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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, November 4, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, November 4, 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 Rev. David Eadie.

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 Journal for the October 21, 2013 Regular City Council meeting was 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, 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 the following items. City Manager Ron Neibert is absent so Finance Director Merle Hollmann appeared to answer questions from Council. Item #2 Altec Industries - \$9,302.02 — annual boom inspection in Public Works Department. This represents the annual inspection and repairs for the Public Works boom/ bucket truck. Friendly Chevrolet - \$3,948.30 — repairs to 2006 Chevy Impala in Police Department K-9 unit. This represents a major engine repair. Item #6 General Waste Services - \$159,120.00 — asbestos abatement work at old Armory. Project Manager Nathan McKenna stated that the asbestos has been removed from the building and the project is completed. Item #10 IC Enterprises - \$124,104.00 — roof replacement at old Armory is underway and completed in next couple of weeks. Item #13 Krehbiel and Associates - \$22,195.00 — final payment on fiscal year 2012/2013 annual audit expenses. Hollmann advised that a date needs to be set for a meeting to discuss budget with City Manager, Council, Mayor, and Hollmann. Item #20 Traffic and Parking Control - \$12,987.15 — flashing signs for Cedarhurst & Casey Trail. City Engineer Brad Ruble noted the flashing signs will be located at 24th Street and Richview Road and will sense when pedestrians and/or bicycles are approaching the

road crossing. Hollmann noted that the special check written to Haier Plumbing in the amount of \$36,260.09 is for the Conger Street water main replacement that is now complete and paid in full.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,004,178.74. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

BIDS & QUOTES

Bid results for a 30-inch sewer line for the Waste Water Treatment Plant were presented to the Council. City Engineer Ruble explained that the 30-inch cast iron sewer main recently ruptured. At the time, the Waste Water Treatment Plant staff performed a temporary fix on the main; however, it is necessary for a contractor to perform a permanent replacement of the cast iron main. Ruble noted that two bids were submitted, and he recommended that the lowest responsible bidder, Haier Plumbing, Inc. in the amount of \$26,000.00 be awarded the project. J. K. Trotter bid \$31,000.00.

Council Member Wood made a motion to award the 30-inch sewer line for the Waste Water Treatment Plant to the lowest bidder, Haier Plumbing, Inc. in the amount of \$26,000.00. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

CITY MANAGER

Finance Director Hollmann presented for Council's consideration a request for permission to seek quotes to invest bond proceeds of approximately \$27 million. The Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) is a governmental investment fund created under the Illinois Municipal Code. IMET actively manages two investment funds for municipal treasurers, official custodians of municipal funds, and other public agencies in the State of Illinois. These funds are the IMET 1-3 Year Series and the IMET Convenience Series. IMET also offers arbitrage rebate calculation services for participants whose bond proceeds are subject to federal arbitrage restrictions. The investment fund is controlled by and for Illinois public funds managers and finance officers to enhance investment opportunity. The 1-3 Year Fund provides the highest U.S. Government Securities' rating. It is currently paying about 34 basis points or 34/100 of a percent.

Hollmann also suggested that the City request quotes from local banks and stockbrokers for certificates of deposit. Bid specifications are not yet compiled. Council Member Wood requested that he and Hollmann review the specifications together and invest in an appropriate method.

Council Member Piper made a motion to permit the City Manager to seek quotes to invest the bond proceeds in the amount of approximately \$27 million. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Projects Manager Nathan McKenna presented the Programmatic report listing a general summary of project status for November 2013 as follows:

McKenna reported that the City's new water tank located south of Times Square Mall was voted as "Tank of the Year" in a contest conducted by the industrial paint supplier, Tnemec. There were over 200 entries in the nationwide competition. Thank you goes to HMG and Lindsey Linker for their assistance as well as to Trico for their excellent paint job. Representatives from Tnemec will attend a City Council meeting in January to present the City with a trophy. A short video is available for viewing at www.tnemec.com/tankoftheyear.



CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS –November 2013

Project	Work Phase	Act. / Est. Cost	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Sign Ordinance	Drafting Implementation	N/A	95%	November 2013	To sign committee for review shortly.
Wayfinding System	Design Implementation	74.4 K 435 K	98% 0%	November 2013 1 st Q 2014	Waiting on IDOT approval. Received draft sign specs from Merje for review.
Housing Program	Planning Implementation	61.1 K 85 K	100% 50%	Ongoing	Planning for infill charette ongoing, Zanola Co. in discussion w/mortgage company, review of 1 st builder email.
9 th Street Streetscape Added Segments	Design Construction	175K	100% 0%	November 2013	Work begun on section south of Register News. Discussion of design near the Granada ongoing.
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 700 K	50% 10%	N/A N/A	Roof replacement under way, should be complete early November. Window installation late November.
Water Tower	Design Construction	N/A 54 K	100% 100%	Completed	Painting completed. Waiting on word for tank of the year contest.
Zoning Applications Online	Implementation	N/A	95%	4 th 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	85%	October 2013	All structures down, final grading remains. Compiling list for next round of demo.
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	Cost estimates for remediation being developed by Public Utilities.
City Hall Improvements	Planning Construction	175 K	50% 0%	1 st Q 2014	Obtaining quotes for carpeting, drafting bid invitations for painting, design of west entry underway.
City Hall parking lot	Design Construction	25 K	100% 80%	4 th Q 2013	Concrete curbs and storm drainage complete, asphalt to be completed early November.
City Facility Energy Audit	Audit Implementation	FREE % reimbursable	100%	Completed 4 th Q 2013	Obtaining cost estimates for boiler replacement. Potential 40 K in lighting incentives for 3 city facilities.

Engineer Brad Ruble presented the Capital Projects Report listing a general summary of project status for November 2013 as follows:

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS –November 2013



TRANSPORTATION

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
42 nd St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	5.0 M	Design Construction	90% 0%	4 th Q 2013 4 th Q 2015	Permits have been applied for, waiting on offices for reply. Design is on target. Bidding expected in Winter.
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)	3.3 M	Design Construction	25% 0%	4 th Q 2014 4 th Q 2015	Survey work complete. Design underway. Cedarhurst on bike trail/sidewalk details complete.
Perkins Avenue (10 th to 12 th)	0.5 M	Design Construction	90% 0%	4 th Q 2013 3 rd Q 2014	Phase I environmental study will be submitted to IDOT soon.
S. 34 th Street (Veterans to Harlan)	2.3 M	Design Construction	98% 0%	Nov. 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	Construction has begun with 80% of storm sewer complete. Curbing to start this week.
N. 34 th / Central (Broadway to N. 32 nd)	1.15 M	Design Construction	15% 0%	N/A N/A	Project has been shelved until funding becomes available.
42 nd at Veterans Signals	250 T	Design Construction	10% 0%	Unknown 3 rd Q 2015	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. <i>with school district</i>

SEWER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Lift Station 14 Force main Replace	Unknown	Design Construction	85% 0%	Dec. 2013 2 nd Q 2014	Design is underway. Easement documents are coming in. Winter bid opening. Permitting is ongoing.
Ambassador Road near new High School	Unknown	Design Construction	0% 0%	4 th Q 2013 4 th Q 214	Awaiting approval of engineering agreement.

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. Putting final touches on plans. ROW and easement about complete.
Richview Rd. Sidewalk	170 T	Design Construction	85% 0%	3 rd Q 2013 4 th Q 2013	Henneghan working on engineering plans.
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% 98%	Complete Oct. 2013	Crossing of the Railroad Tracks is all that remains. Agreement is in their hands.
Safe Routes to School Sidewalk	350 T	Design Construction	100% 99%	Complete Complete	Project is complete.
Misc. Sidewalk Replacement	300 T	Design Construction	100% 100%	Complete Completed	Almost 15,000 LF of sidewalk replaced, 62 Blocks made passable, 111 ramps installed, 290 LF of Curb, 2,190 LF of sidewalk cleaned and edged.
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) Design Contract is on this Agenda

WATER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Broadway Water Main Replacement 4 th – 14 th	1.25 M	Design Construction	0% 0%	1 st Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	Design contract has been approved and we are beginning design.
Main St. Water Main Replace. 2 nd – 14 th	1.65 M	Design Construction	0% 0%	1 st Q 2014 4 th Q 2014	Design contract has been approved and we are beginning design.
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.

Ruble reported the following statistics in conjunction with the miscellaneous sidewalk replacement project: almost 15,000 linear feet of sidewalk were replaced, 62 city blocks were made passable, 111 ramps were installed, 290 linear feet of curb installed and 2,190 linear feet of sidewalks were cleaned and edged. Citizens have responded very positively to this project.

Ruble plans to complete the Wilshire and Richview Road sidewalk all in one project; however, it may be better to perform the work on one road at a time.

Council Member McEnaney confirmed with Ruble that all old cast iron water mains are replaced before any road construction.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration the Second Reading on Ordinance Rezoning Property Located at the corner of 28th Street and Veterans Memorial Drive from the Zoning Classification R-MH to B-2. The petitioning party is Vic Cusumano. Mr. Cusumano appeared and stated that he is asking to rezone the property for future development. The Zoning and Planning Commission unanimously approved the rezoning.

Council Member Wood made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-34 rezoning property located at 28th and Veterans Memorial Drive from the zoning classification R-MH to B-2. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration the Second Reading on Ordinance Rezoning Property Located at Veterans Memorial Drive & 34th Street from the Zoning Classification AG to B-2. The petitioning party is Vic Cusumano. Mr. Cusumano appeared and stated that he is asking to rezone the property for future development.

Council Member Lash made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-35 rezoning property located at Veterans Memorial Drive & 34th Street from the Zoning Classification AG to B-2. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving a Design Contract with Roundtable Design regarding South 42nd Street Sidewalks. City Engineer Ruble advised that Roundtable Design will provide professional engineering services for the 42nd Street sidewalk project – west side.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve a Resolution approving the design contract with Roundtable Design regarding the South 42nd Street sidewalk project – west side. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration a Resolution of Support for the Development of Leaf and Landscape Waste Disposal programs, as follows:

WHEREAS, the fall of the year creates large quantities of leaves and landscape waste that requires disposal; and

WHEREAS, a large number of the residents of the City of Mt. Vernon utilize burning as a method to dispose of leaves and landscape waste; and

WHEREAS, the burning of leaves and landscape waste create large amounts of smoke; and

WHEREAS, smoke from the burning of leaves and landscape waste can have a detrimental effect on the health and welfare of the citizens of Mt. Vernon; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Mt. Vernon desires to eliminate the health and safety threats posed to its citizens by the burning of leaves and landscape waste; and

WHEREAS, improper disposal of leaves and landscape waste blocks storm water drain systems causing damage to property and increase cost to the city.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Mt. Vernon that we shall support, investigate and develop alternative methods of leaf and landscape waste disposal to the benefit of the citizens of Mt. Vernon for consideration and potential implementation by April 30, 2014.

Council Member Lash made a motion to approve a Resolution of Support for the Development of Leaf and Landscape Waste Disposal programs. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

MAYOR

The Mayor thanked everyone that completed the Illinois Department of Transportation 5-year action plan survey for our area highlighting the need for a railroad bypass on the east side of the City and improvements to the overpass at the old interchange area.

The second phase of renovation and expansion to Dawson Park is complete, including a new pavilion (landscaping to be done), basketball courts, the children's area, new restrooms and new lighting in the near future. This represents ongoing improvements to City Parks.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Piper announced that the MVTHS Rams football team won a playoff game against Mt. Carmel at Mattoon. They will play in the second round of the playoffs this Saturday at the MVTHS football field. He encouraged everyone to attend the game and support the football team. Thank you to the Police Department and Fire Department for escorting the football team through town after their playoff win last Saturday.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Keisha Jackson is very fond of her hometown, Mt. Vernon, but recently has been disheartened by the rash of gun violence. She made it clear that she does not discredit the Police Department and empathizes with the difficult job they are performing. She cares about her community and inquired if there is anything that citizens can do to assist the Police Department. Police Chief Chris Mendenall advised that the Department is addressing the issue. He can't divulge the specifics but people have been identified that are involved in the shootings, more patrols have been implemented in marked and unmarked cars, and arrests are being made. He encouraged the public to provide information to the police about specific incidents they have witnessed and acknowledged that citizens are sometimes afraid to become involved. Chief Mendenall also noted that his Department is working with many state and federal law enforcement agencies. Anyone with information regarding a crime is urged to call 242-TIPS. They may remain anonymous if requested.

Bobbie Farris expressed his concern about the random gunshots in the community.

Larry Roberts suggested that leaves be burned on only Saturday and Sunday. Is the City going to ban outdoor fire pits that many residents have built in their back yard? Or wood burning stoves and fireplaces? He stated that the issue should be voted upon by the public in a referendum. He also suggested that golf carts be approved for use on the City's side streets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was commenced.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk