

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 6, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, July 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

The invocation was given by Father Ben Hankinson 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 June 11, 2015 City Council Workshop Meeting and the June 15, 2015 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 Moore. 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 Interim City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel for updates on the following items: #9 Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende - \$12,557.85 – North 27th Street and Old Union Road Reconstruction. This is a progress payment and completion is expected in the near future. #12 Jasper Engine Exchange, Inc. - \$3,573.00 – Chrysler engine and gasket set for Police Department vehicle No. 23. This is a replacement engine for a police patrol car. #18 Midwest Environmental Consulting Service - \$6,450.00 – Asbestos Survey conducted on eleven properties owned by the City of Mt. Vernon. The City is required to have an asbestos survey conducted on City owned structures to be demolished. #25 Rollie Excavating - \$51,283.30 – Richview Road sidewalks (24th to Wilshire). This represents the final payment for this project. Mayor Chesley inquired about Item #6 FB Williams Electric - \$5,200.00 – Repair of a sewer lift station pump. Pump station No. 14 at Continental Tire needs to be replaced but funds have not been allocated yet. Replacement costs are estimated at \$2 million.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,090,155.65. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

BIDS & QUOTES

Bechtel presented for Council's consideration a Request for Permission to Seek Bids for ADA Improvements at the Aquatic Zoo. Bechtel reminded Council that FGM Architects and Shores Construction are responsible for correcting the findings by the Illinois Attorney General's ADA Compliance Office. There will be no expense to the City.

Council Member Moore made a motion to grant permission to seek bids for ADA improvements at the Aquatic Zoo. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

Bechtel presented for Council's consideration the Results of the Quotes for a new Postage Machine. Four (4) quotes were received as follows:

Tri-State Mailing Systems, Inc. of Owensboro, KY, is the most economical for the City when calculating the annual maintenance and service contracts along with the rental of the postage meter costs. The total cost over five years is \$6,695.00 while the total cost over five years for Southern Business Machines, Evansville, IN, is \$10,149.50. Consequently, Bechtel recommended to Council to approve the contract with Tri-State Mailing Systems, Inc., Owensboro, KY.

Council Member May urged the City to move towards electronic billing in the water and sewer department.

On June 8, 2015 we requested quotes for the purchase of an Automatic Mail Machine and Integrated Scale. We will have to rent the postage meter, which comes with the machine, since the US Postal Service does not allow anyone to purchase one.

	Tri-State Mailing Systems, Inc. Owensboro, KY	Pitney Bowes U.S. Mailing Solutions Shelton, CT	Southern Business Machines Evansville, IN	Southern Business Machines Evansville, IN
Type of Machine	Francotyp Postalia (FP) Postbase 45	Pitney Bowes Connect 1000	Neopost IN-600 AF	Hasler IM440 (Remanufactured)
Minimum specifications:				
Ability to handle up to 3/8 inch letter thickness?	Yes, up to 1/2 in.	Yes, up to 5/8 in.	Yes, up to 1/2 in.	Yes, up to 1/2 in.
Automatic Label dispenser	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Letter tray	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Moistener	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Automatic feeder/sealer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Processing speed of at least 45 letters per minute	Yes, 45 lpm	Yes, 130 lpm	Yes, 110 lpm	Yes, 110 lpm
Integrated scale, capacity of at least 10 pounds	Yes, 10 lbs	Yes	Yes	Yes
Differential weighing, preferred	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
High speed postage download (LAN)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
State what ink source is used	HP Inkjet		HP Inkjet	HP Inkjet
State dimensions of machine	48"Lx15.4"Wx11.8"H	49.5"Lx22.5Wx24"H	47"Lx15"Wx12"H	46"Lx12"Wx15"H
Portal access for postage downloads, etc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ability to track and print out up to 50 departments' monthly postage costs	Yes (100)	Yes (100)	Yes (100)	Yes (100)
Customizable meter advertisements	Yes (20)		Yes (10 text messages)	Yes (10 text messages)
Free standard meter advertisements	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guaranteed service response time on Maintenance Contract	4-8 hours	24-48 hours	4 hrs	4 hrs
Power filter	Yes, built in		Yes, built in	Yes, built in
Ability to do certified mail and return receipt requested mail.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Delivery, installation and training included?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cost of Mail Machine	\$ 4,495.00	\$ 4,749.00	\$ 3,973.16	\$ 3,189.50
Trade-in allowance on our present machine	\$ (500.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Cost	\$ 3,995.00	\$ 4,749.00	\$ 3,973.16	\$ 3,189.50
Meter rental costs, per month	\$32 for 5 years	\$107	\$63 for 3 years	\$86 for 3 years
Cost of postage rate changes and software updates	Free	Free	Free	Free
Cost of Annual Maintenance contract	\$195, first year free	\$562, first year free	\$458, first year is free	\$450, first year is free
Total costs for first five years of ownership				
Machine purchase price	\$ 3,995.00			\$ 3,189.50
60 months meter rental	\$ 1,920.00 (\$32 x 60 months)			\$ 5,160.00 (\$86 x 60 months)
Annual Maintenance	\$ 780.00 (\$195 x 4 years)			\$ 1,800.00 (\$450 x 4 years)
Total costs for first five years of ownership	\$ 6,695.00			\$ 10,149.50

THIS QUOTE MEETS OUR SPECIFICATIONS AND WE RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF IT

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the bid to Tri-State Mailing Systems, Inc. of Owensboro, KY. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

CITY MANAGER

No business was presented by the Interim City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration a Second Reading of an Ordinance Regarding Prevailing Wage Rates. Bechtel noted 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 rates when using TIF funds. All projects performed and completed by City workers are subject to prevailing wage.

Council Member May made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2015-22 Regarding Prevailing Wage Rates. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Second 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.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2015-23 Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Real Estate Property. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Real Estate located off Bethel Road to the City of Mt. Vernon. The petitioning party is Melvin Dalton. **FIRST READING.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a First Reading of an Ordinance **Amending Article 6 of the Revised Code of Ordinances Adding a Festival Events License for Liquor Sale.** Tourism Director Bonnie Jerdon appeared and stated that this request will allow craft beers and local wines to be sold at the Friday Food and Art Markets at the outside of the former Armory Building from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A fenced in area is used for the selling and drinking of beer and wines. Council agreed that only beer and wine would be sold under this liquor classification.

Section 6.2, 8a. "Festival" Area" means municipally owned property located at 207 S. 7th Street, commonly known as the Armory and municipally owned property and right of way located upon 9th Street between Broadway and Casey Street.

Section 6.5, 16. A "Festival Events License" shall entitle the licensee to make consumption sales of alcoholic liquor on specific dates. The license shall be issued solely to a not-for-profit organization and shall be issued only for a location situated within a Festival Area as defined within Section 6.2 of this Article. The application for a Festival Events License shall designate the specific dates that alcoholic liquor shall be available for consumption upon the licensed premises. The license fee for a Festival Events License shall be fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per day for each day specified within the application, provided that the maximum fee during each licensing year shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). No Festival Events License shall be issued unless the applicant shall provide written authorization or permission evidencing its right to use an area within the Festival Area, provide general liability insurance in an amount required within the permission or authorization, and comply with all other applicable provisions of Article 6. **FIRST READING.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving a Design Contract with Roundtable Design for Resurfacing and Curb Ramp Replacement of Old Fairfield Road. Bechtel noted that water drainage issues will also be addressed at the time of reconstruction of the road.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving a Design Contract with Roundtable Design for Resurfacing and Curb Ramp Replacement of Old Fairfield Road. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

MAYOR

The Mayor reminded that Market Days is Saturday, July 11 at the Broadway Market (formerly old Armory) from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Chesley noted that the Annual Salute to Freedom celebration held at the Mt. Vernon Airport on the 4th of July was one of the best ever. Thank you to Bonnie Jerdon and Police and Fire Departments for all their hard work at the celebration.

Mt. Vernon Parks and Recreation will sponsor "A Night on the Wild Side" on Saturday, July 11th from 7:00 pm – 10:15 pm with a \$5.00 entry fee at the Aquatic Zoo. A "Dive-in" movie will be shown at 8:30 pm along with story time with the Mayor and John Howard and many other fun activities.

CITY COUNCIL

No comments from the City Council.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Kent Southers had several concerns regarding the closure of 7th Street. He noted that the minutes on the City's website for the May 4, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting appear to be incomplete. He indicated his desire to expand the number of members on the City Council from five to seven members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bechtel requested that the Council go into Executive Session under Section 2(c) (3) setting a price for property and 2(c) (4) pending litigation. **Council Member Piper made a motion to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member May. 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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk