	\$ 8,350.00	1	\$ 2,462.00	\$ 2,462.00
POIR.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
TOTAL ALTERNATE 2			\$ 46,600.00			\$ 33,490.00
ALTERNATE 3	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
PARK.1	2	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 6,500.00	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
TOTAL ALTERNATE 3			\$ 12,300.00			\$ 26,224.00
ALTERNATE 4	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
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
TOTAL ALTERNATE 4			\$ 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		
BASE BID	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
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	\$ 73,698.88
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
TOTAL BID			\$ 440,530.00			\$ 315,094.80
ALTERNATE 1	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
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
TOTAL ALTERNATE 1			\$ 101,082.00			\$ 59,843.77
ALTERNATE 2	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
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
TOTAL ALTERNATE 2			\$ 42,029.00			\$ 23,557.55
ALTERNATE 3	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
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
TOTAL ALTERNATE 3			\$ 38,392.00			\$ 20,421.66
ALTERNATE 4	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
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
TOTAL ALTERNATE 4			\$ 10,988.00			\$ 7,145.00

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the bid amount of \$368,284.50 from Geograph Industries, Inc. for the Way-Finding System. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Manager Neibert presented the Bid Results for the Annual July 4, 2014 Fireworks Show. One bid was received from Central States Fireworks in the amount of \$20,000.00. Neibert recommended accepting this bid. Central States Fireworks has provided the fireworks to the City of Mt. Vernon for the past four years.

CENTRAL STATES FIREWORKS

FINEST IN DISPLAY FIREWORKS
18034 Kincaid Street, Athens, IL 62613
(217) 636-7398 FAX (217) 636-7618

MT. VERNON, IL
FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR
**** JULY 4, 2014 ****

This Display Will Open With 932 Shots:

- 2 150 Shot Glittering Stars
- 2 36 Shot 2.5" Peanut Shell Color Wave Peony
- 2 280 Shot Fan Shaped Colorful Whistle and Report

The Main Portion of the Display to Consist of:

- 18 3" Titanium Salutes w/Rising Tiger Tails
- 30 3" Comets
- 156 3" Assorted CSF Shells
- 204 TOTAL THREE INCH SHELLS**

- 12 4" Titanium Salutes w/Rising Tiger Tails
- 148 4" Assorted CSF Shells
- 160 TOTAL FOUR INCH SHELLS**

- 85 5" Assorted CSF Shells
- 85 TOTAL FIVE INCH SHELLS**

- 75 6" Assorted CSF Shells
- 75 TOTAL SIX INCH SHELLS**

- 40 8" Assorted CSF Shells
- 40 TOTAL EIGHT INCH SHELLS**

- 30 10" Assorted CSF Shells
- 30 TOTAL TEN INCH SHELLS**

The Spectacular Ending to Include:

- 480 3" Color and Salute Finales with Rising Comet Tails

TOTAL PRICE IS \$20,000.00 AND INCLUDES 5 MILLION DOLLAR LIABILITY
EXTENSION, CREW, EQUIPMENT AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

**The multitude of varieties, colors and effects
in our display will astonish your audience!
YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED!!!!!!**

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the bid amount of \$20,000.00 from Central States Fireworks for the July 4, 2014 Fireworks Show. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neibert presented a Request for Permission to Close 9th Street from Main Street to Broadway on May 16, June 13 and July 18 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for downtown promotional event "9th Street Fair".

Cyndy Mitchell, DMDC Executive Director and Barb Hangle, Chairman and organizer of the Fair were present to talk about the event. It's their intent to continue the success they have had in the past with the First Fridays. This year the event will not adhere strictly to the first Friday of each month, but will be held for three

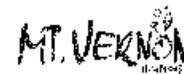
months. The event will include local artists, jewelry makers, musicians and food vendors. People can take advantage of the local restaurants and stroll around downtown enjoying the music and art. Closure of the street provides for additional safety for the event.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Request for Permission to Close 9th Street from Main Street to Broadway on May 16, June 13 and July 18 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for downtown promotional event “9th Street Fair”. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Capital Projects Manager Nathan McKenna presented the City’s monthly Programmatic Report:

CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – April 2014



Project	Work Phase	Act. / Est. Cost	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Wayfinding System	Design	74.4 K	100%	November 2013	Bids received Apr. 4 th and under review. Base bid includes all vehicular signage, 3 kiosks and 2 gateways.
	Construction	\$868,281.50	0%	3 rd Q 2014	
Housing Program	Planning	61.1 K	100%	Ongoing	Good turnout for Read show. Second edition of Web magazine near completion. Fourth webinar to be completed in May.
	Implementation	85 K	75%	Ongoing	
9 th Street Streetscape	Design		100%	1 st Q 2014	Work by Depew & Owen nearly complete. Installation of pavers remains on half of block near Harrison St.
Added Segments	Construction	1.75K	95%	May 2014	
Armory / Market	Design	N/A	100%	March 2014	PARC grant awards expected in October. All windows have been installed, trim work and sealing remain. City crews to repair some exterior concrete around windows. Water service installed for vendor use during Market Days.
	Construction	2M	15%	N/a	89 lots available for purchase, minimum \$750.
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	
Housing Demolition	Demolition			2014	13 structures to bid out following asbestos survey. Survey to take 2-4 weeks. Bid out early June. Received award of \$25 K through Community Stabilization Grant.
Sanitary Infiltration	Area ID	TBD	100%	1 st Q 2014	Cost estimates for remediation being developed by Public Utilities. To be presented during comprehensive plan review.
	Cost Est.			2 nd Q 2014	
City Hall Improvements	Planning	175 K	90%	1 st Q 2014	West Entry design complete compiling material list for bidding. Requesting council permission to see bids on bathroom renovations, includes new tiles, stalls, vanity and fixtures.
	Construction		25%	2 nd Q 2014	
City Facility Energy Audit	Audit	FREE	100%	Completed	Lighting upgrades ongoing at City Hall, Police Department and Public Works facility, install to be completed by May 9 th .
	Implementation	% reimbursable		2 nd Q 2014	
Curbside Recycling	Implementation	N/A	75%	Ongoing	Delivery of recycling carts ongoing. First pick-up date is May 5 th . Pick-up schedule is bi-weekly.

Council Member Wood requested a Council tour of the Armory since its renovations. Mayor Mary Jane Chesley asked to see a plan on the Surplus Property available for purchase by the public. Council Member Piper requested that McKenna send the plan information for the new recycling program from Republic to the media and Council. McKenna will address each accordingly. City Manager Neibert noted that there would be one additional project added to the Programmatic Report given the recent success in the OSLAD Grant; the Lincoln Park OSLAD Grant Project. Council Member McEnaney would like the Storm Water Study added to the list as well along with a list of the problem areas and the cost to fix those areas.

City Engineer Brad Ruble presented the Capital Projects Report. Council Member McEnaney requested a press release be sent to the public to inform them of the closing of 34th Street just south of the Aquatic Center entrance for the utility relocation project.

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – May 2014



TRANSPORTATION

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
42 nd St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	5.0 M	Design(HMG) Const.	100% 0%	Complete 4 th Q 2015	Final design is complete. Bidding expected in Summer. ROW acquisition is ongoing. 21 total, 15 obtained
South 27 th Street (Jamison to Veterans)	1.7 M	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	0% 0%	4 th 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(HMG) Construction	50% 0%	4 th Q 2014 4 th Q 2015	Design is ongoing.
Perkins Avenue (10 th to 12 th)	0.5 M	Design(Horner & Shifrin) Construction	95% 0%	2 nd Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	PreFinal plans will be submitted to IDOT soon. ROW negotiations to start once approved.
S. 34 th Street (Veterans to Harlan)	2.3 M	Design(HMG) Const.(Guinzy)	100% 0%	Complete 2 nd Q 2015	Utility relocations have begun. Ameren has begun. Contractor starting on south end soon.
Airport Road	400 T	Design(RoundTable) Const.(Rooters)	100% 100%	Sept 2013 May 2014	Project is complete. Final payment to be made soon.
42 nd at Veterans Signals	250 T	Design(CMT) Construction	10% 0%	4 th Q 2014 1 st Q 2015	IDS study has been submitted awaiting signature. IDOT will issue permit for construction of signal at this point.
Ambassador Roadway near new High School	2.0 M	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	0% 0%	3 rd Q 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Awaiting approval of design contract. Anticipated at next council meeting.

SEWER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Lift Station 14 Force main Replacement	1.8 M	Design(HMG) 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	300 K	Design(HMG) Construction	0% 0%	4 th Q 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Design agreement is on the council agenda for approval

SIDEWALKS / TRAILS



Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
27 th St. Sidewalk	215 T	Design(RoundTable) Const.(Guinzy)	100% 70%	Complete 2 nd Q 2014	Const. has begun. Sidewalk will be poured over the next few weeks.
Richview Rd. Sidewalk	400 T	Design(Heneghan) Construction	75% 0%	3 rd Q 2014 4 th Q 2015	Proceeding with design and preparation of Easement Documents.
ITEP Shared Use Trail – Veterans & S. 34 th	550 T	Design(HMG) Construction	70% 0%	3 rd Q 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Design Contract has been awarded. Design is ongoing. Sept bid opening.
Bike Trail – Cedarhurst to Casey School	550 T	Design(Heneghan) Const.(Gleeson)	100% 100%	Complete Complete	Railroad crossing is now complete.
Wilshire and Richview Sidewalk	TBD	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	30% 0%	3 rd Q 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Survey work has been ongoing. Design is progressing.
S. 42 nd Sidewalk	TBD	Design(RoundTable) Constuction	50% 0%	2 nd Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	Surveying is complete. Design is progressing.

WATER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Broadway Water Main Replacement 4 th – 14 th	1.25 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	40% 0%	2 nd Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	Met with IDOT to go over permitting issues. Need approval of location of new main for design to be completed.
Main St. Water Main Replace. 2 nd – 14 th	1.65 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	20% 0%	2 nd Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	Met with IDOT to go over permitting issues. Need approval of location of new main for design to be completed.
Ambassador Road near new High School	200 T	Design(BMG) Construction	0% 0%	3 rd Q 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Design agreement is on the council agenda for approval
34 th and Veterans	200 T	Design(RoundTable) Const.(JK Trotter)	100% 90%	Feb. 2014 May 2014	Construction is ongoing. Working on activating new main.

City Manager Neibert Requested Permission to Seek Bids for City Hall Bathroom Remodeling.

Council Member Piper made a motion to Seek Bids for City Hall Bathroom Remodeling. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Manager Neibert Requested Permission to Seek Bids for Copier Lease.

Council Member Lash made a motion to Seek Bids for Copier Lease. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Manager Neibert Requested Permission to Seek Bids for Police Squad Cars.

Council Member Wood made a motion to Seek Bids for Police Squad Cars. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Bill Howard presented a First Reading on Ordinance Amending Salary Ordinance. Neibert explained this is an ordinance that is passed annually by the City. The City has negotiated salaries for the bargaining unit contracts. The law also requires that the City have a salary ordinance authorizing those salaries so this ordinance reflects the amendments that are required under the bargaining unit contracts. Neibert requested suspension of the rules to apply this increase on employee payroll.

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

Council Member Wood made a motion to Approve Ordinance #2014-13 Amending Salary Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented a First Reading on Ordinance Regarding Fire and Police Commission. Mayor Chesley explained this involves transfer of authority of hiring the Police and Fire Chief and assistants to the City Manager. Mayor Chesley recommended a First Read.

Council Member McEnaney stated that the Chairman of the Police and Fire Commission came to them and asked them to consider the ability to look outside as well as inside for candidates for the Police Chief position. The existing ordinance allowed the Commission to look outside only after disqualifying any of the internal candidates. This McEnaney felt was outdated and disrespectful to the police officers because if no outside candidates were found to be qualified, then the commission looked again internally, which was degrading to those candidates which were "disqualified" the first time. If this ordinance passed it would give the Office of the City Manager the ability to go ahead and hire, discipline and discharge all chiefs. The commission alone had this authority now. McEnaney noted that he looked at cities around the area and found that it was the City Manager who performed these functions, not the volunteer Fire and Police Commission. He asked Neibert to check with the Illinois City County Managers Association and they were not aware of any other City or Municipalities in the State of Illinois that operated the same as the City of Mt. Vernon. McEnaney asked the City Manager to prepare an ordinance for Council to review that would transfer the authority from the volunteer Police and Fire Commission to that of the Office of the City Manager and asked him to include wording in the new ordinance to include the existing Police and Fire Commission in the review of hiring, firing and discipline of any of the chiefs. The City Manager would then be responsible for notifying the Mayor and Council of any decisions made. This would decrease the amount of time it took to fill those positions. It is

important that that review in no way minimized the outstanding job the Fire and Police Commissioners have done in the past and he truly appreciated their time and effort.

Council Member Wood noted there were things he agreed with and things he disagreed with and therefore a First Read was appropriate. He mentioned that he was not a part of the conversation with McEnaney, Piper and Lash directing the City Manager to draw up this ordinance and he understood that the Mayor was not either. McEnaney expressed that he alone directed the City Manager to do this. Wood would like to know what the City Manager's opinion was on this at the next meeting and find out how it was going to be administered. He personally felt that they all need to understand they are talking about the bulk of the City's budget and employees here. Adequate checks and balances are needed and he would like to think that there was a single place to go to see what all the roles were and to review and understand how all this was going to work before he was asked to vote on it.

Mayor Chelsey encouraged the public to share their opinions with Council on this matter by phone or email.

Mike Anthis stepped forward and stated that he had been a long-time resident of Mt. Vernon and was glad to see that the City was recycling. He brought to Council's attentions that the address of the Public Hearing was incorrect on the agenda. The Hearing was at Rolland W. Lewis Community Building instead of City Hall. City Manager Neibert interjected that the Public Notice was issued by Crosswalk and that was why the address was incorrect on the agenda. City Clerk Jerilee Hopkins mentioned that corrected notices had been placed on the doors at City Hall when the mistake was realized.

Mr. Anthis went on to say that he had been in law enforcement over 35 years and considered himself a professional in that field. The Fire and Police Commission for the City of Mt. Vernon had been in existence over 100 years and it had worked. It was the buffer zone between being able to manipulate chiefs and assistants in both departments. It gave that person the sense of security that someone couldn't just come in one morning in a bad mood and out the door they went. The Fire and Police Commission had done a great job. He didn't think the system was broke. He was curious as to when the discussion began about that ordinance, if in a workshop, if there were agendas for that workshop. He was also concerned about one council member thinking that three other members were in discussions together without him, which can't be done. This whole thing was off on the wrong track if tonight was the first time this had come to light. This needed to be discussed openly and again put out an appearance that the City was trying to fast track something. He would like to hear from the Chairman of the Police and Fire Commission himself as to what he really wanted.

Council Member Wood did not mean to imply that Council Member McEnaney had met inappropriately. Council had conversations all the time with the City Manager and he had talked about it at some measure just never understood the form in which the ordinance was going to come to and that was the point of the conversation.

Mr. Burns stepped forward and stated that if something was not broke don't fix it. There was no question in his mind who the Police Chief should be and that was Assistant Chief Deichman.

First Read Only.

City Attorney Howard presented a Resolution Authorizing the Appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the FY 14/15 Street Maintenance Program. Neibert explained this is a Resolution that IDOT requires based on the Motor Fuel Tax Allocations the City made as part of the recent budget approval.

Council Member Wood made a motion to Approve the Resolution Authorizing the Appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the FY 14-15 Street Maintenance Program. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented a Resolution of Support for the Application to the State of Illinois for a Community Development Assistance Program Grant. Neibert explained that it was a \$400,000.00 application, a 100% grant and they are anticipating doing up to 10 houses with the grant money and up to a maximum of \$45,000.00 per home. The target area was the 700-900 block of Airport Road. The program involved surveys by neighborhoods and individuals; those that met the eligibility for the grant.

Council Member Piper made a motion to Approve the Resolution of Support for the Application to the State of Illinois for a Community Development Assistance Program Grant. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented a Resolution Approving Agreement with Crosswalk Community Action Agency. This is to administer the grant.

Council Member Wood made a motion to Approve the Resolution Approving Agreement with Crosswalk Community Action Agency. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented a Resolution Approving Change Order to the Contract with Guinzy Construction, Inc., Regarding 27th Street Sidewalk Project. This was to fix curbs and inlets as part of the 27th Street Sidewalk Project.

Council Member Lash made a motion to Approve the Change Order to the Contract with Guinzy Construction, Inc. Regarding the 27th Street Sidewalk Project. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented a Resolution Approving Revolving Loan Fund for Wes Rogers Tire and Auto. Wes Rogers stepped forward and stated that due to personal issues with family he has chosen to go out to his own facility and was seeking funds to continue what his father started in 1978 in Mt. Vernon. He was looking to provide a better future for himself, his family and employees. Neibert stated that all information was presented to the Revolving Loan Committee and they voted to recommend the loan through the Council. The location is located at 1321 South 10th Street and 4 or 5 people will be employed.

Council Member Wood stated that he had nothing personal against Mr. Rogers and wished him well, but he didn't feel that the City should be in this business and has on record longstanding objections to the Revolving Loan Program for this type and similar types of businesses. Wood stated that as in the past he would be voting against this resolution.

Council Member Piper stated that due to his relationship with the family and with Wes on a professional basis would like to abstain from this vote.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to Approve the Resolution Approving Revolving Loan Fund for Wes Rogers Tire and Auto. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney and Chesley. Nay: Wood. Abstain: Piper.

Mayor Chesley asked for a future meeting regarding Councilman Wood's comments to explore other avenues. Wood stated he had begun to have some conversations regarding the Comprehensive Plan review. Mayor Chesley stated that if the City did continue with the Revolving Loan there were some concerns that she had as well. The Comprehensive Plan review was a good time for the City to look at the Revolving Loan.

City Attorney Howard presented a Resolution Approving Agreement with BGM Engineers for Professional Services Relating to Ambassador Road Water Main. Neibert stated this is for the design engineering on the waterline project in support of development of the High School and properties to the North of the High School.

Council Member Piper made a motion to Approve the Resolution Approving Agreement with BGM Engineers for Professional Services Relating to Ambassador Road Water Main . Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented a Resolution Approving Task Order Number 15 with HMG Engineers Relating to Sanitary Sewer Extension to the new High School. This was the beginnings of the design work for the new high school sewer line project.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to Approve the Resolution Approving Task Order Number 15 with HMG Engineers Relating to Sanitary Sewer Extension to the new High School . Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented a Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Illinois Department of Agriculture and the City of Mt. Vernon Relating to the City's Participation in the Forever Green Illinois Program. This was to seek assistance to cut down diseased and dangerous trees in the City and a state contracted program; no cost to the City.

Council Member Lash made a motion to Approve the Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Illinois Department of Agriculture and the City of Mt. Vernon Relating to the City's Participation in the Forever Green Illinois Program . Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

MAYOR

Mayor Chesley presented the Proclamation for National Police Week to Assistant Police Chief Deichman:

CITY OF MT. VERNON

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States of America has designated the week of May 11th to be dedicated as "National Police Week" and May 15th of each year to be "Police Memorial Day," and

WHEREAS, The law enforcement officers are our guardians of life and property, defenders of the individual right to be free men, warriors in the war against crime and dedicated to the preservation of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and

WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Vernon desires to honor the valor, service and dedication of its own police officers, and

WHEREAS, it is known that every 57 hours an American Police Officer will be killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States and 187 officers will be seriously assaulted in the performance of their duties, our community joins with other cities and towns to honor all peace officers everywhere, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, does hereby proclaim the week of May 11th to be police week and call upon all our citizens in this community to especially honor and show our sincere appreciation for the police officers of this city by deed, remark and attitude to show their thanks to the individuals who make it possible for us to leave our homes and family in safety each day and to return to our homes knowing they are protected by individuals willing to sacrifice their lives if necessary, to guard our loved ones, property and government against all who would violate the law.

FURTHER, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, I, MAYOR MARY JANE CHESLEY, do hereby proclaim the week of May 11th, 2014 as "National Police Week" in the City of Mt. Vernon.



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

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley

Assistant Police Chief Deichman expressed his thanks for the recognition on behalf of the Police Department and stated they had a good group of people that are dedicated and wanted everyone to be especially mindful of May 15 where a lot of officers made the ultimate sacrifice and they need not be forgotten. Mayor Chesley stated the City had an outstanding Police Department and they go above and beyond the minimum requirement of law enforcement.

Mayor Chesley presented the Re-appointment of Sandy Williams for a 2 year term, Teri Clark, Bernard Dickneite and Trinda Heitmeyer for a 3 year term and Jerry Harpole for a 1 year term to the Park Board and the Appointment of Nikitia Hughes to a 2 year term to replace Sarah Sledge. The terms are now staggered.

Council Member Wood made a motion to Approve the Re-appointment of Sandy Williams for a 2 year term, Teri Clark, Bernard Dickneite and Trinda Heitmeyer for a 3 year term and Jerry Harpole for a 1 year term to the Park Board and the Appointment of Nikitia Hughes to a 2 year term to replace Sarah Sledge . Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Mayor Chesley presented the Appointment of Olivia Majerchin and the Re-appointment of Mike Green, Dr. Michael Smith, Doug Hoffmann and James Malone to the Minority Affairs and Human Relations Commission.

Council Member Piper made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Olivia Majerchin and the Re-appointment of Mike Green, Dr. Michael Smith, Doug Hoffmann and James Malone to the Minority Affairs and Human Relations Commission. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Mayor Chesley presented the Appointment of Kischa Jackson to the Tourism Board to replace Jamie Wheeler.

Council Member Lash made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Kischa Jackson to the Tourism Board to replace Jamie Wheeler. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Mayor Chesley presented the Re-Appointment of William Pittman to the Police Pension Board.

Council Member Wood made a motion to Approve the Re-Appointment of William Pittman to the Police Pension Board. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Mayor Chesley thanked each of these for all their service and time they took in helping make Mt. Vernon a better place to live.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member McEnaney expressed his thanks to the Mayor for all the effort and time that went into these appointments and re-appointments.

Council Member Piper stated that he took a tour of the Aquatic Zoo that morning with George Bryant and the City Manager. He looked forward to the opening and the positions available are wonderful opportunities for the young people as well as older in the community. Mayor Chesley noted the cracks in the pool due to shrinkage were fixed and the pool would be ready to open May 24, 2014.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

John Kowalski stepped forward representing Post 141 American Legion which would be conducting their May 26, 2014 Annual Memorial Day Services at the square at 10:00 a.m. The public was invited. The Ceremony would be from 10:00-10:30 a.m. There are 116 names this year.

He also expressed his concern regarding the doors at the Huck's Convenient Store located on North 37 across from Domino's Pizza being unsecure and asked for that issue to be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk