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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, July 1, 2013
MINUTES**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, July 1, 2013, 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. Ron Lash.

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 Journal for the June 17, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting was presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Journal 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 Dennis McEnaney asked City Manager Ron Neibert for an update on the following Items: Item #1 American Parking Remarking - \$4,872.23 — pavement striping for Public Works Department. Council Member McEnaney inquired if the striping is the first phase. Neibert was not sure. Item #2 Central States Fireworks - \$18,000.00 — balance due on fireworks for Fourth of July. Neibert noted this is the last year of a three year contract. Mayor Chesley announced that the Salute to Freedom at the airport opens at 5:00 p.m. with fireworks at dusk. Item #20 Rollie Excavating - \$44,308.30 — sidewalk repairs throughout the City. The repairs are about 60% complete. Item #25 Tri-County Electric - \$64,992.00 — phase 3 of 34th Street electric line to the Aquatic Facility. This is the electric line from Harlan Rd. to the Aquatic Facility.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,252,743.79. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

BIDS & QUOTES

No bids and quotes were presented.

CITY MANAGER

Nathan McKenna, City Projects Manager, presented an update on the City's programmatic projects:



CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – July 2013

Project	Work Phase	Act. / Est. Cost	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Aquatic Facility	Design Construction	5.2 M	100% 75%	Completed	Pool basins painted, constructing towers for slides, inside painting near complete, pipe install in pump room
Sign Ordinance	Drafting Implementation	N/A	95%	June 2013	To sign committee at the end of June for review.
Wayfinding System	Design Implementation	74.4 T	95% 0%	June 2013 N/A	Design revisions and sign location plan received under review by staff. To be presented to council end of July.
Branding Study Implementation	Design Implementation	N/A	100% 75%	Completed N/A	Ongoing process, new logo on water tower & pedestrian bridge designed, water bills mailed in new envelopes
Park Plaza	Enforcement	N/A	100%	N/A	City Attorney handling legal matters
Housing Program	Planning Implementation	61.1 T	100% 50%	Completed June 2013	Website (buildmtvernonil.com) is live. Staff reviewing options for phase 2.
9 th Street Streetscape	Design Construction	390 T	100% 50%	Completed July 2013	Finishing work on eastside section from Jordan to Broadway. Started on section b/w Broadway & Main
Continental Rail Spur	Design Construction	1.15 M Total Project	100% 99%	Completed June 2013	Switch installed, UP is waiting on one replacement part. Should be operational first week of July.
Horace Mann School	Design Demolition	16.7 T 375 T	100% 99%	Completed June 2013	Demolition complete, final grading and seeding when weather permits.
National Guard Armory – Asbestos	Survey Removal	N/A	100% 0%	Completed N/A	Abatement work to start late August.
Armory / Broadway Market	Design Construction	N/A 3 -7 M	50% 0%	N/A N/A	Obtaining quotes for replacement windows to utilize remaining grant funds. Market Day July 6 th .
City Facility Energy Audit	Audit Implementation	FREE % reimbursable	100%	Completed 3 rd Q 2013	Resubmitting application for lighting upgrades and possible incentives for HVAC upgrades at City Hall & PD
Water Tower / Pedestrian Bridge	Design Construction	N/A 100 T	50% 0%	3 rd Q 2013 N/A	Seeking council permission to bid. IDOT request a traffic control plan, no objections to design.
Zoning Applications Online	Implementation	N/A	80%	3 rd Q 2013	Converting to fillable forms to be placed on new city website. Rezoning application on Housing Program site
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	2 nd Q 2013	Low response 1 st bidding, Will republish and publicize for July 15 th .
Housing Demolition	Demolition		0%	3 rd Q 2013	Working on next round of properties to demolish for bid. 8 houses, 2 garages
City Hall parking lot	Design Construction	25 T	0%	3 rd Q 2013	Options prepared by Public Works, scheduled for late August – early September.

Council Member McEnaney requested a water main break study be added to the next report similar to a report that was prepared three years ago containing the number of breaks over a three year period, the amount of gallons lost and cost to the City, man hours needed to make the repairs, estimated cost of the man hours, and the number of boil water orders that were issued as a result of the breaks. McEnaney also requested a cast iron main study containing the number of linear feet of cast iron mains and the cost to replace all the cast iron mains over a period of time. Please include this information in the next monthly report.

Brad Ruble, City Engineer, presented an update on the City's capital projects:

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – July 2013

TRANSPORTATION

<i>Project</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Work Phase</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Est. Compl. Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Veterans / Davidson Extension	4.5 M	Design Construction	100% 100%	Complete June 2013	Project is complete and roadway is open.
South 34 th Street (Peach to Veterans)	2.1 M	Design Construction	100% 90%	Complete July 2013	Concrete work is nearly complete. All that remains is cleanup, striping, signing. Completion on target.
42 nd St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	5.0 M	Design Construction	75% 0%	3 rd Q 2013 4 th Q 2015	Draft ROW documents have been submitted. Design is on target. Coordination with RR is ongoing.
South 27 th Street (Jamison to Veterans)	1.5 M	Design Construction	0% 0%	4 th Q 2013 4 th Q 2014	Engineering contract with Rhutasel waiting on award. Negotiating on major ROW parcel. Considering alternates.
N. 27 th / Old Union Rd. (Richview to Rt. 37)	3.3 M	Design Construction	20% 0%	4 th Q 2013 4 th Q 2015	Survey work complete. Design underway. Working with Cedarhurst on bike trail/sidewalk details.
Perkins Avenue (10 th to 12 th)	0.5 M	Design Construction	25% 0%	4 th Q 2013 3 rd Q 2014	Survey complete. Intersection design has been completed. Storm sewer design underway. IDOT handling land acquisition.
S. 34 th Street (Veterans to Harlan)	2.3 M	Design Construction	85% 0%	3 rd Q 2013 1 st Q 2014	Survey complete. Road layout has been determined. Drainage is being worked out. ROW documents expected soon.
Airport Road	400 T	Design Construction	95% 0%	June 2013 4 th Q 2013	ROW and easement docs have been mailed out. Working with utilities to relocate.
N. 34 th /Central (Broadway to N. 32 nd)	1.15 M	Design Construction	10% 0%	4 th Q 2013 4 th Q 2014	Survey complete. ROW issues to be worked out before starting engineering layout. Water line issues determined.
42 nd at Veterans Signals	250 T	Design Construction	0% 0%	Unknown Unknown	Signal warrant report has been completed. Submittal to IDOT this week for their review.
Ambassador Roadway near new High School	Unknown	Design Construction	0% 0%	4 th Q 2013 4 th Q 2014	Awaiting approval of design contract.

Council Member Wood requested that 34th Street from Broadway to Veterans signage and striping be reviewed to ensure they are consistent for car and bike lanes.

SIDEWALKS / TRAILS

<i>Project</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Work Phase</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Est. Compl. Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
27 th St. Sidewalk	215 T	Design Construction	95% 0%	Complete 4 th Q 2013	City in process of getting requested easements signed. Constr. To begin once easements are signed.
Richview Rd. Sidewalk	170 T	Design Construction	75% 0%	3 rd Q 2013 4 th Q 2013	Henneghan working on engineering plans. Waiting on City to decide project scope and details.
ITEP Shared Use Trail – Veterans	550 T	Design Construction	0% 0%	4 th Q 2013 3 rd Q 2014	Project relocation approved by IDOT. Need to complete design engineering.
Bike Trail – Cedarhurst to Casey School	550 T	Design Construction	100% 75%	Complete Aug. 2013	Box culvert install is nearly complete. Rock for trail is nearly complete. Asphalt expected in early July
Safe Routes to School Sidewalk	350 T	Design Construction	100% 99%	Complete June 2013	Sidewalk and Driveways complete. Reseeding of areas, small amount of ditch work is all that remains.
ITEP Shared Use Trail – Davidson	1.8 M	Design Construction	0% 0%	Unknown Unknown	Not Funded will reapply
Misc. Sidewalk Replacement	300 T	Design Construction	100% 60%	Complete August 2013	About half of the original list has been completed. Additional locations need approval from council.

WATER

<i>Project</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Work Phase</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Est. Compl. Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Veterans and Davidson Water	330 T	Design Construction	100% 100	Complete Complete	Construction complete.
Conger St. Water Main Replacement	175 T	Design Construction	100% 100%	Complete June Q 2013	Water main is in and tie ins have been made. Cleanup has been done. May need touching up.
Broadway Water Main Replacement 4 th – 14 th	1.25 M	Design Construction	0% 0%	4 th Q 2013 4 th Q 2014	Working with Roundtable on obtaining an engineering contract. Water model is complete. Expect recommendation of sizing soon.
Main St. Water Main Replace. 2 nd – 14 th	1.65 M	Design Construction	0% 0%	4 th Q 2013 4 th Q 2014	Working with Roundtable on obtaining an engineering contract. Water model is complete. Expect recommendation of sizing soon.
Ambassador Road near new High School	Unknown	Design Construction	0% 0%	4 th Q 2013 4 th Q 2014	Awaiting approval on engineering contract for project begin

SEWER

<i>Project</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Work Phase</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Est. Compl. Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
South 34 th Street Sewer Replacement	67 T	Design Construction	100% 100%	Complete June 2013	Sewer is in and operational.
Lift Station 14 Forcemain Replacement	Unknown	Design Construction	15% 0%	3 rd Q 2013 1 st Q 2014	Initial demand analysis has been complete. Surveying is complete design is ongoing.
Ambassador Road near new High School	Unknown	Design Construction	0% 0%	4 th Q 2013 4 th Q 2014	Awaiting approval of engineering agreement.

Mayor Chesley requested that the Comprehensive Plan be updated as the above projects are completed.

City Manager Neibert presented for Council's consideration a request for permission to seek proposals for banking services. The City has been with Peoples National Bank for nine years because they submitted a proposal containing the highest interest rate. At the request of the finance department, the contract will be for three years and three months.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the request for permission to seek proposals for banking services. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Neibert presented for Council's consideration a request for permission to seek bids for the painting of the water tower and pedestrian bridge. The designs have been approved by the Branding Leadership Team (BLT).

Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the request for permission to seek bids for the painting of the water tower and pedestrian bridge. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Neibert presented for Council's consideration a request for authorization to seek bids for Dawson Park basketball courts. There will be a separate bid for paving the court and a separate bid for lighting the court.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the request for authorization to seek bids for the Dawson Park basketball courts. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Neibert presented for Council's consideration a request for permission to seek bids for reconstruction of Airport Road.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the request for permission to seek bids for the reconstruction of Airport Road. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Neibert presented for Council's consideration a request for permission to seek bids for demolition of dangerous and dilapidated structures. Council received a copy of the dangerous and dilapidated structures in their meeting materials. Council Member Wood requested a report from City Attorney Leggans listing how many homes the City has on a potential demolition list and the legal process necessary to place these properties on the list. Mayor Chesley asked Neibert how many properties have been demolished in the past six years. Neibert stated over 160 homes have been demolished in the last eight years.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the request for permission to seek bids for the demolition of dangerous and dilapidated structures. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council's consideration the Second Reading on Ordinance Regarding Prevailing Wage Rate. The City is required to pass a prevailing wage rate ordinance every year before July 1st. The wage rates are provided to the City by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-19 Regarding the Prevailing Wage Rate. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration the Second Reading on an Ordinance Rezoning Property located at 2623 Benton Road from the Zoning Classification B-2 to R-1. Petitioning Party is Misty King.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-20 Rezoning Property located at 2623 Benton Road from the Zoning Classification B-2 to R-1. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

MAYOR

The Peddling for Fitness Program, for ages 9-14, will begin on June 24th at the Rolland W. Lewis Building at Veterans Memorial Park from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Participants will be asked to bicycle 150 miles in 30 days. Milano Metals donated a new bicycle to the girl winner and the boy winner. Also Union Pacific Railroad helped with some of the costs of the program.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Wood thanked the Mayor for her effort in the Walking for Fitness and Peddling for Fitness programs.

He also asked everyone to remember the 19 firemen from a small community in Arizona who lost their lives fighting a fire to save property and how the community will be affected by the loss of these firefighters.

Council Member Piper commented that the second Market Days will be held this Saturday, July 6, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Broadway Armory. There are 70 vendors signed up to attend to far.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from visitors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
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