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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Rolland W. Lewis Community Building — Veterans Park
Monday, May 7, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Ron Lash.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

ROLL CALL

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

JOURNAL

The Journals for the April 18, 2012 City Council Workshop Meeting and the April 23, 2012 City Council Special Meeting were presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. Council Member Lash noted that he was listed as present on the last page of the April 23, 2012 City Council Special Meeting when, in fact, he was absent. **Motion by Council Member Lash to approve the Journals, as amended. Second by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Council Member McEnaney was absent.**

CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented for Council's consideration. Council Member Piper asked City Manager Ron Neibert for clarification on the following items: Item #4, CB & I, Inc. - \$108,998.55 – work on West elevated Tank replacement. City Manager Neibert noted that painting should commence as soon as weather permits, and anticipate the tank being operable by the end of May, 2012. Council Member Wood inquired about Item #11, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende - \$15,667.02 — engineering on West Elevated Tank (\$7,108.06), Veterans/Davidson Road Extension (\$7,636.59) and plat survey & legal description for Aquatic Facility. City Manager Neibert stated that

\$15,667.01 is for construction engineering on the new tank; \$7,108.06 is for the final design and bidding work on Veterans/Davidson Road Extension; and \$7,636.59 is for the plat and legal description for the land on which the Aquatic Facility will be located so it may be dedicated to the City.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers as presented in the amount of \$903,214.01. Second by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Council Member McEnaney was absent.

BIDS & QUOTES

According to City Manager Ron Neibert on May 2, 2012 bids were received and opened at 10:00 a.m. for the South Davidson & Veterans Memorial Drive Sewer Extension. The following is a summary of the bids received:

Baxmeyer Construction Inc., Waterloo, IL	\$1,104,921.22
Kamadulski Excavating, Granite City, IL	\$1,271,726.43
Moniger Excavating Co., Inc., Moro, IL	\$1,416,417.00
J.K. Trotter & Sons, Inc., Mt. Vernon, IL	\$1,578,132.00
Kieffer Brothers Construction Co. Inc., Mt. Carmel, IL	\$1,695,173.00

Baxmeyer Construction Inc. of Waterloo, IL was the lowest bid at \$1,104,921.22. This is some \$600,000.00 less than the Engineer's Estimate. City Manager Neibert noted that the City is benefiting from a slow construction economy. City Manager Neibert recommended that this contract be awarded to Baxmeyer Construction Inc. in the amount of \$1,104,921.22. He noted that the surplus funds from projects coming in under the budgeted amount may be used for other public utility projects. This is the same company that submitted the low bid on the Davidson & Veterans roadway extension project.

Council Member Piper made a motion to Approve and Accept the low bid from Baxmeyer Construction Inc. from Waterloo, IL in the amount of \$1,104,921.22 for the Davidson & Veterans Memorial Drive Sewer Extension. Second by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Council Member McEnaney was absent.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ron Neibert presented for Council's consideration a Request for Permission to Seek Quotes for a new folder/insert machine for Billing Services. This is part of the new financial software package recently purchased. This machine is required because of new regulations on the mailing of utility bills in terms of privacy laws. Water bills will be sent in an envelope and will contain additional information useful to City customers.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Request for Permission to Seek Quotes for a new folder/insert machine for Billing Services. Second by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Council Member McEnaney was absent.

City Manager Neibert presented for Council's consideration a Request to Bypass Bid Procedures to Purchase VacCon Jet Truck from EJ Equipment for the Public Utilities Department. A bid was received from EJ Equipment in the amount of \$250,000.00 with financing at 3.5% interest for five years, including the trade-in of the old truck. EJ Equipment is the sole distributor in our area for this equipment. This truck will also be used by the Public Works Department.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve a Request to Bypass Bid Procedures to Purchase a VacCon Jet Truck from EJ Equipment for the Public Utilities Department. Second by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Council Member McEnaney was absent.

City Manager Neibert presented for the Council's consideration a Request for Permission to Seek Bids to install fence at the Police Firing Range located by the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The Airport Authority generously donated the fencing to the City. The City is responsible for the installation of the fencing. Mayor Chesley thanked the Airport Authority Board for the donation - teamwork in action benefiting the City and Airport.

Council Member Lash made a motion to approve a Request for Permission to Seek Bids to install fence at the Police Firing Range located by the Waste water Treatment Plant. Second by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Council Member McEnaney was absent.

City Manager Neibert presented for the Council's consideration a Request for Permission to Approve the Change Order with CB & I Regarding the Elevated Water Storage Tank. A line leading from the old tank to the water main for the new tank was found to be deteriorated and required to be replaced. The cost of the change order is \$12,198.63.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve a Request for Permission to Approve a Change Order with CB & I Regarding the Elevated Water Storage Tank. Second by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Council Member McEnaney was absent.

City Manager Neibert presented for the council's consideration a Request for Permission to close 11th Street between Broadway and Main on September 1, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. for the United Way of South Central Illinois Campaign Tailgate Kick-Off event. Council Member Piper commented that he attended last year's event and it was so much fun. The United Way, a quality organization, does so much for our community. The Fire Fighters and Council Member Piper won First Place in the chili and wings cook-off contest.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve a Request for Permission to close 11th Street between Broadway and Main on September 1, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. for the United Way of South Central Illinois Campaign Tailgate Kick-Off event. Second by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Council Member McEnaney was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving an Engineering Agreement with HMG Engineers. City Manager Neibert advised this Agreement is for design construction engineering services for the 42nd Street project, including sidewalk and bike trail from Victoria to Richview Road. The project is slated to be advertised at bid late 2013 with construction starting in early 2014. Construction cost for the 42nd Street project is estimated at \$2.85 million. This Agreement will also provide the construction supervision services for the Davidson Avenue/Veteran's Memorial Drive project. Council Member Wood inquired about the 42nd Street and Richview Road sidewalk alignment. City Manager Neibert stated that a much gentler angle will be used on the sidewalk alignment. Council Member Wood also inquired about the construction supervision services. City Manager Neibert clarified that those services are for the Davidson Avenue/Veteran's Memorial Drive project.

Council Member Lash made a motion to adopt a Resolution Approving an Engineering Agreement with HMG Engineers for the Davidson/Veterans and 42nd Street projects. Second by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Council Member McEnaney was absent.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Agreement with Round Table Design to Provide Construction Inspection Services for the Shiloh Drive Sanitary Sewer Expansion Project. This is the lift station for the Magnum Steel project. The City is not conducting the inspection services because staff is occupied with supervising other projects and does not have expertise in constructing lift stations. This lift station supports the remaining property at the Rolland W. Lewis Industrial Park

Council Member Piper made a motion to adopt a Resolution Approving Agreement with Round Table Design to Provide Construction Inspection Services for the Shiloh Drive Sanitary Sewer Expansion Project. Second by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Council Member McEnaney was absent.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Authorizing the Appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the FY 12/13 Street Maintenance program.

Council Member Wood made a motion to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the FY 12/13 Street Maintenance Program. Second by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Council Member McEnaney was absent.

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Park Concession Stand Agreement. **Council Member Piper made a motion to adopt a Resolution Approving the Concession Stand Agreement. Second by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Council Member McEnaney was absent.**

MAYOR

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley presented Police Chief Chris Mendenhall with a Proclamation for National Police Week as follows:

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States of America has designated the week of May 13th 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 13th 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 13th, 2012 as "National Police Week" in the City of Mt. Vernon.

Chief Mendenhall commented that the City of Mt. Vernon has a very dedicated group of Police Officers working every day to protect our Citizens. Thank you.

Council Member Lash stated on behalf of the Council and all the citizens of Mt. Vernon very much appreciate the work on the part of the Police Chief and the City Police Officers. In most cases being a Police Officer is a 'thankless' job. The Council recognizes their dedication and putting their lives on the line to make sure the community is safe. It is very much appreciated.

Mayor Chesley presented for Council's consideration the Re-appointment of Kay Shaw to the Fire and Police Commission. **Council Member Wood made a motion to re-appoint Kay Shaw to the Fire and Police Commission. Second by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Council Member McEnaney was absent.**

Mayor Chesley presented for Council's consideration the Re-appointment of Brenda Cain to the Minority Affairs and Human Relations Commission. **Council Member Lash made a motion to re-appoint Brenda Cain to the Minority Affairs and Human Relations Commission. Second by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Council Member McEnaney was absent.**

Mayor Chesley noted this is National Railway Week. She recently toured the National Railway Equipment Co. facility – one of the leading industries in the City. She extended her appreciation to the Beal family and National Railway Equipment Co. employees for the quality work they perform. They are highly respected which in turn brings respect to the City of Mt. Vernon.

Pepsi MidAmerica will host a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the company's new distribution and service center in the Rolland W. Lewis Industrial Park. The public is invited.

Mayor Chesley noted that new informational brochures are available at City Council Meetings and at the City Hall entitled, *The P & R Review (Parks & Recreation Department), City Update for May 2012, and JOBS! in & around Mt. Vernon.*

Council Member Piper commended Mayor Chesley for going above and beyond the duties of Mayor by creating the informational brochures to keep the citizens educated about City business. Council Member Wood requested that the brochures be placed on the City's website. Mayor Chesley noted they were uploaded on the site last Friday. He also requested further development of the City's website which should occur with the upcoming Branding Study this summer. Council Member Piper noted that the brochures are posted on the City's Facebook page.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Lash inquired about the Police Bike Patrol. Police Chief Mendenhall stated that the Bike Patrol has already begun three days a week when the weather permits.

VISITORS/CITIZEN REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Sharon Zelman requested an additional tornado warning siren be placed in the 10th Street and Oakland Avenue vicinity. City Manager Neibert stated the entire system is tested every Tuesday morning using signal and voice capability testing with spotters throughout the City. City Manager Neibert will communicate with Ms. Zelman regarding her request.

Hortin Petties inquired about clearing ditches, brush and trees from Dawson Park between 9th & 7th Streets. He also mentioned cleaning out an area of brush and trees on 15th Street. Thank you to the City for all their hard work. City Manager Neibert will discuss the request with the Parks and Recreation Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Manager Neibert requested an Executive Session in order to discuss potential litigation, land acquisition and personnel. Council Member Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session in order to discuss potential litigation, land acquisition and personnel. Second by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Council Member McEnaney was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment was made by Council Member Piper. Second by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Council Member McEnaney was absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk