

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 3, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, August 3, 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 Rev. Ed Sprinkle of the Faith Church of the Nazarene representing 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 and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley. Absent: Council Member Todd Piper.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the July 20, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting was presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore 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 May asked Interim City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel for updates on the following items: #3 Drury Development Corporation - \$88,129.32 – 85% of excess Hotel taxes over \$167,000 per year (\$88,017.88) for July 2014 through June 2015 and 85% of sales tax for May and June 2015 (\$111.44), both per agreement. Bechtel noted that the agreement with Drury is for no longer than 25 years and does apply to sales tax generated by any restaurants that Drury attracts to the property. #6 Evansville Western Railway - \$200,000.00 – crossing upgrade at North 42nd Street. This is included in the 42nd Street project. Arm bars will be added to the roadway and the sidewalk. Council Member McEnaney inquired about the following items: #8 Geograph Industries - \$1,955.00 – wayfinding sign panels for the Historical Village. The new signs were placed this week. #9 Hangar 14 Solutions - \$4,156.94 – Streetwise CADlink licensing and database creation. Bechtel advised the software provides a link between dispatchers and Fire Department vehicles helping in the disbursement of resources in case of an emergency. #10 Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende - \$2,070.00 – Park Plaza Inspection. The inspection is complete but their report is not yet ready. #14 Kenneth Hails - \$11,500.00 – 20% down payment on demolition contract. Bechtel reported this is the final payment in the demolition work recently performed by Hails. #21 NuToys Leisure Products - \$19,787.00 – Eight 32 gallon trash receptacles (\$12,440.00) and seven benches (\$6,790.00) for the downtown area plus shipping, net of product discounts (\$557.00). These items

were purchased with Special Service Area #1 funds. #26 Southern IL Door - \$2,032.00 – overhead door for Station 1. One new fire station door has been budgeted each year because of the deterioration of the existing doors. Council Member May inquired about the special check written to Postmaster in the amount of \$6,000.00 for postage for mailing of water bills and is the City moving toward any type of automated online billing process. Bechtel is researching the issue.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,089,086.44. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

BIDS & QUOTES

Bechtel requested Council’s permission to seek bids for the Jordan Street Parking Lot Asphalt Overlay Project. She noted that additional work will be performed including reconstructing the curb at 11th and Jordan, adding an ADA ramp and designating three handicap parking spaces.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to give permission to seek bids for the Jordan Street Parking Lot Asphalt Overlay Projects. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

Bechtel presented for Council’s consideration bid results for the Broadway Water Main Project. These bids are for “Phase 1” of the water main replacement project on Broadway only. There were nine plan holders of record, and only two bids were received, as follows:

J.K. TROTTER and SONS	\$1,650,628.25
HAIER PLUMBING & HEATING INC.	\$1,895,655.40

Round Table Design’s estimate was for \$1,736,266.90, and they recommended that the contract be awarded to the low bidder, J.K. TROTTER and SONS, in the amount of \$1,650,628.25.

Council Member May made a motion to award the Broadway Water Main Project contract to J.K. Trotter and Sons in the amount of \$1,650,628.25. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

Bechtel presented for Council’s consideration bid results for the Perkins Street Widening project. This project will align Perkins at IL Rte. 37. There were three bidders as follows:

BAXMEYER CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$1,095,608.12
GUINZY CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$1,199,078.85
SIERRA BRAVO CONTRACTORS	\$1,180,577.36

The Engineer’s estimate was for \$1,016,478.75, and the City Engineer Brad Ruble recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive responsible bidder, Baxmeyer Construction Inc., in the amount of \$1,095,608.12. It should be noted that the State of Illinois will pay for part of the construction of this project because some of the work is being performed on IL Rte. 37 and the traffic signals are 50/50 owned by the City and state. The state’s portion of the construction is \$287,159.90 leaving \$808,448.22 for the City to pay.

Council Member Moore made a motion to award the Perkins Street Widening project to Baxmeyer Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,095,608.12. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

CITY MANAGER

City Engineer Brad Ruble presented the Capital Projects Report for August, 2015.

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – August 2015



TRANSPORTATION

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
42 nd St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	4.0 M	Design(HMG) Const.	100% 0%	Complete 1 st Q 2016	Baxmeyer Const. plans to start work this week. Tree removal and dirt work to begin with.
South 27 th Street (Jamison to Veterans)	1.7 M	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	0% 0%	3 rd Q 2015 2 nd Q 2016	Awaiting decisions to move forward with design.
N. 27 th / Old Union Rd. (Richview to Wilshire)	3.3 M	Design(HMG) Construction	95% 0%	2 nd Q 2015 2 nd Q 2016	1 st set of Right of Way documents was sent out last week.
Perkins Avenue (10 th to 12 th)	0.75 M	Design(Horner & Shifrin) Construction	100% 0%	Complete 4 th Q 2015	Bid Award is tonight.
S. 34 th St. & Veteran's (Veterans to Harlan)	2.3 M	Design(HMG) Const.(Guinzy)	100% 99%	Complete 2 nd Q 2015	Minor punch list type work remains.
42 nd at Veterans Signals	825 K 900 K	Design(HMG) Construction	30% 0%	3 rd Q 2015 1 st Q 2016	Met with IDOT about options for project. Project is on hold.
Ambassador Roadway near new High School	1.25 M	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	100% 0%	2 nd Q 2015 4 th Q 2015	ET Simonds is planning on moving in mid-August.

SEWER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Lift Station 14 Force main Replacement	1.8 M	Design(HMG) Construction	100% 0%	As needed Unknown	Project on stand still waiting for monies to become available.
Ambassador Road near new High School	300 K	Design(HMG) Construction	100% 0%	1 st Q 2015 4 th Q 2015	J.K. Trotter to begin next week. Staking has taken place. <i>Lift Station, force main, meet W of Wells By Pass</i>
Lift Station 14 Station Replacement	2.0 M	Design(N/A) Construction	0% 0%	Unknown	Project added to show bid.

SIDEWALKS / TRAILS

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Richview Wide Sidewalk (27 th to 24 th on South)	400 K	Design(Heneghan) Construction(Moniger)	100% 0%	Sept. Bid 2 nd Q 2015	Moniger Const. is having lots of issues with work load. Looking to sub out the project to get it started.
ITEP Shared Use Trail – Veterans & S. 34 th	340 K	Design(HMG) Construction(Pinoy)	100% 100%	Complete 2 nd Q 2015	Project is complete <i>80% Const. state / city \$120,000</i>
Wilshire Sidewalk (Richview to Old Union)	190 K	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	90% 0%	2 nd Q 2015 4 th Q 2015	Easement acquisition to begin soon. 68 easements are needed. Still awaiting documents from consultant. <i>East side</i>
S. 42 nd Sidewalk (West Side)	350 K	Design(RoundTable) Constuction(Eubanks)	100% 100%	Oct. 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Project is complete.
*-SRTS Airport Rd. and Marteeny	200 K	Design(Not Selected) Const. (Not Selected)	0% 0%	Unknown Unknown	Just received funding design firm not selected as of yet. <i>IDOT funding - grant #160,000</i> <i>storm culverts?</i>

Old Fairfield Rd. #800,000 state / #200,000 city - storm water issues

WATER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Broadway Water Main Replacement 4 th – 14 th	1.25 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	100% 0%	2 nd Q 2015 1 st Q 2016	Phase I of the project is awarded tonight. All of Broadway water line to be replaced.
Main St. Water Main Replace. 2 nd – 14 th	1.65 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	100% 0%	1 st Q 2015 1 st Q 2016	Phase I of project is awarded tonight. Eastern 4 blocks of Main St water line to be replaced on Phase 1 the rest with Phase 2.
Ambassador Road near new High School	100 K	Design(BMG) Construction	100% 100%	1 st Q 2015 2 nd Q 2015	Project is complete. Connection to the new school has been made.

***-INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Roads	8.5 M total projects	Design(HMG) Construction	25% 0%	4 th Q 2015 4 th Q 2016	Selected design firm. Design contracts are completed and site investigation work has begun.
Water & Sewer		Design(HMG) Construction	25% 0%	4 th Q 2015 4 th Q 2016	Selected design firm. Design contracts are completed and site investigation work has begun.

Assistant to the City Manager Nathan McKenna presented the Programmatic Report for August, 2015.

CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – August 2015



Project	Work Phase	Act. / Est. Cost	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Housing Marketing Program	Planning Implementation	61.1 K 85 K	100% ongoing	Ongoing Ongoing	Finishing Semi-annual web magazine to be distributed to area builders, contractors and other building trade contacts first week of August.
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 2M	100% 0%	TBD	Project on hold pending review. Project funding from IDNR suspended until review by Gov. Office. (1.55 million)
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Currently have 83 properties available for sale. Surplus property will be marketed in the web magazine and an advertisement will also be placed in the Register News.
Housing Demolition	Demolition	100 K (est.)		Complete Ongoing	Bids are out for next round of demolition. There are 12 properties included in this round.
City Hall Repairs/Improvements	Construction	125 K		2 nd Q 2015	Estimates for Mold remediation, asbestos abatement and water drainage received, funding of project to be discussed at Council retreat. Men in White painting completed painting of billing services department. Ford plumbing will be installing new urinal in men's bathroom at City Hall 1 st week of August. T Ham Sign working on estimate to replace west entry awning.
Republic Rewards Grant	Implementation	N/A \$5,000	N/A	Ongoing	Vet Your Pet was the winning organization. The check presentation will be at the August 17 th City Council meeting.
Lincoln Park Addition	Planning Construction	1.6M	100%	TBD	Project on hold pending review. Project funding from IDNR suspended until review by Gov. Office. (400 Thousand)
Miscellaneous					New wayfinding panels were installed to include the Historical Village on the signs at 27 th and Broadway.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration a Second Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Real Estate Located at 1111 Veterans Memorial Drive. The property owners previously rezoned the property for the building of an outdoor and climate controlled storage facility. They are asking to annex into the City for the water and sewer service. The water and sewer lines are already installed.

Council Member May made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-29 Annexing Real Estate Located at 1111 Veterans Memorial Drive. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Article 18, Section 18.20 "Street Parking". Bechtel stated that the Downtown Mt. Vernon Development Corporation requested that the City Council table this Ordinance so that further discussion and feedback from others can be completed. **Council Member McEnaney made a motion to table Agenda Item 9-B. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: Piper.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Revolving Loan Agreement with LAS Mattress, Inc. Bechtel added this revolving loan is for \$135,000.00 at three percent interest for seven years for a Sears Hometown Store and will create eight full time jobs while retaining one job. Alan Stockman appeared and stated that the location of the new USA Mattress/Sears Hometown Store will be in the 4700 block of Broadway. Bechtel noted there is a change in paragraph 8 of the Resolution in that a commitment letter for a loan from Banterra Bank should be replaced by Community First Bank of the Heartland. They hope to be open in October.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving Revolving Loan Agreement with LAS Mattress, Inc. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration an Inducement Resolution with Wes Rogers Tire & Auto Inc. Bechtel reported that Rogers is expanding his business on South 10th Street, updating the interior of the building and has applied for TIF benefits. This Resolution establishes a date after which allowable redevelopment costs can be incurred and be considered for TIF benefits. Rogers has a "current" revolving loan with the City.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve an Inducement Resolution with Wes Rogers Tire & Auto Inc. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

MAYOR

Mayor Chesley reminded everyone that the National Night Out Against Crime event will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Veteran's City Park. This free family fun event is sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Police Department in order to join the Police Officers and citizens to help build a stronger, safer community.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Moore announced that the NAACP is sponsoring a back to school festival at Dawson Park, 1300 S. 7th Street, from noon – 4:00 pm on Saturday, August 8. Contact Brishanta Lee at 316-1330 for more information about the event.

Moore also celebrated the JCSA 10 & under team for their upcoming trip to the Pony League World Series and encouraged the community to support these young players and coaches.

Also, Moore indicated that he received questions concerning the old hospital property. He asked the public to be patient as the City is aware and working to resolve the issue.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Kent Southers shared information that he learned at a meeting with Mary Burgan and Mr. Federici regarding the 7th Street closure. Milano received a letter from the Evansville Western Railway listing statistics on the number and contents of railroad cars being switched at Milano during 2013, 2014 and through June of 2015. Southers indicated that Burgan and Federici stated they do not oppose the reopening of 7th Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bechtel requested that Council go into Executive Session for the semi-annual review of Executive Session Minutes. **Council Member McEnaney made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: Piper.**

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Moore made a motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk