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

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, October 7, 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 a Don Bigham from the Jefferson Ministerial Association.

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 Journals for the September 16, 2013 Regular City Council and the September 23, 2013 City Council Workshop Meeting were presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. 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 Item #7 Craig Simon - \$3,000.00 – Production of Destination Mt. Vernon for Tourism Department. Neibert was unable to give an update so will check with Bonnie Jerdon at Tourism for the status. Item #10 Ennis Paint - \$4,800.00 – thermo paint for striping. This is material used for “in house” road striping. Item #21 Joseph Zanola - \$3,390.00 – housing marketing program. Project Manager Nathan McKenna will discuss this project during his presentation tonight. Item #24 Lincoln Equipment – \$4,545.95 – splash extended reach aqua lift for Aquatics Center. Parks & Recreation Director George Bryant stated this is an ADA required lift chair in the lap pool. Item #37 Trikote - \$25,787.50 – west elevated tank graphics. The painting on the water tank will be finished tomorrow, Tuesday, October 8, 2013.

Mayor Chesley noted that Mt. Vernon's new water tank design has been submitted to a nationwide contest online at tnemec.hostedlandingpage.com/tankoftheyear/. Everyone is urged to go online to cast their vote. Voting closes on October 19, 2013.

Council Member Wood noted that about five years ago an evaluation was performed on the City's water tanks. Wood asked Neibert to check the City records to determine what was recommended for the other two tanks.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,551,058.32. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

BIDS & QUOTES

City Manager Neibert stated that two bids were received for the new roof on the former National Guard Armory building. He recommended the award of the bid for the installation of a Duro-Last Roofing System to the lowest responsible bidder, IC Enterprises, Inc. from Effingham, IL in the amount of \$248,208.00. The pre-bid estimate was \$270,000.00.

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	DURO-LAST CERTIFIED	SURETY	SIGNED BID
Geissler Roofing Co., Inc.	\$ 282,890.00	NO	YES	YES
IC Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 248,208.00	YES	YES	YES

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the low bid for a Duro-Last Roofing System roof on the former National Guard Armory building submitted by IC Enterprises, Inc. from Effingham, IL in the amount of \$248,208.00. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neibert requested permission to close Jordan Street from N. 7th Street to N. 8th Street on December 7, 2013 from 4:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for Market Day at the old Armory Building grounds. Market Day is a great success and has spread across Jordan Street to the high school grounds. To ensure the safety of everyone, organizers are requesting the road closure.

Council Member Wood made a motion to close Jordan Street from N. 7th Street to N. 8th Street on December 7, 2013 from 4:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for market Day at the old Armory Building Grounds. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Manager Neibert requested permission to by-pass formal bid procedures for basketball lighting at Dawson Park. This item is associated with Item 9-D on this meeting's agenda, Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS/TAPS) Program.

Council Member Lash made a motion to by-pass the formal bid procedures for the basketball lighting at Dawson Park. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

**CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT — GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS
OCTOBER 2013 — Program Manager Nathan McKenna**

Project	Work Phase	Act. / Est. Cost	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Aquatic Facility	Design Construction	5.2 M	100% 100%	Completed	Pool has been winterized and is ready for use next season
Sign Ordinance	Drafting Implementation	N/A	95%	November 2013	To sign committee shortly for review.
Wayfinding System	Design Implementation	74.4 K 435 K	98% 0%	October 2013 N/A	Meeting with IDOT on Wednesday Oct. 9th to discuss design and location plan for approval.
Housing Program	Planning Implementation	61.1 K 85 K	100% 50%	Ongoing	Zanola Company working on marketing kit and contacts, monthly email to pros, text for new web pages.
9th Street Streetscape Added Segments	Design Construction	175K	100% 0%	November 2013	Work complete on Phase 2. Additional sections from Main to Harrison and north of Jordan to start Oct. 21st
National Guard Armory – Asbestos	Survey Removal	86 K	100% 100%	Completed	Abatement completed Oct. 4th
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 700 K	50% 0%	N/A N/A	Windows ordered, 6 – 8 weeks to delivery. Bid results for roof replacement received Oct. 4th.
Water Tower	Design Construction	N/A 54 K	100% 100%	October 7th	Finishing touch-ups to paint. Submitted to paint supplier for annual calendar competition.
Zoning Applications Online	Implementation	N/A	90%	4th Q 2013	Tourism to put on current website until new is completed
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Still accepting offers for lots – minimum \$750
Housing Demolition	Demolition	76 K	50%	October 2013	5 out 10 structures down. Dirt work to be done after all structures is down.
Water System Analysis	Data Collection	-0-	100%	November 2013	Water analysis complete. Estimates of replacement completed.
Sanitary Infiltration	Area ID Cost Est.	TBD	100%	December 2013	Areas Identified, remediation options being developed. (storm water entering the sewer system)
City Hall Improvements	Planning Construction	175 K	50% 0%	1st Q 2014	Identifying and prioritizing improvements based on need and cost estimates. Bathrooms, entry, painting, carpet
City Hall parking lot	Design Construction	25 K	100% 20%	4th Q 2013	Work started and expected completion end of October
City Facility Energy Audit	Audit Implementation	FREE % reimbursable	100%	Completed 4th Q 2013	Working on options to replace boiler system and air conditioning at city hall to submit for rebates

Mayor Chesley requested that McKenna confirm that the ‘for sale’ signs are still in place on various lots for sale around the City. Council Member Wood requested that the vacant lots where structures have been demolished be marked as “hazardous” until the Contractor is able to perform the dirt work needed.

Council Member McEnaney requested that a plan be drafted for replacing old cast iron water mains throughout the City.

**GENERAL SUMMARY OF CAPITAL PROJECTS STATUS
OCTOBER 2013 —City Engineer Brad Ruble**

TRANSPORTATION

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
42 nd St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	5.0 M	Design Construction	85% 0%	4 th Q 2013 4 th Q 2015	Draft ROW documents have been submitted. Design is on target. Coordination with RR is ongoing. Negotiating ROW now.
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 Wilshire not 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. Project is being shortened to end at Wilshire.
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.
S. 34 th Street (Veterans to Harlan)	2.3 M	Design Construction	98% 0%	Oct. 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	Project has been awarded. Construction to begin soon. Ameren gas relocation is nearly complete.
N. 34 th /Central (Broadway to N. 32 nd)	1.15 M	Design Construction	10% 0%	4 th Q 2013 4 th Q 2014	Project has been shelved until funding becomes available.
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.

Council Member Wood suggested the City begin plans for installation of stop lights on the west side of I57 at the intersection of Veterans and Wells Bypass in preparation for additional traffic due to the high school opening in the future.

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. Construction to begin in spring of 2014 once all easements are signed.
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 Oct. 2013	Signing and final cleanup is all that remains. Contractor is in liquidated damages now.
Safe Routes to School Sidewalk	350 T	Design Construction	100% 99%	Complete Oct. 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 Oct. 2013	Small amount of sidewalks is all that remains. This week will probably end the job.
Wilshire and Richview Sidewalk	TBD	Design Construction	0% 0%	TBD	Sidewalk on Richview from Cedarhurst to Wilshire and on Wilshire from Richview to Old Union Rd. (Rhutasel and Associates)
S. 42 nd Sidewalk	TBD	Design Construction	0% 0%	TBD	Sidewalk along S. 42 nd from Broadway to Veteran's Memorial Drive. (Round Table Design)

The Council agreed to move forward on the 27th Street sidewalk construction without the two remaining easements in anticipation of receiving the easements in the near future.

Engineer Ruble will send all land owners on both sides of Wilshire and Richview Road the City's project pamphlet to inform residents of the upcoming sidewalk project.

Council Member Wood requested clarification on why there is no sidewalk on a section of Broadway that is west of 42nd Street.

WATER

<i>Project</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Work Phase</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Est. Compl. Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
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 contact approval is expected this month.
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 contract approval is expected this month.
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

<i>Project</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Work Phase</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Est. Compl. Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
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 and others 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 First Reading of Ordinance Amending the Liquor License Ordinance. The owner of Girolamo's Restaurant located at 819 Jordan Street has requested a Restaurant liquor license that entitles him to serve beer and wine at the new restaurant. **FIRST READ ONLY.**

There is also a Cajun restaurant to be opening in the future located on 9th Street and across from the Courthouse.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a First Reading of Ordinance Authorizing Transfer of Surplus Property. City Manager Neibert advised that Kenneth Aydt has agreed to purchase two lots located at the corner of 12th Street and Veterans from the City for the purchase price of \$24,000.00. Each lot contains a dangerous and dilapidated structure which Mr. Aydt will demolish at his expense. In addition, Central Christian Church has agreed to purchase two large dangerous and dilapidated houses on North 12th Street adjacent to the church for the purchase price of \$10.00. The Church will pay to demolish the structures, similar to the agreement the City entered into with the First Methodist Church a few months ago. City Manager Neibert requested that the Council suspend the rules and take action on this Ordinance at tonight's meeting.

Council Member Wood made a motion to suspend the rules and take action on this Ordinance tonight. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-31 authorizing the Transfer of Surplus Property. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a First Reading of Ordinance Granting Easements to Ameren Illinois. Ameren Illinois needs to extend service lines on the City's Public Works property on South 10th Street. **FIRST READ ONLY.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Membership in the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS/TAPS) Program through an Interlocal Agreement. TIPS/TAPS is available for use by all public and private schools, colleges, universities, cities, counties and other government entities in the States of; Arizona, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Kansas, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Missouri, New Mexico, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Washington (TIPS), and the State of Arkansas (TAPS). Participation of government entities with TIPS/TAPS provide the legally required competition for contracts for commonly purchased items, thereby saving the individual government agency the cost of going through the competitive process.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Membership in the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS/TAPS) Program through an Interlocal Agreement. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Amended Agreement between Horner & Shifrin, Inc. and the City of Mt. Vernon regarding the Perkins Avenue Reconstruction Project.

Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving the Amended Agreement between Horner & Shifrin, Inc. and the City of Mt. Vernon regarding the Perkins Avenue Reconstruction Project. Seconded by McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Evansville Western Railway to install new lights and gate to accommodate improvements to North 42nd Street. The cost of the improvements will be borne by the City in the amount of \$178,059.26 because the improvements are necessitated by a City implemented project.

Council Member Wood made a motion to table Agenda Item 9-F, the Agreement with Evansville Western Railway. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

MAYOR

The Mayor presented for Council's consideration the Appointment of Gary Evans to the City Housing Authority Board to replace Wilma Harpole.

Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the appointment of Gary Evans to the City Housing Authority Board to replace Wilma Harpole. Seconded by McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Mayor Chesley commented that Wilma Harpole served on the City Housing Authority Board for 23 years. At the next City Council Meeting Mayor Chesley will present Ms. Harpole with a plaque to commemorate her service.

Recently the Illinois Department of Transportation held a public review and comment session on a five year transportation plan. The public was invited to comment by completing a form that is on the City's website. The form is available in the City Clerk's Office and the Mayor's Office at City Hall. The top two issues that were discussed at the recent session were 1) the need for an eastside overpass, underpass, or bypass over the railroad tracks and 2) the Route 15 overpass is showing wear and tear and the design needs to be reviewed regarding semi-truck traffic flow.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Wood mentioned leaf burning in the City started October 1 and will continue through December 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. He reminded the Mayor and City Manager of his desire for a study to be conducted to address landscape waste to be used in conjunction with a ban on burning leaves. He requested that the City Manager draft a resolution for the City Council that will indicate the City Council's willingness to investigate recycling, leaf burning ban, and landscape waste disposal. He also suggested addressing these issues in the next trash hauling contract that will begin May 1, 2014. He asked that this topic be placed on a future City Council agenda. Council Member Lash is very concerned about the smoke produced by burning leaves and respiratory issues for residents.

Council Member Piper reminded everyone of the City's Fall Fest to be held October 18-20, 2013.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Marcella Cain, 2402 Cherry Street, addressed the Council regarding establishing a policy addressing residents living in recreation vehicles and/or motor homes parked in driveways. There has been an RV parked in her neighbor's driveway for several months with various people living in it. She and other neighbors view it as a nuisance to the neighborhood. She has discussed the issue with the City and the police department. City Manager Neibert noted that the police department and the Nuisance Officer surveilled the RV and at that time found no active occupants in the RV. There is a City ordinance that prohibits living in an RV or motor home at a residence. Neibert will send the resident a letter quoting the ordinance as well as continue to surveil the RV.

Gayle (inaudible) addressed the Council regarding an automobile accident at the corner of 42nd Street and Veterans Memorial Drive. Krista Payne, her daughter-in-law, was seriously injured and is still recovering from her injuries. She urged the City to add rumble strips and other safety measures at the intersection pending the installation of the stop lights.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate and litigation. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley. The time was 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk