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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, June 16, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, June 16, 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 Rev. Don Bigham.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the June 2, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting was 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 Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.**

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 #5 Continental Waste Industries (Republic Waste Services) \$88,245.00 – May trash service. Individuals may call Projects Manager Nathan McKenna at 242-6807 to request a recycling bin if they have not received one. Item #7 Downtown Development - \$57,500.00 – first distribution of funds per the 2014/2015 budget year for Downtown Mt. Vernon Development Corporation (DMDC). Item #11 General Refrigeration & Plumbing - \$39,182.00 – new lighting for City Hall. This project is complete. Items #23 N Kohl Grocer Company - \$2,191.45 – various food and equipment for the Aquatic Zoo; #27 P & J Holland Partnership - \$12,886.50 – lockers for the Aquatic Zoo; #29 Pepsi Cola - \$2,350.96 – Aquatic Zoo concession products. A special check was written in the amount of \$75,000.00 to Frank Bartolotta, owner of Girolamo's Pizzeria, for reimbursement per TIF Agreement. A special check was written in the amount of \$34,000.00 to Steven Beal, owner of RARE Chophouse, for first reimbursement per TIF Agreement.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,296,629.07. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

BIDS & QUOTES

City Manager Neibert presented the Bid Results for the remodeling of the City Hall Men's and Women's bathrooms. Doug Eubanks Construction Co. of Sesser, IL was the lone bidder for this project. The bid was for labor in the amount of \$17,558.00. The material for this project will be provided by the City. The total cost for the material is \$10,186.66 for a total project cost of \$27,744.66. The timeline for completion of this project is July 31, 2014. Neibert recommended acceptance of this bid, and it is within the budgeted amount.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to accept the bid from Doug Eubanks Construction Co. of Sesser, IL in the amount of \$17,558.00. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

CITY MANAGER

Neibert presented for Council's consideration the Preliminary and Final Plat for Martin & Bayley, Inc./Hucks Subdivision at Veteran's Memorial Drive and S. 10th Street. The plat was unanimously approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Jim Whetstone, of Carmi, appeared on behalf of Martin & Bayley. A new Hucks store, in place of the old store, will be constructed with all new pumps and canopies, including a separate diesel island. They will have approximately 1.75 acres of excess property on 10th Street to sell.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Preliminary and Final Plat for Martin & Bayley, Inc./Hucks Subdivision at Veteran's Memorial Drive and S. 10th Street. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

Neibert advised that information was missing from the meeting handouts for agenda item 8-B Request for Final Reallocation of Funds for the 2013/2014 Budget. He requested that the item be withdrawn from the agenda.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented a Second Reading on Ordinance Regarding Prevailing Wage Rate.

Council Member Wood made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-15 Regarding Prevailing Wage Rate. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

City Attorney Leggans presented a First Reading on Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network Agreement. Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Sargent serving in his role as the Emergency Management Agency Coordinator appeared to present this agreement that provides a method whereby public works related agencies/departments may request aid and assistance in the form of personnel, equipment, materials and/or other associated services as necessary from other public works related agencies/departments. The City has previously entered into similar agreements with the Fire Department and the Police Departments.

Neibert requested a suspension of the rules given the timeliness of this agreement and only three council members will be present at the next City Council meeting. Council Member Wood questioned the timing issue. Sargent noted that time is of the essence in any type of mutual aid agreement because you want to be prepared should a disaster strike.

Council Member Lash made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on the agreement tonight. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney and Chesley. Nay: Wood. Absent: Piper.

Council Member Lash made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-16 Authorizing Execution of the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network Agreement. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney and Chesley. Abstain: Wood. Absent: Piper.

Mayor Chesley presented a First Reading on Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for Church and Subordinate Uses in a Class B-1, Primary Business District located at 118 S. 9th Street. Petitioning Party is Kingdom Seed Ministries. Tammy Henry appeared on half of the Petitioning Party. They plan to establish a church at the property as well as many worship, teaching, and community outreach programs. The Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously granted the conditional use. **FIRST READING ONLY.**

Mayor Chesley presented a Resolution Accepting Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Abandoned Residential Property Municipal Relief Program. Neibert stated that the \$25,000.00 grant will be used to assist with the maintenance and demolition of abandoned properties within the City.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to Accept the Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Abandoned Residential Property Municipal Relief Program. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

City Attorney Leggans presented a Resolution Approving Agreement with Keith Baldwin and Baldwin Enterprises for the Development of a Holiday Inn Express. The new Holiday Inn Express will be located immediately north of the existing Holiday Inn at a cost of \$10 million. In addition, Mr. Baldwin will be converting and redeveloping the site of the existing Holiday Inn into a DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton at a cost of \$6 million. The City agrees that it will provide "economic assistance" to Baldwin in the maximum amount of \$1.3 million or 13% of the final total documented construction expense to construct the Holiday Inn Express, whichever is less (i.e. assistance shall not exceed \$1.3 million regardless of cost). These projects are not in a TIF district so reimbursement is coming out of the Motel-Hotel Tax and the Municipal Service Tax.

Council Member Wood made a motion to Approve the Agreement with Keith Baldwin and Baldwin Enterprises for the Development of a Holiday Inn Express and a DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Agreement with Triple S Water Supply, LLC for Sale of Treated Waste Water for coal mining purposes. Neibert suggested that the sale or lease of property in connection with this Resolution be discussed in executive session and will address this Agenda matter after the executive session.

MAYOR

Mayor Chesley noted that the first movie in the Park this summer will be held this Friday, June 20 at 8:30 p.m. at Veterans Park. The movie is The Nut Job.

Man-Tra-Con Corporation has funding available to provide a 6-week Accelerated Welding Program to those who qualify. The training will be held in Mt. Vernon during the day. This class is offered at NO COST to those who meet requirements. If you are eligible to participate, you will receive a stipend of \$150.00 per week, and assistance with paying for transportation costs. Plus, all tuition, books, and supplies required for the program will be paid for by Man-Tra-Con. Classes for the 6-week program will begin in JULY of 2014.

Chesley announced that a Joint City Council/Fire & Police Commission Workshop Meeting will be held on Monday, June 23, at the Veteran's Park at 7:00 p.m. to review the duties of the Fire & Police Commission, review the job description for the Fire Chief and Police Chief and also discuss the hiring and discharge policy of the Fire Chief and Police Chief.

Mayor Chesley presented the Appointment of Travis Joiner to the Parks and Recreation Board to replace Ulysses Morgan.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Travis Joiner to the Parks and Recreation Board to replace Ulysses Morgan. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

CITY COUNCIL

No City Council comment.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Attorney Bob Shaw questioned the procedure used by the Council in adopting the Mutual Aid Agreement. City Attorney Leggans noted that he was provided a copy of the agreement/contract two weeks before this meeting. He added that statements made by Sargent and Neibert were consistent with the contract/agreement concerning the City's obligations and possible reimbursement in case of a disaster.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Chesley requested an executive session in order to discuss the sale or lease of real estate. **Council Member Lash made a motion for executive session. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.**

RECONVENE

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to reconvene the meeting to discuss Agenda Item 9-F Resolution Approving Agreement with Triple S Water Supply, LLC for the Sale of Treated Waste Water. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

Mayor Chesley presented for the Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Agreement with Triple S Water Supply, LLC for the Sale of Treated Waste Water.

Council Member Wood made a motion to Approve the Resolution Approving Agreement with Triple S Water Supply, LLC for the Sale of Treated Waste Water. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
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