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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, November 3, 2014  
7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, November 3, 2014 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 Rev. Ron Lash.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS**

The Journals for the October 15, 2014 Special City Council Meeting and the October 20, 2014 Regular City Meeting were presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member Lash. 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 McEnaney asked City Manager Ron Neibert for clarification on the following items: Item #1 American Parking Remarking - \$10,588.93 – pavement marking paint for City streets. Neibert noted that the annual marking program is complete. Item #12 Midwest Truckers Association - \$2,244.00 – annual random drug testing fee for City employees. The City's Insurance carrier requires holders of a CDL to be drug tested. Item #13 Optuminsight - \$1,830.00 – 2015 Retiree RX Plan for City Employees. Neibert will report to Council more information on this item. Item #15 Rebecca J. Eubanks - \$13,715.50 – city hall bathroom remodel. This represents full payment for this project less liquidated damages for the project not being completed on time. Item #20 The Fountain Guys - \$5,965.10 – Veterans Park fountain. This represents a new fountain and installation of the fountain. A special check was written to Guinzy Construction in the amount of \$61,576.24 for the North 27<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalks. This is a partial payment because there are some issues to be addressed by the Contractor. Special check was written to Shores Builders in the amount of \$27,968.36 for the Aquatic Zoo pay application #13. This is a partial payment because there are some issues to be addressed by the Contractor.

**Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,002,588.69. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.**

**BIDS & QUOTES**

City Manager Neibert presented for Council’s consideration Bid Results for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Sidewalk Project. The following is a summary of the bids received:

<b>Eubanks Construction</b>	<b>\$180,466.95</b>
Rollie Excavating	\$184,727.00
Fournie Contracting	\$216,551.00
Guinzy Construction	\$227,911.38
KRB Excavating	\$236,000.00

The bids were reviewed by Round Table Design, and they recommend the City accept the lowest bid in the amount of \$180,466.95 from Eubanks Construction, Sesser, IL. This estimate is well below the Engineer’s estimate of \$260,907.00.

**Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the lowest bid from Eubanks Construction, Sesser, IL, in the amount of \$180,466.95 for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street sidewalk project. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.**

**CITY MANAGER**

City Projects Manager Nathan McKenna presented the programmatic report as follows:

**CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT**

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS –November 2014



<i>Project</i>	<i>Work Phase</i>	<i>Act. / Est. Cost</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Est. Compl. Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Wayfinding System	Design Construction	74.4 K \$368,284.50	100% 100%	Complete Complete	IDOT to remove hospital signs and any remaining brown signs. Public Works has installed solar panels for gateways.
Housing Program	Planning Implementation	61.1 K 85 K	100% 95%	Ongoing Ongoing	Will be meeting with Zanola Company to review marketing material. Will start work for next issue of online magazine.
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 2M	100% 15%	Fall 2015/Spring 2016	Governor’s office announced grant award of \$1.55 million with a \$500 Thousand match. Once grant agreement is finalized selection of Engineer/Architect can begin.
Surplus Property	Review	N/A 125K	N/A	Ongoing	Two residentially zoned properties to auction at a live sale. One has a house. The other is a lot with a pole barn.
Housing Demolition	Demolition			Complete Sept. 2014	Preparing bid documents to demolish the Mt. Vernon Place Townhome properties.
Sanitary Infiltration	Area ID Cost Est.	TBD	100%	Ongoing	Recommendation presented during Comprehensive Plan review. Will be presented to council for prioritizing.
City Hall Improvements	Planning Construction	175 K	100% 90%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2014 1 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015	Bathroom remodel completed. Design of west entry completed, will have a Council workshop to review in early Dec. and seek bids and construction after first of the year.
Curbside Recycling	Implementation	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Will seek projects for rewards grant from local organizations in November. Top three will be chosen to be placed on rewards website for voting. Voting will take place at the first of the year with grant award in May 2015, Residents can sign-up at <a href="http://www.republicgivesback.com">www.republicgivesback.com</a> or follow the link on the City website.
Storm Water Improvements	Area ID Cost Est.	TBD	100%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2014 TBD	Recommendation presented during Comprehensive Plan review. Will be presented to council for prioritizing.
Lincoln Park Addition	Planning Construction	1.6M	25%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015 Fall 2015	Planning Design Studio out of St. Louis working on design work for 8 acre addition. \$400,000 Grant through IDNR
Comprehensive Plan Review	Review		80%	November	Compiling information to submit to Planning and Zoning Commission for review.

City Engineer Brad Ruble presented the following capital projects report as follows:

**CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT**

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – November 2014



**TRANSPORTATION**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
42 <sup>nd</sup> St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	5.0 M	Design(HMG) Const.	100% 0%	Complete 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015	Offer has been made to one of two final parcels.
South 27 <sup>th</sup> Street (Jamison to Veterans)	1.7 M	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	0% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015	Awaiting decisions to move forward with design.
N. 27 <sup>th</sup> / Old Union Rd. (Richview to Wilshire)	3.3 M	Design(HMG) Construction	85% 0%	4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2014 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015	Design is ongoing. Final Plans and ROW documents are being prepared.
Perkins Avenue (10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> )	0.5 M	Design(Horner & Shifrin) Construction	100% 0%	Complete 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2015	Land Acquisition is next step through IDOT.
S. 34 <sup>th</sup> Street (Veterans to Harlan)	2.3 M	Design(HMG) Const.(Guinzy)	100% 60%	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	34 <sup>th</sup> Street pavement is 75% complete. Complete 34 <sup>th</sup> and Veteran's widening before winter shut down.
42 <sup>nd</sup> at Veterans Signals	900 T	Design(HMG) Construction	30% 0%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2015	Preparing an EDP Grant with IDOT to obtain 50% funding for signals and pavement widening.
Ambassador Roadway near new High School	1.25 M	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	80% 0%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2015	Final plans are being worked on, coordinating with utilities to avoid conflicts.

**SEWER**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Lift Station 14 Force main Replacement	1.8 M	Design(HMG) Construction	95% 0%	As needed Unknown	Design is underway. Permitting is ongoing.
Ambassador Road near new High School	500 K	Design(HMG) Construction	60% 0%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2015	Sewer design is ongoing. Coordinated with land owner for service needs.

**SIDEWALKS / TRAILS**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
27 <sup>th</sup> St. Sidewalk	215 T	Design(RoundTable) Const.(Guinzy)	100% 99%	Complete Complete	Trees have been planted, landscaping complete, except for a few minor touch ups.
Richview Rd. Sidewalk	400 T	Design(Heneghan) Construction	100% 0%	Sept. Bid 1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015	Project was awarded to Moniger Construction. Still need to relocate gas and water prior to construction.
ITEP Shared Use Trail – Veterans & S. 34 <sup>th</sup>	550 T	Design(HMG) Construction	100% 0%	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	IDOT is in the award process. Pinoy Const. is the low bidder. Award from IDOT will be soon.
Wilshire and Richview Sidewalk	TBD	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	80% 0%	4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2014 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Richview portion of project bids on the 13 <sup>th</sup> . Wilshire portion will require ROW and TCE.
S. 42 <sup>nd</sup> Sidewalk	TBD	Design(RoundTable) Constuction	100% 0%	Oct. 2014 1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015	Award of project is tonight.

**WATER**

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Broadway Water Main Replacement 4 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	1.25 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	99% 0%	Oct. 2014 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015	Working through a few issues with IDOT on permit. Main placement is proving difficult.
Main St. Water Main Replace. 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	1.65 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	99% 0%	Oct. 2014 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2015	Working through a few issues with IDOT on permit. Main placement is proving difficult.
Ambassador Road near new High School	200 T	Design(BMG) Construction	90% 0%	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2015 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2015	Design is ongoing. May do construction with city forces. Permit will be submitted soon.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution approving Contract Amendment with HMG regarding South 34<sup>th</sup> and Veterans Project.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Resolution approving Contract Amendment with HMG regarding South 34<sup>th</sup> and Veterans Project. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.**

**MAYOR**

Mayor Chesley presented for Council's consideration the Appointment of Brishanta Lee to the Minority Affairs and Human Relations Commission to Replace Oscar Brown.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Appointment of Brishanta Lee to the Minority Affairs and Human Relations Commission to Replace Oscar Brown. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.**

Mayor Chesley commended Neibert and McKenna on the hard work performed with the awarding of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Park & Recreational Facility Construction Grant in the amount of \$1,545,700.00 to be used to refurbish the old armory.

**CITY COUNCIL**

City Council made no comments.

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

Visitors made no comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Neibert requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the sale/acquisition of real estate and personnel matters. **Council Member Wood made a motion for Executive Session in order to discuss the sale/acquisition of real estate and personnel matters. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins  
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