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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, December 1, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Rachel Helgeson, First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon, IL.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the November 17, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting was presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Piper, Chesley. Absent: Lash, Wood.**

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 Ameren IP - \$296,777.04 – relocating of overhead transmission lines. These lines are in conjunction with the Veterans and 34th Street project. Item #2 Ameren Damages - \$2,324.03 – damages to electric lines and gas lines. Neibert was not aware of these damages and will make inquiry. Item #5 Downtown Development - \$57,500.00 – 2nd distribution of funding per the 2014/2015 budget year. This represents the City's second half of the funds to DMDC. Item #23 Underwriters Laboratories - \$3,269.00 – Fire truck ladder testing. This testing is performed annually.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,366,025.92. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: McEnaney, Piper, Chesley. Absent: Lash, Wood.

BIDS & QUOTES

No bids and quotes were presented.

CITY MANAGER

Projects Manager Nathan McKenna presented the following summary report:

CITY PROGRAMMATIC REPORT

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS –December 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	City crews still working to solve power issues for gateway signs.
Housing Program	Planning Implementation	61.1 K 85 K	100% 95%	Ongoing Ongoing	Working with Floyd Brookman to publish January edition of online magazine.
Armory / Market	Design Construction	N/A 2M	100% 15%	Fall 2015/Spring 2016	Selecting Architect for project design. Grant agreement signed and mailed to IDNR. This project is funded by a 1.5 million dollar grant from IDNR. With a 500 K match.
Surplus Property	Review	N/A	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. Live sale will be on Dec. 16 th . Let draft and compiling a list to notify residents of available adjacent lots for sale.
Housing Demolition	Demolition	250 -300K		Complete Ongoing	Bid opening for demolition of Mt. Vernon Townhomes on Dec. 11 th .
City Hall Improvements	Planning Construction	175 K	100% 90%	1 st Q 2014 1 th Q 2015	Requesting permission to seek bids for construction of new west entry to City Hall. Estimated 50K
Curbside Recycling	Implementation	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Announce Republic Rewards grant and accepting project proposals until Jan. 30, 2015. Grant amount \$5000 and available to local charities, non-profits and civic organizations. Top five selected by online voting, by mid. Feb.
Lincoln Park Addition	Planning Construction	1.6M	25%	1 st Q 2015 Fall 2015	Planning Design Studio out of St. Louis working on finalizing design for 8 acre addition. Submitted to EPA for water and sewer permits, 40 day turnaround. \$400,000 Grant through IDNR
Comprehensive Plan Review	Review		90%	November	Plan to be submitted to Planning and Zoning Commission on Dec. 8 th . And City Council Dec. 15 th .

McKenna and Floyd Brookman will discuss including the Republic Rewards program in the City's monthly update.

City Engineer Brad Ruble presented the following summary of capital projects:

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT



GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS – December 2014

TRANSPORTATION

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
42 nd St. Reconst. (Victoria to Richview)	5.0 M	Design(HMG) Const.	100% 0%	Complete 4 th Q 2015	Progressing to bid stage. Expect bids in February.
South 27 th Street (Jamison to Veterans)	1.7 M	Design(Rhutasel) Construction	0% 0%	2 nd Q 2015 4 th Q 2015	Awaiting decisions to move forward with design.
N. 27 th / Old Union Rd. (Richview to Wilshire)	3.3 M	Design(HMG) Construction	90% 0%	4 th Q 2014 4 th Q 2015	Design is ongoing. Final Plans and ROW documents are being prepared.
Perkins Avenue (10 th to 12 th)	0.5 M	Design(Horner & Shifrin) Construction	100% 0%	Complete 3 rd Q 2015	Land Acquisition is next step through IDOT.
S. 34 th St. & Veteran's (Veterans to Harlan)	2.3 M	Design(HMG) Const.(Guinzy)	100% 70%	Complete 2 nd Q 2015	34 th Street pavement is 90% complete. Complete 34 th and Veteran's widening before winter shut down. Next week or two.
42 nd at Veterans Signals	900 T	Design(HMG) Construction	30% 0%	2 nd Q 2015 3 rd 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 st Q 2015 3 rd 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	75% 0%	1 st Q 2015 3 rd Q 2015	Sewer design is ongoing. Coordinated with land owner for service needs.

Ruble will add the Marteeny & Airport Road project to this report. In addition, the infrastructure construction projects for the new Industrial Park will be added.

SIDEWALKS / TRAILS

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
27 th St. Sidewalk (East Side)	215 T	Design(RoundTable) Const.(Guinzy)	100% 100%	Complete Complete	Project complete.
Richview Rd. Sidewalk (27 th to 24 th on South)	400 T	Design(Heneghan) Construction(Moniger)	100% 0%	Sept. Bid 2 nd Q 2015	Project was awarded to Moniger Construction. Still need to relocate gas and water prior to construction.
IPEP Shared Use Trail – Veterans & S. 34 th	340 T	Design(HMG) Construction(Pinoy)	100% 0%	Complete 2 nd Q 2015	Project awarded to Pinoy Construction. Planning on doing some culvert extension work this winter.
Wilshire and Richview Sidewalk (24 th to 12 th)	350 T	Design(Rhutasel) Construction(Rollie)	80% 0%	4 th Q 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Rollie Excavating was low bidder and awarded project. Wilshire portion will require ROW and TCE.
S. 42 nd Sidewalk (West Side)	350 T	Design(RoundTable) Constuction(Eubanks)	100% 0%	Oct. 2014 2 nd Q 2015	Project awarded to Eubanks Const.

WATER

Project	Cost	Work Phase	% Complete	Est. Compl. Date	Notes
Broadway Water Main Replacement 4 th – 14 th	1.25 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	99% 0%	Oct. 2014 4 th Q 2015	Working through a few issues with IDOT on permit. Main placement is proving difficult.
Main St. Water Main Replace. 2 nd – 14 th	1.65 M	Design(RoundTable) Construction	99% 0%	Oct. 2014 4 th 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	95% 0%	1 st Q 2015 2 nd Q 2015	Design is ongoing. May do construction with city forces. Permit will be submitted soon.

Neibert presented for Council's consideration a Request for Reallocation of Funds for the 2014/2015 Budget. The minor budget adjustments reflect revenues received that were not anticipated with no net effect on the City's working fund balance.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve the request for Reallocation of Funds for the 2014/2015 Budget. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Piper, Chesley. Absent: Lash, Wood.

Neibert presented for Council's consideration a Request to Seek Bids for Addition of the West Entry at City Hall.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the request to Seek Bids for Addition of the West Entry at City Hall. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: McEnaney, Piper, Chesley. Absent: Lash, Wood.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for Council's consideration an Ordinance Authorizing the Tax Levy. Neibert noted that the levy is \$2,533,411.00; the same as last year. **FIRST READING.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration an Ordinance Authorizing the City of Mt. Vernon to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Waltonville, Village of Dix and Jefferson County, Illinois. Pursuant to the State of Illinois Enterprise Zone Act, municipalities may designate an area within its jurisdiction as an Enterprise Zone. The proposed Enterprise Zone is located within parts of the jurisdictions of the City, Waltonville, Dix, and the County. **FIRST READING.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration an Ordinance Establishing an Enterprise Zone. The proposed Zone is a contiguous area of not less than one half square mile or more than 12 square miles; being approximately 13.4 square miles and located within the jurisdictions of Waltonville, Dix, and the County of Jefferson, Illinois. **FIRST READING.**

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration an Ordinance Approving Tax Increment Redevelopment Agreements with Kingdom Seed Ministries, Kent Renshaw, Peacock Printing and Community First Bank. Kingdom Seed Ministries, 118 S. 9th Street, will receive \$35,800.00 for plumbing, sprinkler system, HVAC, electric, flooring, bathrooms, kitchen, material and supplies. Kent Renshaw, 1005, 1007, 1009, 1011, 1013 Broadway, will receive \$91,844.00 for modifications and renovations to existing buildings. Peacock Printing, 1112 Jordon St, will receive \$2,500.00 to repaint a mural on the east exterior wall of their building. Community First Bank of the Heartland, 117 N. 10th St., will receive \$250,000.00 paid out over five years (\$50,000.00 per year) for interior and exterior renovations to the bank. These grant awards were recommended and approved by the City's Tax Increment Financing Board. Council Member McEnaney made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on this Ordinance. After discussion regarding the motion's procedural correctness in light of Council's recent Ordinance, McEnaney withdrew his motion. **FIRST READING.** *(Secretary's note: Ordinance No. 2014-26...Eighth: All motions, resolutions, petitions, orders, and communications, and any ordinance relating to matters referred from or subject to a recommendation of the Zoning and Planning Commission or the TIF Advisory Committee may be acted upon by the Council at the meeting at which first presented or received, but no ordinance, except the ordinances specifically identified above, shall be voted upon at the meeting at which it is first presented unless the rules shall first be suspended.)*

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Designating a Certain Area as an Enterprise Zone.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve a Resolution Designating a Certain Area as an Enterprise Zone. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: McEnaney, Piper, Chesley. Absent: Lash, Wood.

City Attorney Leggans presented for Council's consideration a Resolution Approving Mutual Aid Box Alarm System First Addendum to MABAS Master Agreement. Fire Chief Jim Brown stated this is an addendum to the original mutual aid agreement and covers the Compensation for Aid for equipment, personnel, and/or services.

Council Member Piper made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving Mutual Aid Box Alarm System First Addendum to MABAS Master Agreement. Seconded by McEnaney. Yeas: McEnaney, Piper, Chesley. Absent: Lash, Wood.

MAYOR

Mayor Chesley presented for Council's consideration the Re-appointment of Fire Chief Jim Brown to the 911 Board. **Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Fire Chief Jim Brown to the 911 Board. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: McEnaney, Piper, Chesley. Absent: Lash, Wood.**

The Holiday Craft Fair will be held at the Roland W. Lewis Community Building on Saturday, December 6, 2014; the Christmas Parade will also be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014; and a Mt. Vernon Christmas celebration will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at the Mt. Vernon Market. The Chocolate Festival will be held on December 11, 2014. Christmas in the Park will be presented on December 19 & 20, 2014.

CITY COUNCIL

City Council made no comments.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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