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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, July 21, 2014  
7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, July 21, 2014, 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. Victor Long, First United Methodist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS**

The Journals for the June 30, 2014 City Council Workshop Meeting, the July 7, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting and the July 14, 2014 City Council Working 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 McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Lash and Wood.**

**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: Items #6 Carl and Kimberly Michael - \$2,880.00 – Dippin Dots ice Cream for resale at the Aquatic Zoo; #23 N Kohl Grocer Company - \$6,861.82 – various food for resale and equipment for the Aquatic Zoo; #27 Pizza Hut - \$2,456.00 – Pizzas for resale at the Aquatic Zoo. Operations at the AZ are going very well, and attendance figures are exceeding expectations. Item #9 Countrywide ESA - \$8,303.35 – asbestos reports for demolitions of several homes in the City. EPA regulations require the City to inspect for asbestos before demolition of homes. Item #10 DePew & Owen Builders - \$18,847.92 – 9<sup>th</sup> Street Streetscape Phase 2A. Project complete and final payment made. Item #15 Guinzy Construction - \$109,248.83 – South 34<sup>th</sup> Street road construction. South 34<sup>th</sup> Street is now closed for construction. Item #16 Henry, Meisenheimer and Gende - \$33,530.92 – 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Field Surveys –

negotiating easements and right-of-way; South 34<sup>th</sup> & Veterans – final payments on project; North 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Old Union – on track to be completed and out for bid next year; Veterans Memorial and South 34<sup>th</sup> Street ITEP – still under design and hope for bids in October; and Ambassador Road Sanitary Sewer. Item #19 Jefferson County ETSB - \$12,754.65 – 2014 Spillman Maintenance. 911 software. Item #22 Mt. Vernon Glass - \$15,995.00 – final payment for window replacement at the old Armory. The window project is complete. Item #33 Rhutasel & Associates - \$9,492.95 – Ambassador Roadway design. The initial surveys have begun. Item #34 Round Table - \$79,875.00 – Broadway and Main water main replacement. Expect to go out for bids in the next 45 to 60 days. Item #35 Sherwin Williams - \$4,050.00 – thermoplastic paint for street markings. Annual repainting of the pedestrian, parking and other street markings throughout the city.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,446,472.02. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Lash and Wood.**

### **BIDS & QUOTES**

City Manager Ron Neibert presented for Council's consideration bids for the EMC (Environment Management Corporation) Parking Lot Resurfacing and Additions project. There were two bids submitted. The bids have been reviewed and Neibert recommends the award of the base bid to the lowest responsive responsible bidder, Jax Asphalt Company, in the amount of \$27,057.00. The other bid for the project was by Rooters American Maintenance in the amount of \$49,870.00. EMC will actually pay for this project pursuant to their contract with the City for maintenance and repair of the parking lot. EMC is the corporation that handles the City's waste water treatment plant.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to accept the low bid from Jax Asphalt Company, in the amount of \$27,057.00. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Lash and Wood.**

City Manager Neibert presented for Council's consideration bids for the Demolition of 13 Residential Structures. There were three bids submitted. The bids have been reviewed and Neibert recommends the award of the base bid to the lowest responsive responsible bidder, Kenneth Hails Excavating, in the amount of \$97,800.00. The bid was below the City's internal estimate of \$102,400.00. The other bids for the project were submitted by S & S Excavating, Scheller, IL for \$120,870.00 and Stutz Excavating Inc., Alton, IL for \$177,628.00.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to accept the low bid from Kenneth Hails Excavating, in the amount of \$97,800.00. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Lash and Wood.**

City Manager Neibert presented for Council's consideration bids for Street Maintenance Materials. Bids were received and read in the presence of City representatives at 10:30 am on July 8, 2014 for materials to be used on the 2014 Street Maintenance program performed by City crews and financed by MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) Funds. A total of three (3) bidders supplied bids on various groups of materials. The following table outlines the lowest responsible bidder for each group and provides a comparison of the low bid to the engineer's estimate.

<u>Group#</u>	<u>Engineer's Est.</u>	<u>Low Bid /Bidder</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
Group 1	\$32,489.40	\$31,243.42/ Jax Asphalt	\$1,245.98
Group 2	\$23,500.00	\$23,200.00/ Jax Asphalt	-\$300.00
Group 3	\$6,180.00	\$6,630.00/ Jax Asphalt	+\$450.00
Group 4	\$82,552.10	\$84,524.35/ Jax Asphalt	+1,972.25
Group 5	\$1,475.00	\$1,369.00/ Beelman	<u>-106.00</u>
			\$770.27 (above estimate)

It is recommended that an award of contract be made to Jax Asphalt as low bidder for groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 and to Beelman Logistics, LLC as low bidder for group 5.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to accept the low bid from Jax Asphalt for groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 and from Beelman Logistics, LLC for group 5. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Lash and Wood.**

**CITY MANAGER**

The City Manager presented no business to the Council.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration a First Reading on Ordinance Regarding Discontinuing Existing Prohibition Relative to the Sale of Alcoholic Liquor within the Area of 4700 West Broadway. This proposed ordinance is by the request of Roger Campbell, owner of the property at 4700 West Broadway. The address is "dry" and no alcoholic liquor can be sold on the property. Mr. Campbell filed in the City Clerk's office a Petition to Discontinue Existing Prohibition Relative to the Sale at retail of Alcoholic Liquor in order to change the property to "wet" so that alcoholic liquor can be sold on the property. City Attorney David Leggans reviewed the documents and confirmed that they are in order. Mayor Chesley noted that she is aware of no new project intended for the property. Council Member McEnaney requested a map indicating the wet/dry areas in the city. Council Member Piper asked that the Planning and Zoning Committee review the Comprehensive Plan land use for future development and create a map and make a recommendation to the City. **FIRST READING ONLY.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Letter of Understanding between the City of Mt. Vernon and Roger Brooks International, Inc. Regarding Community Assessment. Three years ago Mr. Brooks worked with the City to create branding and promoting the City. The Branding Leadership Team (BLT) requested that Mr. Brooks be invited back to Mt. Vernon to further his work with the City on January 13 and 14, 2015. The cost will be \$10,500.00. Council Members are encouraged to attend.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Letter of Understanding between the City of Mt. Vernon and Roger Brooks International, Inc. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Lash and Wood.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a resolution Approving Contract for Professional Services with Peckham Guyton Albers & Viets for Services Relating to an Application to Reestablish the Mt. Vernon-Jefferson County Enterprise Zone. The State of Illinois has restructured the Enterprise Zone programs. As of June 30, 2016 66 Enterprise Zones that currently exist in the State of Illinois will cease to exist. Therefore,

it is necessary for the City to apply with the State for designation as an Enterprise Zone. There is no guaranteed that the City will receive the designation. The cost of the services is \$47,000.00. Neibert will be asking corporations who have benefited from the Enterprise Zone to help off-set the cost of the contract.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Contract for Professional Services with Peckham Guyton Albers & Viets for Services Relating to an Application to Reestablish the Mt. Vernon-Jefferson County Enterprise Zone. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Lash and Wood.**

#### MAYOR

Mayor Chesley advised that Republic Services will make an adjustment to the monthly cost for trash pickup in August only from \$16.50 to \$14.50 because of the inconvenience and inefficiency of the trash pickup with the City's residents.

August 5 is National Night Out at the Veterans Memorial Park sponsored by the City's Police Department.

The Gold Wing Road Rider Association Summer Rally will be held this weekend at the Holiday Inn and Harley Davidson. A Parade will be held on Friday evening.

#### CITY COUNCIL

City Council made no comments.

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

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 noted that the ATF won't allow him to have a license to sell ammunition from his home because of their interpretation of the City's ordinance. Neibert stated that he would draft a letter to the ATF explaining the City's interpretation.

Hortin Petties asked what the Park will do about the duck and geese problem at Veterans Park. He also asked about activities at Dawson Park. He was encouraged to volunteer at the Park. He asked about activity at Park Plaza.

Dave Moyer, 11 Evergreen, stated that he is experiencing zoning problems regarding the building of a fence on his property. Neibert asked him to come to his office to work to resolve the problem. He also has neighbors with barking dogs. Assistant Police Chief Chris Deichman stated that the Police will enforce the nuisance ordinance if he calls the Police Department. Finally, there is a serious drainage problem in the area of 1 and 3 Evergreen after work the City performed in the area. Mayor Chesley advised that she will have Public Works to take a look at the situation.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins  
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