

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, June 15, 2015  
7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

The invocation was given by Rev. Erie Patton of the Jefferson County Ministerial Association.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed present: Council Members Jeff May, Dennis McEnaney, Donte Moore, Todd Piper and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley.

**PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS**

The Journals for the May 26, 2015 City Council Workshop Meeting and the June 1, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting were presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Journal as amended. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper 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 for updates on the following items: #2 Baldwin Media Development - \$1,800.00 – deposit for video shoot for Mt. Vernon Tourism. A new tourism video is being made to include the City's new branding logo and branding information. #3 Broadway Auto Body - \$2,883.50 – repairs made to Car 10 in the Police Department which backed up and ran into a parked vehicle. #7 Doug Eubanks - \$45,663.23 – South 42<sup>nd</sup> Street sidewalks. This is another progress payment. There is still landscaping and retainage to be done. Item #17 Kenneth Hails - \$46,000.00 – various demolitions for the Engineering Department. This payment is for seven demolitions. Each group of demolitions are let for bid. Item 19 Lovelace Farms - \$1,991.00 – Arbor Day red bud tree giveaway at Veterans Park and is reimbursed by Ameren. Item #21 N. Kohl Grocer Company - \$2,075.50 – food and cleaning supplies for Aquatic Zoo. To date, 6811 attendees have used the pool. The County Health Department reviewed the concessions and scored 100%. Item #26 Rhutasel & Associates - \$8,534.90 – Ambassador Road design. This represents a progress payment on Ambassador Road.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,118,148.63. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

**BIDS & QUOTES**

Bechtel advised that 13 dilapidated buildings are ready to go to bid for demolition. The City has budgeted \$175,000 for demolition this year. Mayor requested a list of the buildings to be demolished.

**Council Member Moore made a motion to grant permission to seek bids for demolition of 13 properties. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

Bids were received for materials to be used on the 2015 Street Maintenance program performed by City crews and financed by MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) funds. A total of one (1) bidder supplied bids on various groups of materials. The following table outlines the lowest responsible bidder for each group and also provides a comparison of the low bid to the engineer's estimate.

Bechtel recommended to Council that an award of contract be made to Jax Asphalt, Mt. Vernon, IL, as low and sole bidder for groups 1, 2, 3 & 4. This bid is a little over budget, but still within the working fund balance.

Group #	Engineer's Est.	Low Bid /Bidder	Diff.
Group 1	\$32,017.81	\$32,039.57/ Jax Asphalt	+\$21.76
Group 2	\$22,700.00	\$22,600.00/ Jax Asphalt	-\$100.00
Group 3	\$5,700.00	\$6,750.00/ Jax Asphalt	+\$1,050.00
Group 4	\$100,318.75	\$109,168.75/ Jax Asphalt	+\$8,850.00
			\$9821.76 (above estimate)

**Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the bid to Jax Asphalt, Mt. Vernon, IL, as low and sole bidder for groups 1, 2, 3 & 4 for a total of \$170,558.32. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

**CITY MANAGER**

City Engineer Brad Ruble presented the capital projects report:

**CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT**

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – June 2015



**TRANSPORTATION**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
42 <sup>nd</sup> St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	4.0 M	Design(HMG) Const.	100% 0%	Complete 1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2016	Baxmeyer Const. plans to start work soon. Working through some utility issues.
South 27 <sup>th</sup> Street (Jamison to Veterans)	1.7 M	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	0% 0%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2015 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2016	Awaiting decisions to move forward with design.
N. 27 <sup>th</sup> / Old Union Rd. (Richview to Wilshire)	3.3 M	Design(HMG) Construction	95% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2016	Design is ongoing. Final Plans and ROW documents are being prepared. <i>15 ROW</i>
Perkins Avenue (10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> )	0.75 M	Design(Horner & Shifrin) Construction	100% 0%	Complete 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015	Project bid advertisement is nearing. Changing signal drawings prior to bid.
S. 34 <sup>th</sup> St. & Veteran's (Veterans to Harlan)	2.3 M	Design(HMG) Const.(Guinzy)	100% 95%	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Ribbon cutting is scheduled for June 19 at 11 A.M. <i>Parking?</i>
42 <sup>nd</sup> at Veterans Signals	900 K	Design(HMG) Construction	30% 0%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2016	Met with IDOT about options for project. Project is on hold. <i>Not budgeted</i> <i>Need expansion of local business to grant</i>
Ambassador Roadway near new High School	1.25 M	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	100% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015	ET Simonds should be starting in July. Ambassador Road portion only to start with.

**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	Project on stand still waiting for monies to become available.
Ambassador Road near new High School	300 K	Design(HMG) Construction	100% 0%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015	J.K. Trotter should begin shortly.

Access to 42nd Street will be limited during the reconstruction process which is expected to take a year. Ruble stated the project will be handled similar to how 34<sup>th</sup> street reconstruction was handled.



**SIDEWALKS / TRAILS**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Richview Wide Sidewalk (27 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> on South)	400 K	Design(Heneghan) Construction(Moniger)	100% 0%	Sept. Bid 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Contractor says he is mobilizing in this week. <i>multi use sidewalk</i>
IPEP Shared Use Trail – Veterans & S. 34th	340 K	Design(HMG) Construction(Pinoy)	100% 95%	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	100% of trail has been poured. Railing, signing, and striping is all that remains.
Richview Sidewalk (24 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> on north)	160 K	Design(Rhutasel) Construction(Rollie)	100% 100%	4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2014 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Project is complete
Wilshire Sidewalk (Richview to Old Union) <i>East side</i>	190 K	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	90% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015	Easement acquisition to begin soon. 38 easements are needed.
S. 42 <sup>nd</sup> Sidewalk (West Side)	350 K	Design(RoundTable) Constuction(Eubanks)	100% 99%	Oct. 2014 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Sidewalk is complete. Grass growth and minor signing issues remain.
*-SRTS Airport Rd. and Marteeny	200 K	Design(Not Selected) Const. (Not Selected)	0% 0%	Unknown Unknown	Just received funding design firm not selected as of yet. <i>\$160,000 grant</i>

**WATER**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
<i>1st</i> Broadway Water Main Replacement 4 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	1.25 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	99% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2016	Final plans being prepared. IDOT permit will be issued upon us getting our contractor's bonds. <i>14" main in parking lane</i>
<i>2nd</i> Main St. Water Main Replace. 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	1.65 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	99% 0%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2016	See above. <i>8" main</i>
Ambassador Road near new High School	100 K	Design(BMG) Construction	100% 25%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Water line is being installed by city crews. Completion before road project begins.

**\*-INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Roads	8.5 M total projects	Design(HMG) Construction	10% 0%	4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2016	Selected design firm. Design contracts are completed and site investigation work has begun.
Water & Sewer		Design(HMG) Construction	10% 0%	4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2016	Selected design firm. Design contracts are completed and site investigation work has begun.

**Nathan McKenna presented the City's Programmatic Report:**

**CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT**

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – July 2015



Project	Work Phase	Act. / Est. Cost	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Housing Marketing Program	Planning Implementation	61.1 K 85 K	100% 95%	Ongoing Ongoing	Working on content for the semi-annual web magazine to be completed in July.
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 2M	100% 0%	TBD	Project on hold pending review. Project funding from IDNR suspended until review by Gov. Office. (1.55 million)
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Asking Council to surplus an additional 19 properties. Currently, we have 67 surplus properties and will be advertising them for sale and contacting neighbors to see if they are interested.
Housing Demolition	Demolition	340K 57.5K		Complete Ongoing	Hail Excavating has demolished 9 structures and has some site work to do. The townhomes are nearly demolished and are to be completed by June 30 <sup>th</sup> . We also have 13 structures identified for the next round of demolition.
City Hall West Entry	Construction	50 K	0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Project was shelved due to high bids. Working on getting quotes for the black mold remediation in the City Hall basement and pricing to address water issues.
Republic Rewards Grant	Implementation	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Voting for the \$5,000 grant is ongoing. Voting period ends June 30 <sup>th</sup> . Vet your Pet is the leading vote getter. Still time to signup and vote at republicgivesback.com.
Lincoln Park Addition	Planning Construction	1.6M	100%	TBD	Project on hold pending review. Project funding from IDNR suspended until review by Gov. Office. (400 Thousand)

Bechtel reported that budget adjustments for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2015 were being presented for approval. These adjustments are made for accounts that are over budget by \$500 or more. In all instances, funds are taken from other revenue or expenditure accounts to adjust the account that is over budget.

<u>Budget Adjustment Number</u>	<u>Fund Affected</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) in Working Fund Balance</u>
2015-09	GENERAL CORPORATE FUND	\$-0-
2015-10	MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$-0-
2015-11	AQUATIC ZOO	\$-0-
2015-12	TOURISM	\$-0-
2015-13	QUALITY OF LIFE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$-0-
2015-14	GENERAL CORPORATE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$-0-
2015-15	HEALTH INSURANCE FUND	\$-0-
2015-16	SPECIAL SERVICE AREA # 1 FUND	\$-0-
2015-17	PUBLIC UTILITIES FUND	\$-0-
2015-18	DOWNTOWN TIF	\$-0-

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Reallocation of Funds for the 2014-2015 Budget. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

**CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council’s consideration a First Reading of an Ordinance Regarding Prevailing Wage Rates. Bechtel noted that this is required by Illinois law each year to establish prevailing wage rates for the City. She also noted that private developers are not required to pay prevailing wage when using TIF funds. All City performed projects are subject to prevailing wage. **FIRST READING.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council’s consideration a First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the sale of Municipal Real Estate Property. There are 19 lots to be declared as excess/surplus for sale. This includes the Townhomes property as well. **FIRST READING.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council’s consideration an Ordinance Rezoning Property Located at 1207 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street from RM-2; Medium Density Residential and Mobile Home to B-2; Secondary Business. Bechtel stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved this rezoning. Ryan Wellmaker of Anchor Garden & Rental Center, Inc. appeared and stated they have purchased the property and want to expand their business.

**Council Member May made a motion to approve Ordinance #2015-21 Rezoning Property Located at 1207 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street from RM-2; Medium Density Residential and Mobile Home to B-2; Secondary Business. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council’s consideration a Resolution Approving a Local Agency Agreement for Jurisdictional Transfer of Part of Wells Bypass FAU 8747 and Route FAS 2829 (Agenda Items 9-D & 9-E combined). Interim City Manager Bechtel provided information on the process of transfer of Wells Bypass from Jefferson County to the City of Mt. Vernon. The transfer must be approved by Jefferson County and the State of Illinois. This would allow the City to have the right-of-way for ease of construction for the new Mt.

Vernon Township High School. The area covers the southern portion of Wells Bypass to State Rt. 148, approximately 1.41 miles of road.

City Engineer, Brad Ruble, explained that Ambassador Road would be reconstructed with concrete, three lanes wide with curb and gutter on each side and a sidewalk on the high school side. The Jurisdictional Transfer of Wells Bypass would allow the City to put in a third lane for a turning lane into the new high school.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to combine Items 9-D and 9-E and approve the Resolution Approving a Local Agency Agreement for Jurisdictional Transfer of Part of Wells Bypass Route FAU 8747 and FAS 2829. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

#### MAYOR

Mayor Chesley reminded residents that the annual Salute to Freedom celebration will be held at the Mt. Vernon Airport on Saturday, July 4, 2015. The gates open at 5:00 p.m. with fireworks at dusk.

#### CITY COUNCIL

No comments from the City Council.

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

Rev. Erie Patton read a letter on behalf of the Jefferson County NAACP and asked the Council to consider their proposal for mixed-use redevelopment of the South 10<sup>th</sup> Street Townhome area. A copy of the letter was mailed to the Mayor.

Anita Boling expressed her concern about the old City pool being torn down and the cost of admission at the new Aquatic Zoo. Council Member McEnaney noted that the admission prices are reasonable and in line with other water parks. Prices are as follows: student price is \$6; grandparents \$6; and adults \$8.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bechtel requested that the Council go into Executive Session under Section 2(c) (5) & (6) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the purchase or lease of real estate and sale of real estate. **Council Member Piper made a motion to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Council Member May made a motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: Piper**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins  
City Clerk