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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, May 18, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, May 18, 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 Pacey Reynolds with the Central Christian 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 May 4, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

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

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

None.

**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 \$1,193,658.89. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

## **BIDS/QUOTES**

City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission to Bypass the Bidding Procedures to Purchase New Squad Cars through the Illinois Sheriff's Association Contract. The City had budgeted to purchase three new squad cars this year. This contract is approximately \$600 cheaper than the State purchasing contract. The vehicles will be purchased from Morrow Brothers in Greenfield, IL. There is \$250,000 in the Home Rule Sales Tax Fund for the purchase and outfitting of these squad cars.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Bypass the Bidding Procedures to Purchase New Squad Cars Through the Illinois Sheriff's Association Contract. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented Bid Results for the City-wide Pavement Striping Project 2026. The City received three bids for the pavement marking. America's Parking Remarketing, LLC of Union Missouri was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$11,684.70. Staff recommendation is to approve the bid. The bids were based on a total linear feet of 77,898.

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve the Bid Results for the City-wide Pavement Striping Project 2026 from America's Parking Remarketing, LLC in the amount of \$11,684.70. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

## **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission to Accept the Quote from Axon Enterprises and Purchase New Tasers. This was a budgeted expense. The quote from Axon Enterprises is for \$55,272 to purchase 14 new tasers. These come with warranty and service.

Police Chief Brands was present to respond to questions. He stated this purchase will bring them up to 30 in total which will outfit all of the patrol officers so there will be no need to share or for officers to be without one. The old tasers were good for about 20 feet and had one try. The new ones are good for about 50 to 60 feet, are much more accurate, and have ten tries instead of one try. They also have light and sound, which is also a deterrent. The new technology is much more effective.

City Council Member Donte Moore asked how many years the tasers last. Chief Brands stated at least 5 years, probably a little longer.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Accept the Quote from Axon Enterprises and Purchase New Tasers. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission to Seek Bids for the Lining of the Lift Station 15, South Davidson Lift Station, and Sealing of Joints on the Veteran's Lake Overflow Structure. Both lift stations have started to show deterioration on the concrete walls due to gas fumes. This project would line the lift stations similar to how we have done the sewer mains. The City would also like to include lining the overflow structure at Veteran's Park Lake which has a few seams leaking.

**Council Member Mike Young motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for the Lining of the Lift Station 15, South Davidson Lift Station, and Sealing of Joints on the Veteran's Lake Overflow Structure. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission to Seek Bids for MFT City-wide Asphalt Overlay Project.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for MFT City-wide Asphalt Overlay Project. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission to Seek Bids for Street Materials for the In-house Street Project.

**Council Member Mike Young motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for Street Materials for the In-house Street Project. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission to Seek Proposals for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Auditing Services. The City is on the final year of the current contract with Roth & Co. The expense for the final year of their services is \$163,000. There are limited firms doing municipal audits, so it is hard to determine how many proposals we will receive.

Council Member Joe Gliosci asked how many years the current contract was for. City Manager McKenna stated this was a 3-year contract which is a typical contract.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Seek Proposals for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Auditing Services. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

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

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented for second reading of an Ordinance to Increase the Number of Package Sales Liquor Licenses. This would increase the number of Package Licenses from 9 to 10.

**Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-18, an Ordinance to Increase the Number of Package Sales Liquor Licenses. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for the Arena Trampoline Park in the Chesley Industrial Park. Due to the property being in the IPCA-PUD zoning district, a conditional use is required for all uses except manufacturing and warehousing facilities of 100,000 square feet or more. This was recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission 3-0.

**Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-19, an Ordinance Granting Conditional Use for the Arena Trampoline Park in the Chesley Industrial Park. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.**

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented an Ordinance Approving Redevelopment Agreement with SILA MK Hotels, LLC. This agreement is for the construction of a 90-room TownePlace Suites hotel on North 44th Street in the new Frontage Road TIF district. The developer will receive up to 15% TIF reimbursement of the eligible reimbursable expense based on the total project cost estimated at \$15,303,881. The reimbursable amount is capped at \$1,733,700.72.

**FIRST READING ONLY.**

City Council Member Joe Gliosci asked for an explanation on how the reimbursement is paid out. City Manager McKenna stated that after the project is done, all eligible expenses that were paid would be submitted and compiled. As property taxes are paid and the City receives the payment of the property taxes that go into the TIF Fund, that portion of the reimbursable amount is paid to the property owner.

City Manager Nathan McKenna stated that the next 4 items are contracts being presented for a 4-year term with a focus on recruitment and retention. There are also changes to the agreements that bring the contracts in line with current personnel policy for non-union member employees such as compensatory time, Family Medical Leave Act, and holidays.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution to Approve Agreement Between the City of Mt. Vernon and Local 738 International Association of Firefighters AFL-CIO. There were few changes in this Agreement, however, there were clarifications in regard to overtime and notification of absences. Regarding wages, this contract proposes an adjustment in the hourly rate of \$2 and annual increase of 4% this year, 3% the following three years. Additionally, members will receive an additional 2.5% of sick leave buyback upon retirement for each additional year beyond 20 years. Currently they receive 75% upon retirement. They also receive an extra personal day after 20 years of service and another after 25 years. The educational incentive pay was removed from the contract.

City Council Member Joe Gliosci asked what the total cost is annually for these increases. City Manager McKenna stated this first year has the most significant increase. It is approximately \$1.3 million dollars. The next three years remaining in the contract averages out to about \$300,000.00 each year. The contract for telecommunicators is still under negotiation.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution to Approve Agreement Between the City of Mt. Vernon and Local 738 International Association of Firefighters AFL-CIO. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. #2026-21.**

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution to Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Mt. Vernon and Laborers International Union of North America, the Southern and Central Illinois District Council, Laborer's Local #1197, and the Teamster's Automotive, Petroleum, and Allied Trades, Local #50. This Agreement represents the same increase in wages as the Firefighters Agreement, \$2 and an annual increase of 4% this year and 3% the following three years. Changes to when seniority starts, and the ability to terminate an employee not performing work was shortened from 24 months to 18 months. Changes to probationary periods were also changed when an employee bids from one department to another while on probation.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution to Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Mt. Vernon and Laborers International Union of North America, the Southern and Central Illinois District Council, Laborer's Local #1197, and the Teamster's Automotive, Petroleum, and Allied Trades, Local #50. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. #2026-22.**

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution to Approve Agreement Between the City of Mt. Vernon and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The wage increases are the same as the previous two Agreements. Caps comp time at 40 hours, provides for payout of unused sick time at retirement of 75% instead of 50%. Currently all IMRF employees receive 50% with the remaining 50% going to IMRF.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution to Approve Agreement Between the City of Mt. Vernon and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. #2026-23.**

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution to Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Mt. Vernon and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council. This is for patrol officers and detectives. The Police Department is where we have seen the most turnover and recruitment issues. The City had fallen behind comparable communities in pay. This contract provides a \$3 increase in the hourly rate along with a 4% increase this year and 3% the following three years. It also provides changes in providing more flexibility for the Chief when scheduling overtime and eliminates the educational incentive pay.

**Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve a Resolution to Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Mt. Vernon and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. #2026-24.**

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution to Approve an Amendment to the Personnel Policy. As a result of the negotiations, Juneteenth has been added as a holiday, and the Personnel Policy needs adjusted to reflect that change.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution to Approve an Amendment to the Personnel Policy. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. #2026-25.**

**MAYOR**

None.

**CITY COUNCIL**

None.

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

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, City Clerk