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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 2, 2014  
7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 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 Council Member 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 18, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting were presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Wood 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 McEnaney asked City Manager, Ron Neibert, for clarification on the following item: Item #5 Ford Plumbing- \$2,982.95 – replaced water line, repaired drain and set toilets in men’s restroom at City Hall. Neibert reported remodeling will be complete in two weeks. Item #8 Holloway Heating and Electric - \$4,979.00 – air conditioner for Fire Station 1 kitchen area. Neibert noted that the air conditioner is a budgeted item. Item #10 IL State Police Academy - \$10,074.81 – new hire law enforcement testing for two new police officers. Officers will be sworn in on September 25. Item #12 Jefferson County Treasurer - \$7,327.66 – City’s share of 50% costs of animal shelter less ½ fuel used (\$7,000.66) and City’s share of Community Service Coordinator. The \$7,327.66 represents ½ of the operating costs of the animal shelter. Item #15 N Kohl Grocer - \$2,232.46 – Aquatics Facility

concessions for resale. Neibert noted that the Aquatic Zoo had a very successful first season and final statistics will be available very soon.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$766,992.03. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.**

**BIDS & QUOTES**

No bids and quotes were presented.

**CITY MANAGER**

Nathan McKenna, Projects Manager, presented the following City's Programmatic Report:

<b>CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT</b>					
GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS –September 2014					
<i>Project</i>	<i>Work Phase</i>	<i>Act. / Est. Cost</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Est. Compl. Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Wayfinding System	Design Construction	74.4 K \$368,284.50	100% 90%	November 2013 Sept. 2014	Geograph Industries have most of the signs installed, kiosks and gateways fabrication near completion project completion by mid-September.
Housing Program	Planning Implementation	61.1 K 85 K	100% 95%	Ongoing Ongoing	Contract with Zanola Company near completion. Items remaining include, Intercept Marketing Package, Employer New Home Hotsheet and additions to the website. Interest from a developer on a project. City Manager will discuss with Council during executive session.
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 2M	100% 15%	Complete N/A	Future work dependent on grant award. Expect word on grant in Sept. or Oct.
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	5 properties sold, City Attorney is preparing deeds. Have received calls of interest in other properties. \$750 minimum.
Housing Demolition	Demolition	125K		Sept. 2014	Hails Excavating has demolished 9 of the 13 structures this round.
Sanitary Infiltration	Area ID Cost Est.	TBD	100%	Ongoing	Recommendation presented during Comprehensive Plan review. Will be presented to council for prioritizing.
City Hall Improvements	Planning Construction	175 K	100% 75%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2014 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2014	Bathroom remodel near completion. Tile work being done in women's. Expected completion early September. Design of west entry complete
City Facility Energy Audit	Audit Implementation	FREE % reimbursable	100%	Completed Completed	Project completed. Total cost of 78K, reimbursement from DCEO of 22,569.23
Curbside Recycling	Implementation	N/A	90%	Ongoing	Recycling program running smoother, call volume dropped significantly. Rewards program up and running. Residents can sign-up at <a href="http://www.republicgivesback.com">www.republicgivesback.com</a> or follow the link on the City website.
Storm Water Improvements	Area ID Cost Est.	TBD	100%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2014 TBD	Recommendation presented during Comprehensive Plan review. Will be presented to council for prioritizing.
Lincoln Park Addition	Planning Construction	1.6M	25%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015 Fall 2015	Professional service selected for council approval. Planning Design Studio out of St. Louis working on design work for 8 acre addition.

McKenna will include in the monthly report the grant amount of \$1.5 million for the Armory. The City has designated \$.5 million for the project. The Council asked for information about the early stage of the design on the Lincoln Park Addition. The City's portion of the Lincoln Park Addition is \$400,000.

Brad Ruble, City Engineer, presented the following Capital Projects Report:

<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT</b>					
GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – September 2014					
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>					
<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Work Phase</b>	<b>% Complete</b>	<b>Est. Compl. Date</b>	<b>Notes</b>
42 <sup>nd</sup> St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	5.0 M	Design(HMG) Const.	100% 0%	Complete 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015	Final design is complete. Offers have been exchanged with last property owners.
South 27 <sup>th</sup> Street (Jamison to Veterans)	1.7 M	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	0% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015	Awaiting decisions to move forward with design.
N. 27 <sup>th</sup> / Old Union Rd. (Richview to Wilshire)	3.3 M	Design(HMG) Construction	85% 0%	4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2014 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015	Design is ongoing. Working to avoid relocating water main. Right of Way acquisition to begin in fall/winter.
Perkins Avenue (10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> )	0.5 M	Design(Horner & Shifrin) Construction	100% 0%	Complete 1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2014	IDOT doing appraisals and land acquisition. We can move forward once acquired.
S. 34 <sup>th</sup> Street (Veterans to Harlan)	2.3 M	Design(HMG) Const.(Guinzy)	100% 35%	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	South half of project nearing pavement installation. North half dirt working beginning.
42 <sup>nd</sup> at Veterans Signals	900 T	Design(CMT) Construction	30% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2015	Preparing an EDP Grant with IDOT to obtain 50% funding for signals and pavement widening.
Ambassador Roadway near new High School	1.25 M	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	40% 0%	4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2014 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Design is ongoing. Typical section selected. Storm sewer design underway.
<b>SEWER</b>					
<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Work Phase</b>	<b>% Complete</b>	<b>Est. Compl. Date</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Lift Station 14 Force main Replacement	1.8 M	Design(HMG) Construction	95% 0%	As needed Unknown	Design is underway. Permitting is ongoing.
Ambassador Road near new High School	500 K	Design(HMG) Construction	35% 0%	4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2014 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2015	Survey work is complete, design is ongoing.

<b>SIDEWALKS / TRAILS</b>					
<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Work Phase</b>	<b>% Complete</b>	<b>Est. Compl. Date</b>	<b>Notes</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> St. Sidewalk	215 T	Design(RoundTable) Const.(Guinzy)	100% 90%	Complete 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2014	Awaiting relocation of a few utility poles. All companies have been contacted. Completion upon relocation.
Richview Rd. Sidewalk	400 T	Design(Heneghan) Construction	95% 0%	Sept. Bid 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2014	September 10 bid advertisement date set. Open bids 24 <sup>th</sup> . Water and Gas line relocations necessary.
ITEP Shared Use Trail – Veterans & S. 34 <sup>th</sup>	550 T	Design(HMG) Construction	100% 0%	Sept. 2014 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Final plans are submitted to IDOT. Sept. 19 bid opening. All ROW acquired.
Wilshire and Richview Sidewalk	TBD	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	80% 0%	4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2014 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Easement specifics are being worked out. Evaluating creek crossing options.
S. 42 <sup>nd</sup> Sidewalk	TBD	Design(RoundTable) Constuction	90% 0%	Oct. 2014 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2014	Project is expected to go out for bid in October. Final plans being put together.
<b>WATER</b>					
<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Work Phase</b>	<b>% Complete</b>	<b>Est. Compl. Date</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Broadway Water Main Replacement 4 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	1.25 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	95% 0%	Sept. 2014 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Design is ongoing. EPA permit has been obtained bidding this month.
Main St. Water Main Replace. 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	1.65 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	95% 0%	Sept. 2014 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Design is complete. Bid specs being put together for bid this month.
Ambassador Road near new High School	200 T	Design(BMG) Construction	25% 0%	4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2014 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Design is ongoing.

Ruble will add the grant amount (\$370,000) for the ITEP shared use trail to the next report.

### ROAD CLOSINGS FOR FALL FESTIVAL

8-B. Request Permission to Close 200 block of S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street on October 16, 2014, 10:00 a.m. to October 20, 2014, 7:00 a.m. for the Stage and Concert Area for Fall Fest

*8-C. Request Permission to Close 300 block of S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 800 Block of Jordan, 900 Block of Jordan and Casey from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street on October 17, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. to October 20,2014 at 7:00 a.m. for Fall Fest Vendor Areas, Kids Zone and Other Activities*

*8-D. Request Permission to Close 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Broadway to North Street on October 18, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m. for the Downtown Promotional Event "Cruise-In @Fall Fest"*

*8-E. Request Permission to Close City Side Streets (see attached Public Works Parade Plan) on October 18, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the Fall Fest Parade.*

**Council Member Wood made an omnibus motion Agenda Items 8-B, 8-C, 8-D, and 8-E because they all relate to road closings for the Fall Fest to be held on October 16, 17, 18, 2014. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.**

City Manager Neibert presented for the Council's consideration a Request for Permission to Waive Bidding Procedures for Purchase of a Live Scan Digital Fingerprint Machine for the Police Department.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to approve a Request for Permission to Waive Bidding Procedures for the Purchase of a Live Scan digital Fingerprint Machine for the Police Department. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.**

City Manager Neibert presented for the Council's consideration a Request for Permission to Seek Bids for Water Main Replacement on Main and Broadway Streets.

**Council Member Lash made a motion to approve a Request for Permission to Seek Bids for Water Main Replacement on Main and Broadway Streets. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.**

City Manager Neibert presented for the Council's consideration a Request for Permission to Seek Bids for Richview Road (24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Streets) Sidewalk/Trails Project.

**Council Member Wood made a motion to approve a Request for Permission to Seek Bids for Richview Road (24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Streets) Sidewalk/Trails project. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.**

#### **CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Second Reading on Ordinance Amending Article 13, Section 12.8 of the Revised Code of Ordinances Regarding Open Burning. This Ordinance would ban the burning of tree leaves within the City limits. There is a provision for recreational fires.

Gary Philips, a volunteer who helps maintain the property owned by the Logan Street Baptist Church located on North 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, stated he is concerned about the disposing of dead trees and limbs that are blown down on the property during wind storms. The limitation of a six feet by six feet area in which to burn is not feasible on

a large tract of property. He requested that the Council consider an option that would allow owners of large tracts of property containing trees to burn fallen trees and large limbs.

Council Member Wood noted that he recognizes the Church's dilemma and hopes to have an amendment to the proposed Ordinance in the near future.

James Malone emphasized that he is sympathetic to the health issues of residents in his neighborhood. He believes that burning leaves should be allowed and neighbors should communicate with each other as to whether or not they are bothered by the smoke from the burning leaves. Who will enforce the burn ban? The Police and Fire Departments have more important situations to attend to.

Richard Porter stated he burns to keep his yard neat and clean.

Julian Burns stated he is against the burn ban.

Don Byers stated he is concerned about not being able to burn fallen branches.

Steven Casper is against the burn ban and concerned with the added expense.

Lenola Spann stated she is against the burn ban.

Diane Meeks stated she is against the burn ban.

John Meinke stated he is in favor of burn ban.

Richard Gradford stated he is against the burn ban.

Mayor Chesley suggested a compromise in that the amount of days for burning would be reduced. Instead of Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the burning could be confined to Saturday and Sunday. More residents are aware of bagging leaves now and this would allow Republic to ease into picking up the increased amount of yard waste.

Neibert advised that if large trees are cut and tied into bundles weighing less than 40 lbs. they will be picked up as part of the landscape waste program. He also confirmed that the new contract with Republic includes the increase in landscape and yard waste. Residents are allowed to place yard and landscape waste in trash cans but not plastic bags.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-27 Amending Article 13, Section 12.8 of the Revised Code of Ordinances Regarding Open burning. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Mayor Chesley moved to amend the Ordinance to delete any language banning landscape burning and add language allowing burning under the following schedule: burning only on Saturdays and Sundays between the hours 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and eliminating Fridays and Mondays, with burning during the period of October 1 and ending December 15 and beginning March 1 and ending April 30 of each year. Council Member Wood seconded the motion. The vote on the amendment was as follows: Yeas: Piper and Chesley. Nay: Lash, McEnaney, and Wood. The motion failed. The vote for approving Ordinance No. 2014-27 is as follows: Yeas: Lash, McEnaney and Wood; Nays: Piper and Chesley. The Ordinance was approved.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration First Reading on Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property. Neibert advised that the excess vehicles have been replaced.

Car #10 2009 Ford Crown Victoria VIN#2FAHP71V89X145096  
Car #11 2009 Ford Crown Victoria VINTf2FAHP71VX9X14S097  
Car #13 2009 Ford Crown Victoria VIN#2FAHP71V19X145098  
Car #16 2003 Ford Crown Victoria VIN#2FAP71W53X199723  
Car #27 2006 Ford Crown Victoria VIN#2FAFP71W46X103861  
Car #29 2007 Ford Crown Victoria VINTt2FAFP71W87X157813

Fleet Services Department wishes to have the following vehicles declared surplus. The vehicles will then be sold at public auction.

#106 1991 Dodge Ram 150 pickup vin# 1B7CE16X1M5289541  
#202 1997 Ford F150 pickup vin# 1FTDF1728VKC907S9  
#220 1981 International dump truck vin# 1HTAA18EXBHA23657  
#630 1991 International dump truck vin# 1 HTSDNSNOMH3815150  
#633 1990 International dump truck vin# 1HTSDZZP6LH222343

**FIRST READ ONLY.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Requesting IDOT Approval for Temporary Closure of Portions of Main Street and Broadway from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street and from Main to Newby on 10<sup>th</sup> Street from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of the Fall Fest on October 18, 2014.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Resolution Requesting IDOT Approval for Temporary Closure of Portions of Main Street and Broadway from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street and from Main to Newby on 10<sup>th</sup> Street from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of the Fall Fest on October 18, 2014. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.**

**MAYOR**

Mayor Chesley presented for Council's consideration the Appointment of Chris Deichman to the 911 Board to Replace Chris Mendenall. **Council Member Piper made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Chris Deichman to the 911 Board to Replace Chris Mendenall. Seconded by McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.**

Mayor Chesley presented for Council's consideration the Appointment of Chris Deichman to the Minority Affairs and Human Relations Commission to Replace Chris Mendenall. **Council Member Lash made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Chris Deichman to the Minority Affairs and Human Relations Commission to Replace Chris Mendenall. Seconded by Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.**

Mayor Chesley congratulated Continental Tire for their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the City of Mt. Vernon.

### CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Piper noted that the Downtown Mt. Vernon Development Corporation is sponsoring a “Cruise-In” at the Fall Fest on October 18, 2014 on 9<sup>th</sup> Street & Harrison. All unique, antique and unusual vehicles are invited to participate.

In addition, Council Member Piper noted that the Fall Fest will host a “Paw Fest” on Sunday, October 19, 2014 and all 4-legged pets are invited to attend.

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

John Meinke complained that the music is too loud at the Fall Fest.

Diane Meeks inquired if residents may use plastic bags for landscape waste. No, Republic will not pick-up yard and landscape waste in plastic bags.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Lash made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss litigation, land acquisition and sale of real estate. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

### ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins  
City Clerk