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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, September 15, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, September 15, 2014 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 Bill Howard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the September 2, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting was presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood 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 McEnaney asked City Manager, Ron Neibert, for clarification on the following item: Item #8 Flint Trading - \$5,764.69 – new pavement marking symbols. City crews use these large templates for turn arrows, etc. on City streets. Item #14 Jefferson County Sheriff's Office - \$2,889.00 – August prisoner housing is the City's cost (at around \$53.00 per day) to house prisoners in the County Jail. Item #15 Kenneth Hails - \$43,000.00 – demolition of buildings at 2016-2018 Lamar Street. There are two more houses to be demolished and should be completed in the next week. A special check was written to the Granada Center for Performing Arts in the amount of \$7,900.00 for Downtown TIF Reimbursement and used to purchase a drainage system for their basement.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$844,339.76. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

BIDS & QUOTES

Neibert presented for Council's consideration Bid Results for the Fire Station Alerting System. Two bids were received and Neibert recommended accepting the bid from APS Fire House Alerting System as the lowest bidder in the amount of \$37,000.00. Assistant Fire Chief Sargent advised that the new and improved system will replace the antiquated system presently used by Telecommunicators.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the lowest bid from APS Fire House Alerting System in the amount of \$37,000.00. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

CITY MANAGER

Neibert presented for Council's consideration a Preliminary and Final Plat for Carden Subdivision at Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Sec. 12, T3S, R2E of the 3rd P.M. A representative from Roundtable Design explained that Libby McPherson plans to build a new home on the property.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Preliminary and Final Plat for Carden Subdivision as presented. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

Neibert presented for Council's consideration a Request to Close North Old Union Lane from Highland to Old Centralia Road at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, September 20, 2014 to 1:00 a.m. Sunday September 21, 2014 for the 7th Annual Wolfstock Music Festival. Travis Thacker appeared on behalf of the Bob Troutt Foundation and the Wolfstock music event.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Request to Close North Old Union Lane from Highland to Old Centralia Road at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, September 20, 2014 to 1:00 a.m. Sunday September 21, 2014 for the 7th Annual Wolfstock Music Festival. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

Neibert presented for Council's consideration a Request for Permission to Seek Bids for the South 42nd Street Sidewalk Project. A sidewalk will be constructed on the west side of South 42nd Street from Broadway to Veteran's Memorial Drive. The west side was chosen for the location of the sidewalk because there are too many obstructions as far as utilities, etc. on the east side.

Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the Request for Permission to Seek Bids for the South 42nd Street Sidewalk Project. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration the Second Reading on Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property. The list includes six old police squad cars and five old pickup trucks and dump trucks. Mike Shannon, Director of Fleet Services, plans to trade-in the surplus vehicles from his department on a newer dump truck. Police Chief Chris Deichman has negotiated the sale of some of the patrol cars with other nearby villages as well as trade two other vehicles for radar equipment.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-28 Declaring Surplus Property. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration the First Reading on Ordinance Authorizing Annexation of Property Located at the SW Corner of 34th and Veterans Memorial Drive. The Petitioning Party is Star Investment Group. This right of way is owned by Vic Cusumano who is looking to develop the property adjacent to the new hospital. An east/west road will be constructed on the property from the hospital to South 34th Street. **FIRST READ ONLY.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration an Ordinance Rezoning Property Located at Lot 1 of Carden Subdivision from the Zoning Classification A-G to R-1. The Petitioning Party is Libby McPherson. The nearest address to the property is 10249 N. Puckett Lane. The proposed rezoning was unanimously approved by the Zoning and Planning Commission with no objectors present.

Council Member Lash made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-29 Rezoning Property Located at Lot 1 of Carden Subdivision from the Zoning Classification A-G to R-1. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Granting a Conditional Sign Permit for Property at 200 Potomac. The Petitioning Party is the City of Mt. Vernon. The proposed conditional sign permit was approved by a vote of 7-1 by the Zoning and Planning Commission. Chairman Bob Feltmeier voted no.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve a Resolution Granting a Conditional Sign Permit for Property at 200 Potomac for the City of Mt. Vernon. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

MAYOR

Mayor had no comments.

CITY COUNCIL

City Council had no comments.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

No Visitors addressed the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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