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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, October 21, 2013  
7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, October 21, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by a Dan Lovin, Mt. Vernon Police Department Chaplain.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS**

The Journal for the October 7, 2013 Regular City Council were 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, and Chesley. Absent: Piper and Wood.**

**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 the following items: #7 DePew and Owens Builders - \$63,089.63 — work completed on 9<sup>th</sup> Street Streetscape Project. Neibert reported that the major work on phase 2 of the initial phase of the Streetscape work is complete. Work will begin next week on the additional sections recently approved by the Council on 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Main to Harrison and on the west side south of the alley to Jordan. Item #11 Environmental Consultants - \$28,544.32 — asbestos consulting for the old Armory. The asbestos has been removed from the building and replacing the roof began today. Work should be completed within two weeks. Item #13 George L. Crawford & Associates - \$3,675.00 — traffic signal at 42<sup>nd</sup> and Veterans warrant study. This is design engineering on the project. Even through the Illinois Department of Transportation has not approved the traffic signal; the City is proceeding with the project to justify the warrant guidelines to place the

signals as soon as possible. There are certain conditions that must be met according to IDOT such as construction and other improvements in the area that will generate enough factors to “warrant” the installation of the traffic signals. Item #14 Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende - \$3,100.90 — lift station 14 force main replacement. This project is in the design phase and the City is looking for outside funding of the project. Item #25 Round Table - \$25,310.98 — Airport Road project from 2003 project to Liebengood. Storm water work has begun and is expected to be finished by December 31. A bonus clause for completion at the end of the year was included in the City’s contract. Item #26 Shores Builders - \$399,629.13 — Aquatic facility pay application 11. This represents an interim pay estimate for the aquatic facility. Item #28 Wood Energy - \$10,000.00 — to lower high pressure injection line on Veterans/Davidson road extension. This work was necessitated by the new road extension and the City’s obligation to pay. A special check was written to Amalgamated Bank in the amount of \$574,032.50 for principal and interest payments on 2010A and 2010B bonds. This represents the 20-year bonds issued last October. These bonds are funding a majority of the quality of life projects, street projects, sidewalks, Aquatic Center and economic development projects. A special check was written to HB Williamson Company in the amount of \$37,500.00 to reimburse per a Downtown TIF agreement and is located at 9<sup>th</sup> and Main Streets. The Schaubert’s business is located on the first floor and their beautiful apartment on the second floor. The Schaubert’s indicated to Council Member McEnaney that the project was made possible by the TIF. Council Member Lash inquired about Item #16 Illinois State Police Academy - \$5,886.59 — Police Academy costs for two new officers. He commented that three officers were recently sworn in. Neibert advised that unfortunately one of the officers did not pass the physical fitness testing requirements and was sent home from the Academy.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$2,120,127.83. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, and Chesley. Absent: Piper and Wood.**

#### BIDS & QUOTES

No bids & quotes were presented.

#### CITY MANAGER

##### PRESENTATION OF LIFE SAVING AWARD

Mt. Vernon Police Chief Chris Mendenall presented the Life Saving Award to the following City Police Officers: Derek Gaither, Aaron Wiedeman, Matt Hoelscher, and Eric McClaren. These officers were credited with saving a man’s life. Mayor Chesley commended the officers for their excellent work.

City Manager presented for Council’s consideration a request for authorization to seek bids on a DVR for the video system for the Police Department. The existing unit was destroyed by a lightning strike and insurance will cover a portion of the replacement cost. The cost is expected to be about \$5,400.00.

**Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the authorization to seek bids on a DVR for the video system for the Police Department. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, and Chesley. Absent: Piper and Wood.**

#### CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council’s consideration a Second 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.

As a point of order, City Manager Neibert noted that three affirmative votes are needed to pass the proposed Ordinance.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-32 amending the Liquor License Ordinance for Girolamo's Restaurant. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, and Chesley. Absent: Piper and Wood.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Second Reading of Ordinance Granting Easements to Ameren Illinois. Ameren Illinois needs to extend additional service lines on the City's Public Works property on South 10<sup>th</sup> Street to serve Continental Tire.

**Council Member Lash made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-33 granting easements to Ameren Illinois. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, and Chesley. Absent: Piper and Wood.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration the First Reading on Ordinance Rezoning Property Located at the northeast corner of 28<sup>th</sup> Street and Veterans Memorial Drive from the Zoning Classification R-MH to B-2. The petitioning party is Vic Cusumano. This property is currently not within the corporate limits of the City of Mt. Vernon. Bernice Williams appeared to express her concern that the property remain zoned R-MH so that the neighborhood remains residential and not a business district. She also inquired about the type of zoning where an automobile repair shop is located on the west side of 28<sup>th</sup> Street. Bernadine Canfield appeared and noted that the auto repair shop has transformed to a used car lot. She doesn't believe the owner is licensed to sell cars. Neibert will verify the zoning in that area. Council Member McEnaney also asked Neibert to verify the zoning on 27<sup>th</sup> Street toward the west is located within the City or County. **FIRST READ ONLY.**

City Attorney Leggans 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 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Neibert stated that 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. The design work is 95% complete; right-of-way acquisition will proceed through the winter, and the project will go out for bid in spring 2014.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve a Resolution approving an Agreement with Evansville Western Railway to install new lights and gates to accommodate improvements to North 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, and Chesley. Absent: Piper and Wood.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution approving a revised Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Office of the Comptroller Regarding Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program. According to Neibert, the "Local Debt Recovery Program" allows a unit of local government to collect outstanding debt including water bills, parking tickets, fines, fees and other types of outstanding local obligations in coordination with the Illinois Comptroller's Office. The Act allows for an offset or deduction from State proceeds to individuals in order to pay either all of or a portion of the claim.

The Council previously approved the use of this program; however, the Comptroller's Office requested that a new agreement be signed because of changes in the way the program will be administered at the Comptroller's Office.

**Council Member Lash made a motion to approve a Resolution approving a revised Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Office of the Comptroller Regarding the Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, and Chesley. Absent: Piper and Wood.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution approving Agreement with Round Table Design, Inc. regarding the Broadway and Main Street water main replacement project. Neibert advised that this agreement is adopted to begin the design work on the cast iron main replacements on Broadway and Main Street. He anticipates having the engineering completed next spring or summer. Once the design work is complete, it may be decided to complete Broadway one year and Main Street the next year or vice versa. The City will coordinate with IDOT regarding the traffic control plans.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve a Resolution approving Agreement with Round Table Design, Inc. regarding Broadway and Main Street water main replacement project. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, and Chesley. Absent: Piper and Wood.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration consent to assignment of Lake Miller lease from Alice P. Hite to Ricky L. Horton and Tracy L. Horton. Rick Horton appeared and informed the Council that he and his wife are purchasing the property next door to this lot, and they will eventually live there full time.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve a Resolution approving Consent to Assignment of Lake Miller lease from Alice P. Hite to Ricky L. Horton and Tracy L. Horton. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, and Chesley. Absent: Piper and Wood.**

#### MAYOR

Mayor Chesley thanked everyone that voted online for the 2013 Tank of the Year contest. The City finished in the top 12 and will appear in the annual calendar sponsored by the Tnemec Company.

The Mayor thanked everyone that completed the Illinois Department of Transportation 5-year plan survey.

The Mayor commended all the volunteers, clubs, organizations, marching bands, parade entries, and booth people at the Fall Fest. Council Member Lash noted that the parade was fantastic. Brehm Library won the "Mayor's Choice" trophy in the parade.

#### CITY COUNCIL

Council Member McEnaney commended Mayor Chesley on the effort she expends on behalf of the City of Mt. Vernon at the annual Illinois Municipal League conference. Mayor Chesley serves as a Vice President on the IML Board.

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

Bernadine Canfield commented that the yard debris is not picked up as scheduled by Midwest Waste (now owned by Allied). She is in favor of burning leaves because of the inconsistent debris pickup. City Manager Neibert noted that a change in management has occurred and new drivers who aren't familiar with the route have been employed. Neibert has spoken about this problem with the new Manager. There is a two-week lead time on the bulk item pickup because the program has been so popular and successful.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was commenced.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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