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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 3, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 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 July 29, 2013 City Council Retreat Meeting was presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member Wood. 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 for an update on Rollie Excavating-\$39,497.24-Miscellaneous sidewalk repair. City Manager Neibert stated work is still occurring on those projects this month. Brad Ruble, City Engineer, stated there would be one if not two more payments on that project and work would be done at Richview before the Cedarhurst Craft Fair begins.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$728,893.61. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

BIDS & QUOTES

No bids and quotes to be presented.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neibert requested permission to close 9th Street from Broadway to Casey, Jordan from 8th Street to 10th Street and Casey from 8th Street to 10th Street on October 18, 2013, 12:00 p.m. to October 20, 2013, 12:00 a.m. for the Fall Fest.

Council Member Piper made a motion to close 9th Street from Broadway to Casey, Jordan from 8th Street to 10th Street and Casey from 8th Street to 10th Street on October 18, 2013, 12:00 p.m. to October 20, 2013, 12:00 a.m. for the Fall Fest. Council Member Lash Seconded. Yeas; Lash McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Manager Neibert requested permission to close S. 11th Street from Jordan Street South to the South End of the City Parking Lot at the corner of S. 10th Street and Jordan Street on October 5, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Elks 2nd Annual Car Cruise-In Event.

Charley Wimberly, manager of the Elks stepped forward and stated this was their second annual event. He would like to have the City Parking Lot for the cars to be parked on that day. This event is open to the public. There will be food and refreshments served on the parking lot. They would like to have some barricades put in the street for that period of time.

Council Member Lash made a motion to close S. 11th Street from Jordan Street South to the South End of the City Parking Lot at the corner of S. 10th Street and Jordan Street on October 5, 2013 from 10:00 am to 7:00 p.m. for Elks 2nd Annual Car Cruise-In Event. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Manager Neibert requested permission to close 9th Street from Broadway to North Street and on Harrison from 10th Street to Johnson Alley, Saturday, October 19, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the Downtown Promotional Event "Cruise-In @ Fall Fest."

Council Member Piper stated that it was a very large event last year and the downtown businesses supported them.

Council Member Wood made a motion to close 9th Street from Broadway to North Street and on Harrison from 10th Street to Johnson Alley, Saturday, October 19, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the Downtown Promotional Event "Cruise-In @ Fall Fest." Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Capital Projects Manager, Nathan McKenna, stepped forward and updated Council on the City's Programmatic Capital Projects.

CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS –September 2013

<i>Project</i>	<i>Work Phase</i>	<i>Act. / Est. Cost</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Est. Compl. Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Aquatic Facility	Design Construction	5.2 M	100% 98%	Completed August 2013	Working on final touch-ups and landscaping.
Sign Ordinance	Drafting Implementation	N/A	95%	June 2013	To sign committee shortly for review.
Wayfinding System	Design Implementation	74.4 K 435 K	98% 0%	June 2013 N/A	Next step – meet with IDOT for review and approval, finalize location plan and site details.

Housing Program	Planning Implementation	61.1 K 85 K	100% 50%	Ongoing	Implement phase two of program – marketing campaign and professional outreach. Finalizing agreement.
9 th Street Streetscape	Design Construction	390 K	100% 75%	Completed August 2013	Working on corners at intersection of Jordan and 9 th . Lighting to be installed and landscaping.
Continental Rail Spur	Design Construction	1.15 M Total Project	100% 100%	Completed July 2013	Ribbon cutting held August 27 th . Rail in use by Continental
National Guard Armory – Asbestos	Survey Removal	86 K	100% 25%	Completed August 2013	Abatement work on going. Work being completed in phases. Expected completion last week of September.
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 700 K	50% 0%	N/A N/A	Windows to be installed after abatement work completed. Finalizing options for roof replacement.
City Facility Energy Audit	Audit Implementation	FREE % reimbursable	100%	Completed 3 rd Q 2013	Potential for up to \$20,000 in rebates for lighting upgrades at City Hall, Police Dept. and Public Works.
Water Tower	Design Construction	N/A 54 K	100% 0%	3 rd Q 2013 Sept. 2013	Painting work to start September 9 th .
Zoning Applications Online	Implementation	N/A	90%	3 rd Q 2013	Majority of applications complete will be put on new city website
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Sold two more properties in August. Still accepting offers for lots – minimum \$750
Housing Demolition	Demolition	76 K	0%	3 rd Q 2013	Bid awarded to Hails Demolition. Started August 27 th . 8 houses, 1 commercial, 1 garage.
City Hall parking lot	Design Construction	25 K	0%	3 rd Q 2013	Options prepared by Public Works, work to begin last week of Sept. following final street paving projects.
Water System Analysis	Data Collection	-0-	33%	Sept. 2013	Water analysis complete. Estimates of replacement and plan to be completed end of September.

City Engineer, Brad Ruble, stepped forward and presented the update on the City's Capital Projects.

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS –September 2013

TRANSPORTATION

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
42 nd St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	5.0 M	Design Construction	80% 0%	4 th Q 2013 4 th Q 2015	Draft ROW documents have been submitted. Design is on target. Coordination with RR is ongoing.
South 27 th Street (Jamison to Veterans)	1.5 M	Design Construction	0% 0%	2 nd Q 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Engineering contract with Rhutasel waiting on award. Negotiating on major ROW parcel. Considering alternates.
N. 27 th / Old Union Rd. (Richview to Rt. 37)	3.3 M	Design Construction	20% 0%	4 th Q 2014 4 th Q 2015	Survey work complete. Design underway. Working with Cedarhurst on bike trail/sidewalk details.
Perkins Avenue (10 th to 12 th)	0.5 M	Design Construction	90% 0%	4 th Q 2013 3 rd Q 2014	IDOT now requires a full Phase I environmental study before land acquisition. That will begin soon.
S. 34 th Street (Veterans to Harlan)	2.3 M	Design Construction	95% 0%	4 th Q 2013 4 th Q 2014	Final touches on plans will be done soon. ROW negotiations to start in the fall with a winter bid opening.
Airport Road	400 T	Design Construction	100% 0%	Sept 2013 2 nd Q 2014	Plans are complete and project is out for bid. Bid opening on Sept. 19.
N. 34 th /Central (Broadway to N. 32 nd)	1.15 M	Design Construction	10% 0%	4 th Q 2013 4 th Q 2014	Survey complete. ROW issues to be worked out before starting engineering layout. Water line issues determined.
42 nd at Veterans Signals	250 T	Design Construction	10% 0%	Unknown Unknown	IDS study is ongoing. Will determine if modifications to intersection are required.
Ambassador Roadway near new High School	Unknown	Design Construction	0% 0%	4 th Q 2013 4 th Q 2014	Awaiting approval of design contract.

SIDEWALKS / TRAILS

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
27 th St. Sidewalk	215 T	Design Construction	95% 0%	Complete 4 th Q 2013	City in process of getting requested easements signed. Constr. To begin once easements are signed. Easement Docs have been completed.
Richview Rd. Sidewalk	170 T	Design Construction	85% 0%	3rd Q 2013 4 th Q 2013	Henneghan working on engineering plans. Major property owner has ROW document in hand for consideration.
ITEP Shared Use Trail – Veterans	550 T	Design Construction	0% 0%	4 th Q 2013 3 rd Q 2014	Project relocation approved by IDOT. Need to complete design engineering. Awaiting design contract approval
Bike Trail – Cedarhurst to Casey School	550 T	Design Construction	100% 95%	Complete Sept. 2013	Striping, Signing, cleanup is all that remains.
Safe Routes to School Sidewalk	350 T	Design Construction	100% 99%	Complete Aug. 2013	Sidewalk and Driveways complete. Reseeding of areas, small amount of ditch work is all that remains.
Misc. Sidewalk Replacement	300 T	Design Construction	100% 85%	Complete Sept. 2013	Original list has been completed. Additional locations are being worked on now.

WATER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Broadway Water Main Replacement 4 th – 14 th	1.25 M	Design Construction	0% 0%	1 st Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	Recommendation of sizing has been given. Design can begin now.
Main St. Water Main Replace. 2 nd – 14 th	1.65 M	Design Construction	0% 0%	1 st Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	Recommendation of sizing has been given. Design can begin now.
Ambassador Road near new High School	Unknown	Design Construction	0% 0%	1 st Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	Awaiting approval on engineering contract for project begin
Misc. Water Main Relocations	200 T	Design Construction	0% 0%	4 th Q 2013 2 nd Q 2014	This will relocate water mains before larger roadway projects are started. Monies come out of budget for roadway jobs.

SEWER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Lift Station 14 Forcemain Replace	Unknown	Design Construction	75% 0%	3 rd Q 2013 1 st Q 2014	Design is underway. Easement documents have been sent to Continental Tire for their review and approval.
Ambassador Road near new High School	Unknown	Design Construction	0% 0%	4 th Q 2013 4 th Q 214	Awaiting approval of engineering agreement.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Second Reading on Ordinance Approving Revision of Section 13.5 of Article 13 of the Revised Code of Ordinances Regarding 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 noted that one change was made from the First Reading on the definition of Kennel. They removed the provision where a home within a residential area could have more than five animals with a conditional use permit. Given the modification of the ordinance to define the kennel more as a commercial operation it is Neibert's recommendation that Council amend the Zoning Ordinance to eliminate the Conditional Use in the R districts.

Council Member Piper stated he would like to direct the City Manager to go ahead and begin the resolution process.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-27 Approving Revision of Section 13.5 of Article 13 of the Revised Code of Ordinances Regarding 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. As part of this function he would like to include direction to the City Manager to submit to the Zoning and Planning Board the before mentioned revision. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration the Second Reading on Ordinance Amending the Revised Code of Ordinances Regarding the Number of Liquor License. This is for the approval of a new package liquor license.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-28 Amending the Revised Code of Ordinances Regarding the Number of Liquor License. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley. No: Lash

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration the Second Reading on 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.

The Ordinance requires dogs off the property to be on a leash, cage or other controlled devise and waste on the right-of-way to be picked up and also requires cats not to run at large.

David Wood commented that he would be looking forward to an update in a month or so on the enforcement action or revision of the ordinance to address concerns from the public.

Donald Irvin stepped forward and addressed the Council regarding the importance of the cat population in terminating disease ridden mice and rats. He asked the Council to allow cats to roam and that all Ordinances be amended to exempt cats from any requirements that prevent cats from roaming.

Council Member Lash made a motion to Approve Ordinance 2013-29 Amending Section 12.17 and 12.18 of Article 12 of the Revised Code of Ordinances Regarding Dogs Running at Large, Animal Offenses. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration the Resolution Requesting IDOT Approval for Temporary Closure of Portions of Main Street and Broadway from 4th Street to 12th Street and from Harrison to Casey on 10th Street for Purpose of Fall Fest on October 19, 2013.

Council Member Piper stated that the parade route would be the same as last year, very band friendly with at least a dozen bands again this year. He appreciates all of the community participation from individuals, clubs and organizations.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Resolution Requesting IDOT Approval for Temporary Closure of Portions of Main Street and Broadway from 4th Street to 12th Street and from Harrison to Casey on 10th Street for Purpose of Fall Fest on October 19, 2013. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

MAYOR

Mayor Chesley stated this weekend was jam packed with activities including the Light Sport Aircraft Expo held at the Mt. Vernon Airport with 40 different models of new light sport aircrafts along with the commemorative Air Forces B-25 bomber. This is an exciting family activity and she thanks everyone at the airport who has taken the event and done very well with it. It is getting a lot of national recognition.

The first Friday Downtown is coming up September 6th from 5:00 p.m. until sundown. There will be a lot of artists, musicians and food vendors free of charge. More and more people are coming out to this event and she appreciates the participants.

Cedarhurst Art and Craft Fair is September 6-8th. This event keeps getting better and better each year.

The fall Craft, Gift and Home Decorating show will be held September 6-8th at Times Square Mall.

Market Day's Outdoor Flea Market and Vendor Fair will be held at the Armory on September 7th from 8 a.m. to 3 pm. The fair includes crafts, antiques, furniture, old antique bottles, household appliances and items. She appreciates everyone involved.

Mayor Chesley noted the "please do not litter" sign included in the City Update on the back of the water bills. Council is working very hard with the City of Mt. Vernon to improve the roads, sidewalks and neighborhoods and wants to keep Mt. Vernon clean.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Piper stated that the Market Days is turning into a very nice farmers market. There are a number of different vendors selling sausages, cheeses, fresh vegetables, local homemade bread ect. He invited everyone to come check it out.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk