

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, October 19, 2015  
7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, October 19, 2015 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 Kent Southers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS**

The Journal for the October 5, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting was presented to Council for their consideration. **Council Member May made a motion to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval. Council Member May requested an explanation on the following items: #6 Fire Pension Fund - \$13,850.55 – 2014/2015 personal property replacement tax and #23 Policemen's Pension Fund - \$11,308.85 – 2014/2015 personal property replacement tax. This is the difference between the amount levied and receipts from the levy. Council Member May inquired if the City has a policy on working overtime hours. Bechtel stated there is no City policy and overtime hours are left to each of the Directors' discretion. Council Member McEnaney inquired about the following items: #2 Amie Heck - \$42,430.00 – demolition of seven properties per bid agreement. Heck's Demolition won the most recent bid for demolitions. #4 Continental Waste Industries - \$90,895.00 September trash and recycling. Bechtel reviewed the City's pick-up policy; bulk pick-ups on Fridays must be called in by 2:00 p.m.; and yard waste in a container picked up on same day as usual trash. #19 Midwest Environmental Consulting Services - \$5,050.00 Asbestos survey studies for fall 2015 demolition projects. #26 Round Table Designs - \$18,569.00 – Fairfield Road resurfacing. This is a progress payment on engineering services.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,158,302.14. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

## **BIDS & QUOTES**

No bids were presented.

## **CITY MANAGER**

Interim City Manager presented for Council's consideration a Request from Mt. Vernon Airport Regarding Use of Jaycee Lake for the LSA (light sport aircraft) event in 2016. Bechtel requested that the Council table this item until a later date so that additional information and more specifics may be gathered.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to table the Request from Mt. Vernon Airport Regarding Use of Jaycee Lake for the LSA (light sport aircraft) event in 2016. Seconded by County Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

Jonathan D. Hallberg, Executive Director of the Jefferson County Development Corporation (JCDC), appeared to share an update with the Council. Hallberg advised there are 72 individual partners/members at JCDC. The following handouts were disseminated - the Industrial Real Estate Profile; the Retail Real Estate Profile; the Mt. Vernon and Jefferson County Demographic Profile; and Community On the Move. Several projects were noted: Times Square Mall, Moe's, Kay Jeweler, Verizon Wireless, Holiday Inn Express, Drury Inn, Sears Neighborhood Center, new high school, GJ Grewe retail location south of Bandana's, Menards, Young Trucking located in the Anheuser Busch building, reapplication for the Enterprise Zone, new Industrial Park, possible ethanol plant in Waltonville, possible neighborhood design plan with the NAACP, workforce development, World Class Work Force online training, ACT Work Ready (national worker certification program through Man-Tra-Con), CEO training spurring entrepreneurship, human resources handbook, residential development, TIF and other development incentive programs, business retention, future recruitment, expansion and regional collaboration, determining location of workforce (zip code analysis), school performance, etc.

Freight logistics is a key strength for Jefferson County. The Intersection of I64 & I57 is the fifth busiest freight intersection in the United States.

## **CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council's consideration Second 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 on to City water and sewer at their cost.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-36 Annexing property Located at 1111 Veterans Memorial Drive. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration an Ordinance Rezoning Property Located at 1205, 1207, 1213, 1225, 1227 and 1231 Shawnee Street along with 1242, 1240 and 1238 Welkins Street from R-M2; Medium Density Residential and Mobile Home to I-2; General Industrial.

Attorney James Hanson appeared on behalf of Chris and Pam Michel, owners of Michel Fertilizer and Equipment Co., located adjacent to the land in question. The Michel's plan to build a new office building and expand their business. There were no objectors at the Zoning and Planning Commission meeting. Attorney Hanson requested a motion to suspend the rules and vote on the rezoning tonight. It is not necessary to suspend the rules because this rezoning was approved by the Zoning and Planning Commission.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2015-37 Rezoning Property Located at 1205, 1207, 1213, 1225, 1227 and 1231 Shawnee Street along with 1242, 1240 and 1238 Welkins Street from R-M2; Medium Density Residential and Mobile Home to I-2; General Industrial. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration an Ordinance Approving a Conditional Use for Menard Inc. for Property at 12134 N. Wells Bypass. Menard's Representative Rodney Wekkin appeared to speak about the new store to begin construction Spring 2016. It is anticipated the store will do \$30-35 million in annual gross sales and will produce 150 full and part time jobs with a payroll of about \$2.5 million.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-38 Approving a Conditional Use for Menard Inc. for Property at 12134 N. Wells Bypass. Seconded by Council Member May. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Parking Lot Use and Maintenance Agreement with Trinity Episcopal Church. Bechtel noted that a parking lot at 11<sup>th</sup> and Harrison Streets owned by the church has been used by the Police Department for a number of years. The parking lot is in need of resurfacing and repair. The five-year joint Parking Lot Use and Maintenance Agreement defines the specific responsibilities of the City and Church.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving Parking Lot Use and Maintenance Agreement with Trinity Episcopal Church. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.**

#### MAYOR

Mayor Chesley sincerely thanked sponsors and volunteers of the Fall Fest.

#### CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Donte Moore reminded residents that the telephone number for bulk pick-up on Fridays by Republic Waste is 1-800-634-0215. This number is also printed on each tote.

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

Linola Spann informed the Council that she is a member of a group that visits with young men in her neighborhood every Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Horton Petties urged the establishment to assist young people to have their criminal records expunged in order to obtain good-paying jobs and be productive citizens. Mayor noted that the United Way 211 Community Resource Directory is available; job fairs; Man-Tra-Con; and Brehm Library.

Mr. Petties reminded Council about the signs needed on South 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was conducted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins  
City Clerk