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

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, July 7, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

City Clerk Jerilee Hopkins called the meeting to order because Mayor Mary Jane Chesley was absent. Council Member Todd Piper made a motion to appoint Council Member David Wood as Mayor Pro Tem. No second was required. There being no further nominations, Council Member David Wood was unanimously appointed Mayor Pro Tem for tonight's meeting.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Stacey Tate.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journals for the June 9, 2014 City Council Workshop, the June 16, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting and the June 23, 2014 Joint City Council/Fire & Police Commission Workshop 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, Piper and Wood. Absent: McEnaney and Chesley.**

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval. Council Member Lash asked City Manager, Ron Neibert, for clarification on the following items: Item #4 Central States Fireworks - \$18,000.00 – final payment on fireworks for Fourth of July. The Salute to Freedom Fourth of July Celebration was held at the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport and enjoyed by everyone. Item #7 Geograph Industries - \$170,884.80 – wayfinding designs. The wayfinding sign project is expected to be completed by Labor Day. Item #7 George Crawford and Associates - \$3,675.00 - signal at 42nd and Veterans. Design work on the signal light is ongoing.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,114,767.85. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, Piper and Wood. Absent: McEnaney and Chesley.

BIDS & QUOTES

There were no bids and quotes presented.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager presented no business to the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Wood read a letter from Mayor Chesley as follows:

I would like to submit for your consideration the appointment of Mr. George W. Beck to the Board of Fire and Police Commission for a term to expire on April 30, 2017. I have directed the City Manager to place this item on the July 7th Council agenda for confirmation.

Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the Appointment of Mr. George W. Beck to the Board of Fire and Police Commission for a term to expire on April 30, 2017. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, Piper and Wood. Absent: McEnaney and Chesley.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented no business to the Council.

MAYOR

Mayor Chesley was absent.

CITY COUNCIL

City Council made no comments.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ron Herndon, a Mt. Vernon resident, appeared to express his concern about the hazards and health issues in connection with leaf burning in the City. Council Member Wood advised that the Council hopes to address the City's leaf burning policy at an August meeting. He also asked if the City will pick up tree limbs that have fallen in yards and streets during a recent thunder storm. Neibert advised that the City will review the situation and Mr. Herndon may contact his office in the morning.

Cody Richardson, a Mt. Vernon resident, appeared to request the Council modify the current Ordinance relating to Home Occupation, Section 124-1. He advised that under the current Ordinance he is unable to sell

ammunition from his home. He presented the Council with a proposed change to the Ordinance and was instructed to contact Neibert in a week or two to discuss his suggestion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
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