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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, June 15, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/MtVernonIL>.

Mayor John Lewis called the meeting to order.

Pastor Joseph Nehring with Faith Lutheran Church led the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

**The roll call showed present: Council Member Joe Gliosci, Council Member Donte Moore Council Member Jay Tate, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis.**

**PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS**

The Journal for the June 1, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Journal as presented. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

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

Brittany Gowler representing Birth to Five Illinois was present to speak to the Council. For the past four years they have worked to assess early childhood education in these communities. They are looking for families and community members to join the action and family councils. There are forms for family council members and action council members on their website at [www.birthtofiveil.com/region13](http://www.birthtofiveil.com/region13). Anyone in the community is able to apply and any family who has a child under the age of 8 is able to be a part of the family council.

Brittany Laur was next to speak to the Council. She is the mother of two juvenile daughters who were arrested by the Mt. Vernon Police on April 14. She stated she submitted her concerns

regarding the treatment of her daughters to the City Manager and the Minority Affairs Committee. Ms. Laur stated that she met with Captain Reichert and has cooperated with the Internal Affairs process. She was informed recently that the investigation remains ongoing because the officers involved had not been interviewed due to the need for legal representation. She was told those interviews were expected to occur and then she would meet with the Chief later this month. Ms. Laur stated that she understands the City Council does not oversee personal decisions within the Police Department, however, is asking as elected representatives of this community to listen and acknowledge the experience of her family. She wants to know what the City will do to ensure that families who bring concerns and complaints involving their children receive timely communication and updates so that another family does not have to experience what her family went through.

Brittany Kennedy, founder of Mixed Sistaz United, was next to speak to the Council. She was present to speak about MVPD police officer accountability and to support Brittany Laur. She said the person responsible should be held accountable and hopes this situation can be handled respectfully and peacefully. Ms. Kennedy also spoke about a video going viral regarding her music being too loud and she said that she and others are being harassed and she would like the Mayor to look into that further.

Michelle Young spoke next and was present to support Brittany Laur. She stated she is the mother of bi-racial children and a grandmother of bi-racial grandchildren. She continued to say the officer involved crossed the line and these children needed to be treated fairly.

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to the Council for approval.

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$2,001,445.22. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

#### **BIDS/QUOTES**

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented Bid Results for Street Materials for the In-house Street Project. The City received two bids for the material which is broken up into different groups. Illini Asphalt bid on the oil and chip material, while E.T. Simonds was the only bid for the asphalt material. The two total bids equal \$384,756.50 which is below staff estimates of \$405,317.50. Oil chip material bid was \$108,506 and E.T. Simonds' asphalt material bid was \$276,250.50. Staff recommendation is to accept the bids.

**Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve the Bid Results for Street Materials for the In-house Street Project in the amount of \$384,756.50, oil and chip material bid from Illini Asphalt in the amount of \$108,506 and E.T. Simonds for asphalt material in the amount of**

**\$276,250.50. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

### **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission to Seek Bids for Demolition of 17 Properties. This is the first round of demolition projects planned for this budget year.

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for Demolition of 17 Properties. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission to Seek Bids for Station 4 Roof and Repairs. The flat roof of Station 4 is due for a replacement and has several leaks in the living quarters and office areas.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for Station 4 Roof and Repairs. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented for Consent of an Assignment of a Miller Lake Lease from Ronald Howard and Brenda Ogborn to Brenda Ogborn and Carey P. Ogborn.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission for a Consent of an Assignment of a Miller Lake Lease from Ronald Howard and Brenda Ogborn to Brenda Ogborn and Carey P. Ogborn. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS**

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented for Second Reading of an Ordinance Approving a Right-of-Way License Agreement with Wabash Communications Cooperative. The City has not received any calls or concerns regarding this agreement.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-21, an Ordinance Approving a Right-of-Way License Agreement with Wabash Communications Cooperative. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented for First Reading of an Ordinance to Increase the Number of Event Center Liquor Licenses. Amy Horner is the owner of Meet Me On Main, which is a new event center downtown for small events. She is asking the Council to increase the number of event center licenses to allow the option of serving alcohol at the events.

**FIRST READING ONLY.**

Ms. Horner was present to respond to any questions or concerns. She stated this idea came from wanting to fill a need in Mt. Vernon for a place to host small events for families, businesses, and community events. Also trying to keep people and revenue here in Mt. Vernon.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented for First Reading of an Ordinance Creating City Revised Code Title IX, Chapter 90, Section 17, Regarding the Prohibition on Nuisance Gathering. This Ordinance will allow the Police Department to effectively shut down large gatherings that become a nuisance to neighborhoods. Gatherings of 10 or more people where "Qualifying Offenses" occur can be deemed a nuisance and allow the Police Department to issue fines to participants of the event. Assistant Chief Chapman was present to address any questions Council may have on this Ordinance.

**FIRST READING ONLY.**

City Council Member Joe Gliosci asked if City has anything similar to this at this time. Assistant Chief Chapman responded that the City does not have an Ordinance similar to this. This Ordinance was adopted in Peoria and other towns. This is a start to help keep citizens safe.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented for First Reading of an Ordinance Amending City Revised Code Title XIII, Chapter 130, Section 20, Regarding Loud Sound (Stereo) Amplification. This Ordinance effectively establishes quiet hours from 10 pm to 7 am. This revises the Ordinance regarding amplified sound to include sound heard from private property. Currently, the Ordinance only covers car stereos.

**FIRST READING ONLY.**

City Council Member Donte Moore asked about shift commander and officers determining the first and second offense and the fines for same. Assistant Chief Chapman stated that the fines are the same as with car stereos. Within a twelve-month period, the first offense is \$100.00, second offense is \$250.00, and the third offense is \$500.00. They will give a warning first before issuing the fine. The officers have range finders that they use that will give proper readings in accordance with the Ordinance.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Approving a Design Agreement for Water Main Extension for Woodland Drive to East Side Continental Tire. This project is to extend the water main along Woodland Drive to accommodate the new expansion at Continental. Eventually, this main will go all the way around the Continental property and create additional redundancy if there were ever a break on the main behind Continental.

**Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve a Resolution Approving a Design Agreement for Water Main Extension for Woodland Drive to East Side Continental Tire. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. #2026-27.**

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Approving a Design Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Relocation (Milano Property to Casey Avenue). This is one of the main feeder

lines to the treatment plant. The plan is to relocate the line along Casey Avenue. The line currently runs under the old high school football field and is approximately 10 to 12 feet deep.

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve a Resolution Approving a Design Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Relocation (Milano Property to Casey Avenue). Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. #2026-28.**

### **MAYOR**

Mayor John Lewis presented for the advice and consent of City Council the Reappointment of Nicholas Lemay as Trustee of the Rend Lake Conservancy District.

**Council Member Mike Young motioned to accept the Reappointment of Nicholas Lemay as Trustee of the Rend Lake Conservancy District. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

Mayor John Lewis presented for the advice and consent of City Council the Appointment of Briannah Nelson to the City Housing Authority Commission.

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to accept the Appointment of Briannah Nelson to the City Housing Authority Commission. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

### **CITY COUNCIL**

None.

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

None.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Becky Barbour*

Becky Barbour, City Clerk