

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, October 5, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, October 5, 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 Don Bigham of the Jefferson County Ministerial Association.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed present: Council Members Jeff May, Donte Moore, Todd Piper and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley.
Absent: Council Member Dennis McEnaney.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journals for the September 8, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting; September 11, 2015 City Council Retreat; September 21, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting and the September 23, 2015 City Council Workshop were presented to Council for their consideration. **Council Member May made a motion to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: May, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney.**

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval. Council Member May requested updates on the following items: #2 AAA Midwest Magazine Network - \$2,459.90 — Advertising in Midwest Traveler for Tourism Department. May questioned spending Tourism dollars on print advertising. #12 Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende - \$10,601.34 – North 27th and Old Union road Reconstruction. Bechtel advised this work was performed in the recent past regarding easements. Piper inquired about Item #3 Alex Eade - \$16,698.42 – Various landscaping projects for Public Works Department. Bechtel reported that old landscaping has been removed and new plantings installed in downtown parking lots. The project was funded by the Special Service Area #1 budget for beautification of downtown.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,937,251.03. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: May, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney.

BIDS & QUOTES

Bechtel presented for Council's consideration a request for Permission to Seek Quotes for Financing a 2015 Fire Pumper Truck. The total cost of the truck is \$608,000. The Illinois Financial Authority will finance \$350,000 at 2.2% interest rate for a term of 10 years as part of the Illinois State Fire Marshall Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program. She is asking to obtain bids for the remaining \$258,000.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve a request for Permission to Seek Quotes for Financing a 2015 Fire Pumper Truck. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney.

Bechtel presented for Council's consideration a request for Permission to Seek Bids to Demolish 9 Structures. Addresses for demolition: 1105 S. 23rd, 1208 S. 26th, 714 Salem Road, 713 S. 21st, 1115 Herbert, 1206 S. 12th, 1214 S. 26th, and one storage building at the new Industrial Park. This will exhaust the remainder of the demolition budget for this fiscal year. Piper requested a list of the demolition budget for each of the last five years along with the addresses of the demolished structures.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve a request for Permission to Seek Bids to Demolish 9 Structures. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: May, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney.

CITY MANAGER

Brad Ruble, City Engineer, presented the capital projects report for October, 2015:

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – September 2015



TRANSPORTATION

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
42 nd St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	4.0 M	Design(HMG) Const.(Baxmeyer)	100% 20%	Complete 2 nd Q 2016	Baxmeyer Const. has begun on the north side of the RR tracks. Wanting to get all pavement on this section in place prior to winter. First new roadway concrete has been poured.
South 27 th Street (Jamison to Veterans)	1.7 M	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	0% 0%	Pending Pending	Awaiting decisions to move forward with design.
N. 27 th / Old Union Rd. (Richview to Wilshire)	3.3 M	Design(HMG) Construction	95% 0%	3 rd Q 2015 4 th Q 2016	3 Easements have been obtained. Met with Historical Village about theirs.
Perkins Avenue (10 th to 12 th)	0.75 M	Design(Horner/Shifrin) Construction(Baxmeyer)	100% 0%	Complete 1 st Q 2016	Baxmeyer was awarded the project. Still determining start date for project.
42 nd at Veterans Signals	900 K	Design(HMG) Construction	30% 0%	Pending Pending	Met with IDOT about options for project. Project is on hold.
Ambassador Roadway near new High School	1.25 M	Design(Rhutasel) Const. (ET Simonds)	100% 15%	2 nd Q 2015 4 th Q 2015	Road is now closed. Earthwork to begin this week. Stormsewer is nearly complete.
Fairfield Road Resurfacing	1.0 M 80% IDOT	Design(Roundtable) Construction	75% 0%	2 nd Q 2016 4 th Q 2016	RoundTable design has been awarded design work and they are working.

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) Const(Trotter)	100% 95%	1 st Q 2015 4 th Q 2015	All sewer pipe is installed. Pumps at lift station will be installed soon with start up shortly after.
Lift Station 14 Station Replacement	2.0 M	Design(N/A) Construction	0% 0%	Pending	No progress

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%	Complete 4th Q 2015	Moniger Const. has still not shown up. May rebid the project due to contractor problems.
Wilshire Sidewalk (Richview to Old Union)	190 K	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	90% 0%	4 th Q 2015 2 nd Q 2015	Easement acquisition has begun. 14 easements are needed.
*-SRTS Airport Rd. and Marteeny	200 K 80% IDOT	Design(Not Selected) Const. (Not Selected)	0% 0%	Pending	Just received funding design firm not selected as of yet.

WATER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Broadway & Main Water Phase 1	1.85 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	100% 0%	Complete 2 nd Q 2016	J.K. Trotter will begin soon. Start on the Main Street portion first.
Broadway & Main Water Phase 2	1.0 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	95% 0%	2 nd Q 2016 4 th Q 2016	Phase 2 will replace from 15 th to 6 th along Main Street

INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Roads	7.3 M all project	Design(HMG) Construction	50% 0%	2 nd Q 2016 4 th Q 2017	Detailed design work has begun. North Industrial Drive, South Industrial Drive, Shiloh Drive, and Sparrow Lane.
Water & Sewer	85K Tarp, 1.285M EDP, 3.25M EDA	Design(HMG) Construction	60% 0%	1 st Q 2016 4 th Q 2016	Gravity Sanitary Sewer, Force Main, Lift Station, Lift Station revision, and Water mains.

Nathan McKenna, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the programmatic report for October, 2015:

CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – October 2015



Project	Work Phase	Act. / Est. Cost	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Housing Program	Implementation		100% ongoing	Ongoing Ongoing	Greenwalt Construction has the foundation poured for the second 17 unit apartment building on S. Watertower. The Fall of edition of the web magazine to be completed shortly, following updates to the Buildmtvernonil.com website.
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) In the fourth month of State fiscal year without a budget.
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Sold 6 surplus properties with the recent bidding for a total of \$3943. 78 properties still available for sale. Large parcels will be listed on Location One Information System web based property data base managed through JCDC.
Housing Demolition	Demolition	72K		Complete Ongoing	Seeking council permission to seek bids on 9 structures. 8 residential and 1 agricultural on the new industrial park site.
City Hall Basement	Review	125 K		Complete	Estimates for Mold remediation, asbestos abatement and water drainage received, funding of project to be discussed at Council retreat.
City Hall Improvements	Review	N/A			Compiling a comprehensive report on all repairs needed for city hall including, roof, HVAC, west entry, electrical, plumbing.
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)

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Bill Howard presented for Council's consideration a First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Property Located at 1111 Veterans Memorial Drive. This property is located between the new Hucks on the corner of Veterans Memorial Drive and IL State Route 148. BLT Properties previously appeared before Council for the approval of a Conditional Use Permit to build storage units on the property. Annexation is required to tap City water and sewer. **FIRST READING.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Personal Property – Surplus Vehicles.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Car #9 2006 Chevrolet Impala VIN#2G1WS551369268003 mileage 155,441

Car#14 2010 Ford Crown Vic VIN#2FABP7BV5AX121623 mileage 144,771

Car # 28 2011 Ford Crown Vic VIN#2FABP7BV4BX1044443 mileage 174,828

Car #32 2001 Ford Crown Vic VIN2FAFP71W51X202018 mileage 138,851

Car #24 2001 Ford Crown Vic VIN#2FAFP71W71SX202019 mileage 119,720

1995 Dodge Dakota VIN# 1B7GL23X8SS386474

The list includes five police vehicles. The Dodge Dakota was confiscated by the Police Department. No auction date has been set.

Council Member May made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on the Ordinance at tonight's meeting. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: May, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney.

Council Member Piper made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-34 Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Personal Property – Surplus Vehicles. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a First Reading of an Ordinance Approving Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program Loan Agreement and Appropriating Funds for Payment of Said Loan Agreement. This Ordinance will authorize the Revolving Loan Agreement with the Illinois Finance Authority. In addition, this Ordinance will identify the funding source for the payment on the additional loan as required; payments shall be made from the City of Mt. Vernon General Corporate Capital Projects Fund, from the Food and Beverage Tax, by the Diesel Motor Fuel Tax, and by the Telecommunications Infrastructure Maintenance Fee. **FIRST READING.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration an Inducement Resolution with Menards Inc. Regarding Property at 12134 N. Wells Bypass located within the Westside TIF. This resolution does not commit the City to any incentives at this time. The resolution only allows for any costs associated with the project that would be covered under a future TIF Agreement to be included prior to the award of the TIF Agreement.

Council Member May made a motion to adopt an Inducement Resolution with Menards Inc. Regarding Property at 12134 N. Wells Bypass located within the Westside TIF. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney.

MAYOR

Mayor Chesley presented for Council's consideration the Reappointment of Angie Moore to the Minority Affairs and Human Relations Commission.

Council Member May made a motion to approve the appointment of Angie Moore to the Minority Affairs and Human Relations Commission. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: May, Piper and Chesley. Abstain: Moore. Absent: McEnaney.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Moore encouraged citizens to go the Facebook page entitled "Mt. Vernon Plan to Action" for photographs and updates on the reconstruction of North 42nd Street. Nathan McKenna and Brad Ruble are responsible for the content on that page.

Council Member Piper reminded that the Fall Fest will be held October 16, 17 & 18.

VISITORS/CITIZEN REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Tom Phillips, representing Sheehan Pipe Line Construction Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma, appeared to propose that Sheehan be granted permission to utilize the property formerly used as a race track southwest of the City as a construction equipment staging area. Sheehan will be rehabbing a pipeline running from Mississippi to Johnsonville and Patoka, Illinois. They anticipate hiring 200 union contractors (50% local) for the first six months and then 400 union workers through the end of October, 2016.

Dennis Bocoock shared several concerns: condition of Casey Street between 5th and 9th Streets; Jordan Street and Herbert Street; SWAN Senior Services requires individuals on disability to must pay \$.50 to ride the bus (SCT), and they should not be charged at all; historical landmarks; speeding on South 10th and South 21st Streets; property taxes bills mailed late in the year; and a walkway over railroad tracks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bechtel requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(4) and personnel pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act.

Council Member Piper made a motion to have an Executive Session to discuss litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(4) and personnel pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: McEnaney.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk