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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, November 18, 2013  
7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, November 18, 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 Rev. Gene Tucker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS**

The Journals for the November 4, 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 and Chesley. Absent: 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. Item #2 Americana Building Products-\$18,500.00-Final pay on west picnic shelter. City Manager Neibert noted this payment was instead for Dawson Park. The shelter is complete and the total cost of the project was \$45,000.00. Item #5 Custom Products Corporation-\$4,272.08-New signs for City streets. This was part of the program to replace worn out and non-compliant City street signs. Item #10 George L Crawford & Associates-\$6,500.00-Traffic signal at 42<sup>nd</sup> and Veterans warrant study. Neibert stated this was a final payment on the warrant study which indicated that the traffic signals are not warranted at this time; however, this company is doing the design work for the signals, gathering data and working with City staff to try and convince IDOT that the signals are warranted at that location. Item #13 IML Risk Management-\$1,458,830.31-2014 annual insurance contribution. This was for workman's compensation, liability coverage and policy protection coverage. This amount only reflects a 1.8 percent increase in last year's premium and the City had anticipated an 8 percent increase which will represent a savings on the budget of about \$127,000.00. The City is also getting a 1.5 percent discount by paying it in its entirety. Item #15 Jefferson County Development

\$7,647.50-Reimbursement for legal and agent fees on Industrial Project. Neibert noted this payment was for fees dealing with land acquisition. Item #26 Rollie Excavating-\$29,977.57-Final pay on repair of sidewalks throughout City. Neibert concluded that the sidewalks are complete. This project was part of the comprehensive plan and included about three miles of sidewalk. Item #29 UMB Bank-\$1,720,236.88-Principal and interest payments on 2012 Bonds. These bonds have paid for the construction of the aquatic facility, future construction of the signals at 42<sup>nd</sup> and Veterans, the 34<sup>th</sup> Street project to be bid shortly, construction of North 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, the sidewalks previously discussed and numerous other utility waterline road projects being funded by the City. Also included is the Quality of Life projects and branding initiatives; the Armory and Wayfinding.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$4,180,521.33. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.**

#### **BIDS & QUOTES**

No bids and quotes were presented.

#### **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Neibert presented for Council's consideration a Request for Reallocation of Funds for the 2013/2014 budget.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Request for Reallocation of Funds for the 2013/2014 budget. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.**

City Manager Neibert presented for Council's Consideration a Request for Permission to Seek Bids for Demolition of Dangerous and Dilapidated Structures. There is a list of eight structures and it is anticipated that this will complete the City's budgeted funding for demolitions for this fiscal year.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Request for Permission to Seek Bids for Demolition of Dangerous and Dilapidated Structures. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.**

#### **CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council's consideration the First Reading on an Ordinance Rezoning Property Located at 17198 E. Fairfield Road from the Zoning Classification AG to R-MR. Petitioning Party: Donald & Deborah Coyle.

Don and wife Debbie Coyle stepped forward and stated they own Country Acres Custom Golf and Kennels on East Fairfield Road and they want to put a double wide on the small front lot. No objectors at the Planning and Zoning meeting.

#### **First Read Only**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration the First Reading on an Ordinance Rezoning Property Located at 726 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street from the Zoning Classification B-2 to R-2. Petitioning Party: Crystal Webster.

Crystal Webster stepped forward and stated that the business, Birds Galore, has been closed almost three years and she would like to rezone the property to close in a ten foot by two foot section in between the buildings to connect and convert to a residence.

#### **First Read Only**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration the First Reading on an Ordinance Amending Article 21, Schedule of District Regulations, Class A-G, Allowing "Public Secondary Schools" as a Permitted Use.

Carl Miller, Mt. Vernon Township High School Board of Education President, came forward and stated they are in the process of building a new school. They would like to have the property annexed into the City and would like to be zoned for a Public Secondary School rather than Agriculture. Neibert clarified that the district regulations for Agriculture do not at this time allow a school as a Permitted or Conditional Use and are requesting the district regulations be amended to allow a Public Secondary educational facility; the High School as a Permitted Use within that zoning classification.

**First Read Only**

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council's consideration the First Reading on an Ordinance Authorizing Annexation of Property located at 2655 N. Wells Bypass. Petitioning Party: Mt. Vernon Township High School District No. 201.

City Manager Neibert, clarified that this ordinance will formally annex the property within the corporate limits to have the ability to attach on to the City's utility services which require annexation along with providing Fire and Police protection.

**First Read Only**

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Rhutasel and Associates, Inc. for the Design of Richview Road/Wilshire Road Sidewalk.

City Manager Neibert stated this is a sidewalk project recommended by the Council through a recent Workshop session. The City did some reallocation of Capital Funds on some of the Capital Infrastructure projects and this was the decided upon project. This will place sidewalks on Wilshire to Highland View and will replace and install sidewalks on Richview Road between 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 24<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Rhutasel and Associates, Inc. for the Design of Richview Road/Wilshire Road Sidewalk. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.**

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Agreement with Richard L. Kirkpatrick Regarding Design Services for the Mt. Vernon Market Building Improvements.

City Manager Neibert noted this was a recommendation and request from the Festivals and Branding Committee. Capital Investment has already been made in the Armory structure in terms of stabilizing the roof and windows along with eliminating the asbestos. There is desire to utilize the facility not only for the marketplace but for future activities. Part of the next step in the process is to work with Mr. Kirkpatrick, the Festivals and Branding Committee to come up with some conceptual designs to accommodate the uses that the Committee has in mind for that facility. The City will apply through the same grant program they did for the asbestos removal. Completion of the study will be February of 2014.

**Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Agreement with Richard L. Kirkpatrick Regarding Design Services for the Mt. Vernon Market Building Improvements. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper and Chesley. Absent: Wood.**

**MAYOR**

No business to discuss

**CITY COUNCIL**

No business to discuss

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

No comments from audience

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Manager Neibert requested that Council go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Sale and/or Acquisition of Property and Personnel Matters.

**Council Member Piper made an amendment and motion to go into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing the Sale and/or Acquisition of Property, Personnel Matters and Litigation. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Chesley. Absent: Wood**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins  
City Clerk