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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, August 19, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, August 19, 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 August 5, 2013 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 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 explanation on the following Items: Item #6 Black & Sons Construction - \$4,130.00 — sand filter building roof at Water Treatment Plant. During a heavy thunderstorm a leak formed and an emergency repair of the roof was required. Item #13 Greater Egypt Regional Planning - \$3, 819.25 — appropriation cost from October, 2013 through September, 2014. They provide technical assistance in terms of planning land use, transportation and economic development. The City is eligible for various grants because of the City's membership in GERP. Item #21 R W Troxell & Company - \$5,648.00 — Annual boiler policy renewal at City Hall. This is an insurance rider because of the deteriorated condition of the boiler. Part of the energy efficiency study will recommend replacing the boiler with a forced air HVAC system so that the City will save \$5,648.00 per year when it's replaced. Item #24 Rollie Excavating - \$64,479.79 — miscellaneous sidewalk repairs around the City. This project is ongoing.

Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,456,594.03. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

BIDS & QUOTES

City Manager Neibert presented for Council's consideration the bid results for the demolition of 10 structures within the Mt. Vernon city limits. There were five bids submitted. After reviewing the bids, Neibert recommends award of the base bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Kenneth Hails Excavating, Inc. of Jefferson County, IL in the amount of \$76,000.00. The bid tabulation is as follows:

2013 Demolition Bid Tabulation

Postal Address	Earth Services	Stutz Excavating, Inc.	Premier Demolition	Hails Excavating	Doug Eubanks Construction
2206 Lamar(Garage)	\$1,450.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,296.00
724 S. 23rd	\$7,050.00	\$13,500.00	\$14,600.00	\$10,000.00	\$18,705.00
314 S. 5th	\$6,650.00	\$9,020.00	\$7,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$14,975.00
1311 Casey	\$4,000.00	\$12,380.00	\$6,100.00	\$4,750.00	\$26,740.00
2000 Casey	\$10,300.00	\$24,200.00	\$19,000.00	\$7,700.00	\$28,212.00
521 S. 15th	\$3,275.00	\$7,000.00	\$6,100.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
1117 Wescott	\$6,900.00	\$9,300.00	\$9,400.00	\$6,750.00	\$15,350.00
1015 Shawnee	\$5,100.00	\$7,000.00	\$5,600.00	\$6,500.00	\$12,821.00
710 Perkins	\$27,650.00	\$23,300.00	\$59,800.00	\$20,000.00	\$48,140.00
716 White	\$10,325.00	\$13,300.00	\$13,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$14,300.00
	\$82,700.00	\$120,000.00	\$141,600.00	\$76,200.00	\$185,539.00

Council Member Piper made a motion to accept the low bid from Kenneth Hails Excavating, of Jefferson County, IL for \$76,200.00. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Manager Neibert presented for Council's consideration the bid results for the West Elevated Tank Graphics Improvements. There were four bids submitted. The apparent low bidder for the base bid, including painting only the bowl portion of the tank, is Trikote, LLC of St. Peters, MO with a bid of \$44,650.00. While reviewing the prices provided by the bidders for the alternate to the base bid, a discrepancy was noted. Thus, after speaking with the apparent low bidder, clarification was provided as follows: the price provided on the bid form indicates \$54,650.00, however this was meant to be the total for the base bid and acceptance of the Alternate. After further review of the bidding documents and the clarification provided by the contractor, HMG Engineers recommends the City award the contract to Trikote, LLC for both project components.



HMG Engineers, Inc.

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BID TABULATION SHEET

JOB NAME: West Elevated Tank Graphics Improvements		CONTRACTORS			
OWNER: City of Mount Vernon, Illinois		TRIKOTE, LLC	UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC.	WHITEHEAD BROTHERS PAINTING, INC.	TMI COATINGS, INC.
BID OPENING: August 16, 2013 - 10:00 A.M. HMG JOB NO.: 6436.1		ENGINEER'S OPINION OF COST			
BID DEPOSIT:		<input type="checkbox"/> CASHIER'S CHECK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BID BOND			
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACKNOWLEDGE ADDENDUM #1			
Item					
1.	Lump Sum Bid Price for Base Bid	\$44,650.00	\$59,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$136,000.00
2.	Alternate [Add] [Deduct] Water Tower Bowl and Stem	\$54,650.00 [ADD]	\$25,000.00 [ADD]	\$29,000.00 [ADD]	\$29,000.00 [ADD]
Certified to be an accurate tabulation of bids.					
 Lindsey Lee Lenker, P.E. Licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois License No. 062-064926 License Expires November 30, 2013					

Council Member Wood made a motion to accept the low bid from TriKote, LLC of St. Peters, MO in the amount of \$54,650.00 as recommended by HMG Engineers, Inc. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neibert presented for Council's consideration a request for permission to seek bids for the Wayfinding Program. This information sign program, created by MERJE, is designed to direct visitors to key points of interest within the City. The Branding Leadership Team (BLT) recommends the sign program.

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

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration the Second Reading on Ordinance Approving the 2013 Amendment to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Industrial Park Conservation Area. City Manager Ron Neibert noted that the main change in the Plan will allow residential uses in a portion of the TIF district. A public hearing was conducted before the last City Council Meeting on Monday, July 15, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. Construction of the new high school will be across the street from the IPCA or west side TIF.

Council Member Piper made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-26 approving the 2013 Amendment to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Industrial Park Conservation Area. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration the Second Reading on an Ordinance Approving Revision of Section 13.5 of Article 13 of the Revised Code of Ordinances Regarding the Number of Animals Allowed on Property and Section 21-124-1 of Article 21 of the Revised Code of Ordinances redefining the definition of Kennel. City Manager Neibert explained that a few months back a gentleman appeared before the Council stating that he owned five dogs and was told that he was in violation of the City Ordinance as it relates to a kennel even though he wasn't operating a kennel as a commercial operation. Changes to the City Ordinance include a limitation on the number of animals that a resident may have namely six dogs and/or cats over the age of four months. It redefines the definition of a kennel as any lot, structure, or premises (i) where dogs and/or cats are kept or maintained for boarding, training or similar purposes for a fee or compensation or (ii) where more than one litter of dogs and/or cats during any calendar year are born or kept and sold, offered for sale or exchange, or offered for adoption with or without charge or (iii) where three or more dogs and/or cats not owned by the occupants of the lot, structure, or premises are kept or maintained or (iv) where more than five dogs and/or cats over four months of age are kept or maintained.

Neibert also stated that he met with Animal Warden Martin Boykin and there is a question regarding a portion of the proposed Ordinance. Neibert requested that the Council table the Ordinance until the next Council meeting so that the definition can be further reviewed.

Mayor Chesley invited audience members to address the Council regarding the proposed Ordinance.

Don Irvin, resident of Mt. Vernon, expressed his concern regarding placing cats on a leash stating they should be allowed to run at large.

Council Member Wood made a motion to table this Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration the First Reading on an Ordinance Amending the Revised Code of Ordinances Regarding the Number of Liquor Licenses. An individual submitted a business plan to the Mayor and Council and applied for a package liquor license in the City of Mt. Vernon. It is necessary that a new package liquor license be created by the Council. **FIRST READING**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration the First Reading on an Ordinance Approving Amendment of Section 12.17 and 12.18 of Article 12 of the Revised Code of Ordinances Regarding Dogs running at Large, Animal Offenses. This Ordinance requires that dogs not be allowed to run at large and if dogs are not on their owners property that they be required to be on a leash. The Ordinance does not allow cats to run at large and off the owner's property. It also requires that any person having the custody, possession, or control of any dog, cat, or other animal shall remove immediately any feces left by such animal upon any public property or public place or upon any such private property and dispose of same in a sanitary manner.

Chief Mendenall addressed the issue of cats being required to not run at large. During his 30 years on the job, he has never arrested a cat owner because their cat was in someone's yard. Of course, discretion should be used in this situation. Council Member Lash did express his concern about cats causing a nuisance. Residents may contact the Animal Control Warden 7 days a week, 24 hours a day to report a nuisance situation. The Animal Control facility has an active cat trapping program in force to reduce the amount of stray cats roaming the City.

Mayor Chesley invited audience members to address the Council regarding the proposed Ordinance.

Shirley Riley, 717 White Avenue, advised that she is in favor of the Ordinance. She has a neighbor who has three large, aggressive and vicious guard dogs. The neighbor's fence is not adequate to contain the dogs. Mr. and Mrs. Riley are frightened of the dogs and ask that the City enforce an ordinance requiring a secure, sturdy chain link fence at least five feet tall or taller.

Jim Zeckovich of Mt. Vernon expressed his concern regarding dogs that are attached to a short chain in the hot sun without adequate food and water.

Sarah Modert of Mt. Vernon questioned how the City Ordinance describes a "secure" fence. City Attorney Leggans noted that the Ordinance only states a "secure" fence and no other description is included.

Residents with animal complaints were advised to contact the City's Inspection Department to file a complaint against the animal owner. **FIRST READING**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving ITEP Grant Application for a Bicycle Transportation System Expansion Specifically Veterans Memorial Drive Trail from 28th Street to 10th Street. The estimated cost of the project is \$1.1 million and is eligible for an 80% State grant with a \$220,000.00 local match.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve an ITEP Grant Application for a Bicycle Transportation System Expansion Specifically Veterans Memorial Drive Trail from 28th Street to 10th Street. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

MAYOR

Mayor Chesley presented for Council's consideration the Appointment of Police Chief Chris Mendenall to the Police Pension Board to replace Curt Mowrer.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Appointment of Chris Mendenall to the Police Pension Board. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Nearly 45 senior citizens, age 60 and above, walked over 1,000 steps in the last 30 days during the Stepping Out for Fitness program held at Time Square Mall. The program is an activity that helps provide encouragement for

physical fitness while setting and achieving a personal goal. The goal is to walk 30 miles in 30 days. Good Samaritan Regional Health Center and Ameren IP were major funding sponsors. In addition, the City is using some proceeds from the video gaming program. Chesley also thanked Times Square Mall, and its owner Sansone, for providing facilities for the program. Byrd-Watson and John's Hitching Post provided gift cards to participants.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Piper advised that the Mt. Vernon Fall Fest is scheduled on October 18, 19 and 20. One of the activities being planned is the Balloon Glow. The Mt. Vernon Airport management is very excited about this new feature. Volunteers may call 242-3151 to become involved in the Fall Fest.

Council Member Lash commented on the Market Days at the old Armory. He has received many favorable remarks. The next Market Day is the first Saturday in September.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jim Zeckovich of Mt. Vernon questioned the amount of money, \$1.1 million, to construct a mile and a quarter bike trail. Council Member Wood remarked that the State grant provided 80% of the cost of construction with the City's portion being \$220,000.00. He agreed that it is all taxpayer money.

Mr. Zechovich also noted that additional police patrol is needed on Eighth Street along the Optimist Park because of the speeding vehicles.

In addition, he suggested that citizens need to use their turn signals and that police should enforce the use of turn signals.

Bobby Farris inquired about the stop light at the intersection of Veterans and 42nd Street. He was told that the paperwork is at the Illinois Department of Transportation awaiting approval. It will be a few months before IDOT approval will be received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Wood made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session in order to discuss personnel. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley. The time was 8:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk