

**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
PUBLIC HEARING
City of Mt. Vernon City Hall – 1100 Main Street
Monday, December 15, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

Public Hearing for Consideration Regarding Application for the Certification of the Mt. Vernon/Jefferson County Enterprise Zone and Reviewing Ordinances Establishing the Zone, Intergovernmental Agreement and Proposed Boundaries of the Zone. The Official Transcript of the Public Hearing is attached.

**Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, December 15, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, December 15, 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. Ron Lash.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journals for the November 24, 2014 City Council Workshop Meeting and the December 1, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting were presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections. **Council Member Lash made a motion to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood, and Chesley. Absent: Piper.**

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

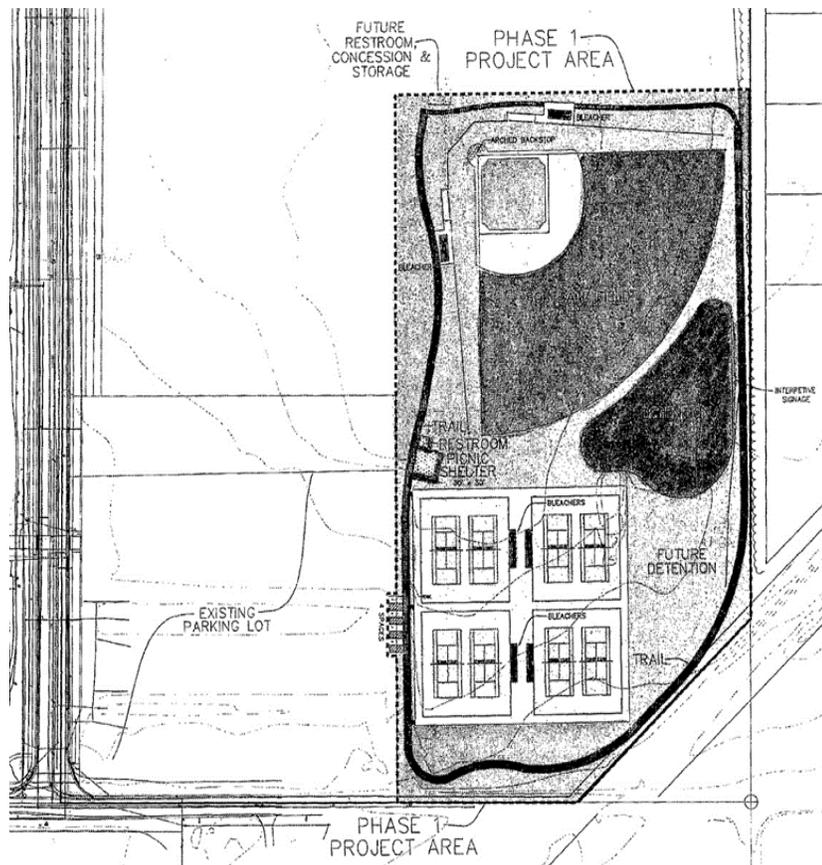
The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval. Council Member McEnaney asked City Manager Ron Neibert for clarification on the following items: Item #1 Ameren IP - \$25,296.26 – monthly street lights for November, 2014. Neibert noted he had a meeting with a representative from Ameren regarding the broken street light at IL Route 37 and Oakland Street and expects a response from Ameren in the near future. Item #2 Ameren Damages - \$4,612.29 – City dump truck caught wires and pulled wires off the utility pole. No injuries were reported. Item #12 J K Trotter & Sons - \$7,000.00 – repair sewer on alley behind Main Street. This involved a collapse of the old clay line behind Round Table Design.

CITY MANAGER

Neibert presented for Council's consideration a request for Permission to Seek Bids for Ambassador Roadway Road Project. Neibert presented for Council's consideration a request for Permission to Seek Bids for Ambassador Roadway Sewer Extension Project. Neibert presented for Council's consideration a request for Permission to Seek Bids for Materials for Ambassador Roadway Water Project. This project includes widening Ambassador Road with curbs and gutters adequate to meet the new high school's needs, installation of water and sewer to the new high school as well as improvements to the intersection at Wells ByPass Road and Ambassador.

Council Member Wood made a motion to grant permission to Seek Bids for the Ambassador Roadway Road Project; to Seek Bids for Ambassador Roadway Sewer Extension Project; and to Seek Bids for Materials for Ambassador Roadway Water Project. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood, and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

Neibert presented for Council's consideration a request for Permission to Seek Bids for the Construction of Lincoln Park Phase 1 East Development. He noted this project, located south of the Aquatic Zoo, will be funded by quality of life funds and a \$400,000.00 grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The design work is completed. The eight acre project will include construction of new tennis courts, parking lot addition, biking/walking trail, new softball field, shelter and restrooms. Council requested Director George Bryant design a layout connecting the biking/walking trail in this project to the existing 34th Street trail.



Council Member McEnaney made a motion to grant Permission to Seek Bids for the Construction of Lincoln Park Phase 1 East Development. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

Neibert presented for Council's consideration a request for Approval of Huck's Sign Plan and Building Addition. The sign plan and building addition were approved by the Zoning and Planning Commission. A representative from Huck's appeared.

Council Member Lash made a motion to approve Huck's Sign Plan and Building Addition. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Bill Howard 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; and containing no increase over last year. The City will make a contribution towards the pension deficit just over the amount required by statute.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-39 Authorizing the Tax Levy. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Chesley. Abstain: Wood.

City Attorney Howard 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.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-40 authorizing the City of Mt. Vernon to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Waltonville, Village of Dix and Jefferson County, Illinois. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration an Ordinance Establishing an Enterprise Zone. The proposed Zone is a contiguous area being approximately 13.4 square miles and located within the jurisdictions of Waltonville, Dix, and the County of Jefferson, Illinois.

Council Member Wood made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-41 Establishing an Enterprise Zone. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration an Ordinance Approving Tax Increment Redevelopment Agreements with Kingdom Seed Ministries, Kent Renshaw, Peacock Printing and Community First Bank. Monty Jo Clark, an Elder at Kingdom Seed Ministries and Superintendent of Ina Grade School appeared to give a brief description of the ministries plans for the grant.

After a lengthy discussion, **Council Member Wood made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-42 Approving Tax Increment Redevelopment Agreements with Kingdom Seed Ministries, Kent Renshaw, Peacock Printing and Community First Bank. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney. Council Member Wood withdrew his motion and Council Member McEnaney withdrew his second of the motion. Council Member McEnaney made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-42 Approving Tax Increment Redevelopment Agreements with Kingdom Seed Ministries Kent Renshaw, Peacock Printing and Community First Bank. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Council Member Wood made a motion to withdraw Agreements with Kent Renshaw and Community First Bank for further evaluation. Seconded by Council Member McEnaney.**

Council suggested that in the future proposed recipients of TIF funds attend the Council meeting when an Agreement is proposed for approval, as well as a member of the TIF Board to attend the Council Meeting. After further discussion regarding TIF funds and TIF Board guidelines, **Council voted on Council Member Wood's amendment to remove Kent Renshaw and Community First Bank as follows: Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper. Council voted to approve Ordinance No. 2014-42 Approving Tax Increment Redevelopment Agreements with Kingdom See Ministries and Peacock Printing as follows: Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.**

City Attorney Howard presented for Council's consideration an Ordinance Approving the Comprehensive Plan 5 Year Update. Mayor Chesley and Council thanked all of the volunteers who made up the committees who drafted the 5 Year Update. After a Public Hearing on this date, the Zoning and Planning Commission of the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois recommended adoption of "2019 Comprehensive Plan 5 Year Review 2014".

Council Member Lash made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-43 Approving the Comprehensive Plan 5 Year Update. Seconded by McEnaney. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Piper.

MAYOR

Mayor Chesley advised that she will present the annual State of the City at noon on January 15 at the Holiday Inn. The public is invited.

The large red-lighted wreaths on the Fire Stations represent an effort to prevent holiday fires – Keep the Wreath Red. Each time there is a holiday related fire in the month of December a red bulb will be replaced with a white bulb. The goal is to maintain an all red-lighted wreath after the Christmas season ends.

The 8th annual Christmas in the Park, sponsored by the Jefferson County Ministerial Association, will be presented on December 19 & 20, 2014 at Veterans Park.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Lash reminded that the Ministerial Association will need volunteers to assist in the food basket program, along with drivers for delivery of the baskets, on Saturday, December 20, at 8:30 a.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Center at Veterans Park.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk