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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, June 2, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, June 2, 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 Pastor Kent Jackson.

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 22, 2014 City Council Workshop Meeting, the April 28, 2014 Public Hearing and Special City Council Meeting and the May 19, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting were presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member Lash. 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, for clarification on the following items: Item #3 Contract Furnishings - \$20,100.00 – Neptune chaise lounge chairs for Aquatic Zoo. The chairs were at the facility and being used with great joy, replied Neibert. There were a couple of minor wrinkles overall which were worked through and the Aquatic Zoo saw a peak attendance one Saturday of over 800 people. Item #8 Kenneth Hails - \$12,340.00 – Demolition of various homes. This was for eight homes and all the cleanup work had been completed. Item #10 Round Table Design - \$74,550.00 – Broadway and Main Street water main replacement design. This project was still in the design phase, but close to going out for bid. McEnaney asked for elaboration on the special check written to Wes Rogers Tire and Auto, Inc. in the amount of \$60,000.00 for revolving loan. The loan was closed on last Friday, Rogers had their proceeds and were set to open June 9, 2014.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$623,487.61. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

BIDS & QUOTES

Mayor Chesley presented the Bid Results for Three 20 x 20 White with Logo Event Tents for Tourism Department. One bid was received from Armbruster Manufacturing Company in the amount of \$10,722.00.

Tourism Department Director, Bonnie Jerdon, reported the first event the tents would be used for upon approval from Council would be the new Healthy Living Festival at the Armory, July 18, 2014. The City would be partnering with several healthcare facilities and would be an outdoor/fun event for all ages. Jerdon stated that Tourism, in the past, had been renting tents and purchasing would save them money. The bid came in under budget.

Council Member Piper made a motion to accept the bid from Armbruster Manufacturing Company for the 20 x 20 White with Logo Event Tents for Tourism Department in the amount of \$10,722.00. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Mayor Chesley presented the Bid Results to Update Municipal Building West Sign with New Logo, Graphics and Electronic Message Center. One bid was received from T. Ham Sign, Inc. in the amount of \$19,519.40.

Bonnie Jerdon stated that the sign was a 4x8, full color, LED display. The sign would be located in the same location that it was in now and used to publicize events and welcome new businesses, etc. The bid came in under budget.

Council Member Lash made a motion to accept the bid from T. Ham Sign, Inc. to Update Municipal Building West Sign with New Logo, Graphics and Electronics Message Center in the amount of \$19,519.40. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Mayor Chesley presented the Bid Results for six new Police Squad Cars. The results are as follows:

Thomas Dodge – Dodge Charger \$23,447.00/car.
King City Chrysler – Dodge Charger \$25,729/car

City Manager Neibert noted that the Police Department bid out several styles of vehicles; Dodge Chargers, Ford Taurus's, Chevy Caprices. After examining the vehicles and checking them against the specifications, two bids met those specifications. The Dodge Charger was the low bid. Neibert recommended accepting the low bid from Thomas Dodge in the amount of \$23,447.00/car or \$140,682.00 total.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to accept the bid from Thomas Dodge for the six Dodge Chargers in the amount of \$23,447.00/car. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

CITY MANAGER

On behalf of himself, council, staff and everyone in Mt. Vernon he wished the Mayor a Happy Birthday.

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



CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS—June 2014

Project	Work Phase	Act. / Est. Cost	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Wayfinding System	Design Construction	74.4 K \$368,284.50	100% 5%	November 2013 3 rd Q 2014	Review of shop drawings underway. Samples of colors and material to be submitted for approval. Site walk through second week of June.
Housing Program	Planning Implementation	61.1 K 85 K	100% 75%	Ongoing Ongoing	2 nd web magazine to be completed 1 st week of June, Webinars scheduled for 6/20 at 11 a.m. and 6/26 at 2 p.m. Infill Charette is scheduled for July 14 th .
9 th Street Streetscape Added Segments	Design Construction	175K	100% 100%	1 st Q 2014 May 2014	Project completed May 30 th .
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 2M	100% 15%	Complete N/A	Mt. Vernon Glass finishing up trim work, expected completion first week of June. City Crews are doing general cleanup of the site for Market Days June 7 th .
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	89 lots available for purchase, minimum \$750. Will incorporate into the infill charette portion of the housing program.
Housing Demolition	Demolition	125K		2014	13 structures scheduled for next round. Waiting on asbestos lab results. Will seek bids mid-June, start demo in July.
Sanitary Infiltration	Area ID Cost Est.	TBD	100%	1 st Q 2014 2 nd Q 2014	Cost estimates for remediation being developed by Public Utilities. To be presented during comprehensive plan review.
City Hall Improvements	Planning Construction	175 K	90% 25%	1 st Q 2014 3 rd Q 2014	West Entry design complete compiling material list for bidding. Bids for Bathroom renovations in on June 6 th . Work to be completed end of July.
City Facility Energy Audit	Audit Implementation	FREE % reimbursable	100%	Completed 2 nd Q 2014	Project completed. Total cost of 78K, expected reimbursement from DCEO of 22K
Curbside Recycling	Implementation	N/A	90%	Ongoing	Most containers have been delivered. Working on credit for customers for first month of missed service.
Storm Water Improvements	Area ID Cost Est.	TBD	100%	2 nd Q 2014 TBD	Please see attached list of areas and estimated costs
Lincoln Park Addition	Planning Construction	1.6M	25%	1 st Q 2015 Spring 2016	Submitted project schedule to IDNR, looking for engineering firm for design work, Specs to be completed by Dec. 2014, seek bids Jan. 2015, construction begin, Spring 2015 with completion by Spring 2016.

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Mayor Chesley suggested that McKenna creatively advertise the surplus properties in order to attract buyers to those properties. Wood mentioned putting the locations in google maps or map quest so anyone could see where those locations were in relation to other areas. Council Member Lash asked for a list of the 13 structures scheduled for the next round of demolitions. McKenna mentioned that he would get that to Council along with a demolition list from the past five or six years.

McKenna stated that if anyone had not received their recycling tote, to give him a call at 242-6807. Chesley would like to see that the public receive additional information on the recycling program and Wood relayed the importance of being proactive in reaching out to the organizations interested in the program and getting a list of those organizations together. The City is looking at a City-wide credit for the delays which would be passed on to the customers.

Council Member Wood expressed his interest in seeing a timeline a little more specific regarding the Lincoln Park addition stating that a year would be much too long a period of time to complete those projects they had been waiting so long for. He also asked for a priority list of commercial properties needing demolished. Neibert would be getting that to him.

City Engineer Brad Ruble presented the Capital Projects Report.

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS -- June 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	75% 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 have been submitted to IDOT. 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	Contractor to start with full force 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. Detail design of signal to begin soon. Contract being worked on. Expected this week.
Ambassador Roadway near new High School	2.0 M	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	0% 0%	3 rd Q 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Survey work is ongoing. Design to start after completion.

SEWER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Lift Station 14 Force main Replacement	1.8 M	Design(HMG) Construction	95% 0%	As needed Unknown	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	Survey work is going on now design to begin soon.



SIDEWALKS / TRAILS

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
27 th St. Sidewalk	215 T	Design(RoundTable) Const.(Guinzy)	100% 85%	Complete 2 nd Q 2014	Most of the sidewalk has been poured. End of June completion expected.
Richview Rd. Sidewalk	400 T	Design(Heneghan) Construction	75% 0%	3 rd Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	Easement and ROW documents have been sent out. 2 of 5 have been signed.
ITEP Shared Use Trail – Veterans & S. 34 th	550 T	Design(HMG) Construction	90% 0%	3 rd Q 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Prefinal plans are submitted to IDOT for review. Sept bid opening.
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%	3 rd 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	75% 0%	June 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Design is ongoing. Parking lane seems to be the best place for placement. Permitting with Railroad is ongoing.
Main St. Water Main Replace. 2 nd – 14 th	1.65 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	75% 0%	June 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Design is ongoing. Parking lane seems to be the best place for placement. Permitting with Railroad is ongoing.
Ambassador Road near new High School	200 T	Design(BMG) Construction	0% 0%	3 rd Q 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Surveying is ongoing. Design to begin soon.
34 th and Veterans	200 T	Design(RoundTable) Const.(JK Trotter)	100% 98%	Feb. 2014 June 2014	Construction is nearly complete. Tying over the last of the services for complete disconnect.

Council Member McEnaney asked Ruble to follow up on the possibility of electrical outages due to the work on the South 34th Street project. Council Member Wood expressed the need for communication to the public beforehand of the possibility of an outage.

Wood expressed concern regarding the area where the sidewalk on 27th street stops and meets the railroad right-of-way. Neibert stated that Public Works would be helping to make that area less of a walking hazard.

Wood emphasized the importance of safety for the people walking on the east side of the interstate and south side of Route 15, between 44th street and the interstate. He would like to know of any restrictions that were keeping a sidewalk from being put there. It was a very dangerous section and he requested that Ruble address this and find out of any restrictions by the next report.

McEnaney appreciated McKenna and Ruble's detailed reports.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Bill Howard presented a First Reading on Ordinance Regarding Prevailing Wage Rate. City Manager Neibert stated that there was no need to approve the ordinance this evening. If Council wished they could hold for a second reading until the next meeting.

Council Member Wood made a motion to Suspend the Rules to Vote on the Ordinance Regarding Prevailing Wage Rate. Motion died for lack of a second.

First Read Only

City Attorney Howard presented a Resolution Approving Change Order to the Contract with Geographic Industries Regarding the Way finding and Signage Program. This was to add one additional sign to the Way finding Program. The sign was approximately \$9,100.00 and would be added to the existing contracting to add an entryway sign into the downtown area.

Council Member Wood made a motion to Approve the Resolution Approving Change Order to the Contract with Geographic Industries Regarding the Way finding and Signage Program. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

MAYOR

Mayor Chesley presented the Appointment of Larry Sidwell to the Tourism Board to replace Kaycee Cooper.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Larry Sidwell to the Tourism Board to replace Kaycee Cooper. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Mayor Chesley presented the Re-appointment of Paul Lynch and Craig Hedin to the TIF Board.

Council Member Piper made a motion to Approve the Re-appointment of Paul Lynch and Craig Hedin to the TIF Board. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Mayor Chesley presented Rylan Ashby with a Proclamation and a City of Mt. Vernon pin. Photos were taken of Rylan with the Mayor and members of Council. Members of the Police Department were present to support and present Rylan with a shirt from the Police Department.

CITY OF MT. VERNON

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, today we pause to recognize a young man, who exemplifies strength and courage;
and

WHEREAS, Rylan Ashby has inspired our community since his recent diagnosis of cancer;
and

WHEREAS, a “cancer survivor” is defined as anyone living with a history of cancer – from the moment of diagnosis throughout their life, and there are nearly 14 million cancer survivors in America; and

WHEREAS, since over 1.6 million new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States this year, increased access to quality cancer care, screening, and prevention must be a top priority in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Vernon has an active, productive cancer survivor population; and

WHEREAS, our community has actively supported the American Cancer Society mission to eliminate cancer and celebrate survivorship through our local Relay For Life event; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the people of Mt. Vernon, I salute all cancer survivors and those who support them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Jane Chesley, Mayor of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, do hereby proclaim observance of Rylan Ashby Day, Monday, June 2, 2014 in Mt. Vernon, and urge all citizens to join in this joyous celebration of life.

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

Mayor Chesley announced that Rue 21 and Hobby Lobby were now both open and receiving outstanding numbers of visitors. Big Lots would be opening sometime towards the end of June. She added that it was nice to see these retail businesses in Mt. Vernon being utilized.

Mayor Chesley mentioned the Stepping out for Fitness Program going on this summer. Age divisions were 6-9, 10-13, 14-17 and 64 plus. The forms could be picked up at the Park, City Hall and at the Municipal West Building. The forms would also be distributed to the grade schools and senior centers. It was a wonderful activity and she appreciated the support.

The City Update is out and included information on unemployment rates which were down to 6.3 percent as well as pictures showing what could be placed in the recycling totes.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Piper thanked the Mayor for the monthly City Update and shared that a lot of people missed it the last couple of months.

He commented that Market Days would be Saturday; including 150 booth spaces, food vendors and lots of interesting retail, to come on out and enjoy the former Armory.

Council Member Wood mentioned there was a rumor that Staples would be closing in Mt. Vernon. He was happy to say that the assistant manager informed him that Staples would not be closing in Mt. Vernon. They have renewed their lease and are doing improvements.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

No public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk