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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, July 6, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, July 6, 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 Brian Fuller with First Baptist Church in Woodlawn 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, and Mayor John Lewis. Absent: Council Member Mike Young.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the June 15, 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, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

David Moyer, a resident of Mt. Vernon for 15 years, stepped forward and stated that he would like to see the noise/loud music ordinance on the agenda pass. He has neighbors who like to play their loud music, and he has had to call the police several times. He feels this is disrespectful to him and the other neighbors. He would also like to see a notice sent out with the water bills regarding loud dogs barking in the neighborhood.

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 \$1,743,431.27. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

BIDS/QUOTES

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a request for permission to accept the quote from Senergy for a replacement system server. The city received three bids for the replacement server for the Avigilon Camera System. Senergy was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$61,127.50. The second lowest bidder was \$81,232.50. \$62,000 was budgeted for this expenditure in the Home Rule Tax Fund.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve a request for permission to accept the quote from Senergy for a replacement system server. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission to waive bidding and accept the quote from Federal Systems for outdoor emergency siren equipment and installation services. This is a budgeted expense to add one additional siren on the north side of the city. \$52,335 was budgeted in the General Corporate Capital Fund for this expense. There was a slight increase in pricing with the current price at \$53,737.10.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to waive bidding and accept the quote from Federal Systems for outdoor emergency siren equipment and installation services. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission to seek bids on a parking lot across 27th Street. This would add a parking lot on the west side across from the police department. The city had budgeted \$80,000 for this parking lot and would accommodate additional parking for the department.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids on a parking lot across 27th Street. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission for a street closure on 9th Street from Jordan Street to Casey Avenue August 13, 2026, at 8am to August 16, 2026, at 8pm for the stage for Ash Bash. Also, 9th Street from Broadway Street to Jordan Street on August 14, 2026, from 8am to August 16, 2026, at 8pm for Ash Bash Festival.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission for a street closure on 9th Street from Jordan Street to Casey Avenue August 13, 2026, at 8am to August 16, 2026, at 8pm for the stage for Ash Bash. Also, 9th Street from Broadway Street to Jordan Street on August 14, 2026, from 8am to August 16, 2026, at 8pm for Ash Bash Festival. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented for Second Reading of an Ordinance to increase the number of event center liquor licenses. The business is "Meet Me on Main". Council Member Donte Moore asked the capacity. Amy Horner stepped forward and stated that the establishment will hold a capacity of 50 people.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-22, an Ordinance to increase the number of event center liquor licenses. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented for Second Reading of an Ordinance creating City Revised Code Title IX, Chapter 90, Section 17, regarding the prohibition on nuisance gatherings. There have been no changes to the ordinance since the first reading and has received no feedback since the last meeting. Council Member Donte Moore asked Police Chief Robert Brands for clarification on the Ordinance regarding shift commanders. Chief Brands stepped forward stating that if there is a party violating the ordinance which would be 10 or more people and two violations, complaints are brought and the shift commander deems a nuisance gathering. A warning will be given to be in compliance and then citations after that to those holding the party and to those at the party who will not leave the party. City Manager, Nathan McKenna, said that the qualifying offences are currently under the category of misdemeanors by city ordinance.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-23, an Ordinance creating City Revised Code Title IX, Chapter 90, Section 17, regarding the prohibition on nuisance gatherings. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented for Second reading of an Ordinance amending the City Revised Code Title XIII, Chapter 130, Section 20, regarding loud sound (stereo) amplification. There has been no feedback on this one back at the office. Council Member Donte Moore asked about an instrument used to determine if noise is too loud. Chief Brands stepped forward and stated they have an instrument to measure distance and if they can hear the sound over the

certain distance that is required, then it would be a violation. Discretion is used when issuing citations. City Manager McKenna said the first violation within a 12-month period is \$100, second violation would be \$250 and the third would be \$500.

David Moyer proposed that the fine be raised from \$100 to \$250. He also requested that if a citizen has to take another person to court if body cams could be used as evidence. Chief Brands said that on this type of offense it would not require the citizen to file a complaint to go to court it would just be the officer's decision like a normal citation.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-24 an Ordinance amending the City Revised Code Title XIII, Chapter 130, Section 20, regarding loud sound (stereo) amplification. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Mt. Vernon and Telecommunicators and LEADS Coordinators. This is the last collective bargaining agreement with the unions. The city has reached an agreement that provides the same as the other unions. It includes a \$2 hourly adjustment with a 4% increase for the first year and 3% for the following three years. This agreement will be retroactive to May 1 to keep them on the same timeline as the other union agreements.

Council Member Jay Tate motioned to approve the Resolution approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Mt. Vernon and Telecommunicators and LEADS Coordinators. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution authorizing grant application for an open space lands acquisition and development grant. Parks Director McKenzie May stepped forward and stated that this is an annual parks and recreation grant that is provided by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. For this fiscal year they will have a total of \$37.5 million dollars of total funding available to be distributed throughout the state. The city can apply for either land acquisition or a development project. The city can apply for both, pending that they do not have access to the property. However, for this project the city does have access to the property so it would be applying for a development project which would include demolishing the inline skate area that is located on the west side of Veterans Park. It is not in great condition. A storm in the fall also took out some of the fencing that has been left temporarily. The goal is to remove the inline skate area and reinstall two regulated sized basketball courts. In addition to the lot that is next to it they would like to put a skate park. Ideally, they will have the application submitted by the end of this month. The application opened July 1st and closes August 31st. According to the website the awards will be announced by January 2nd of 2027. The city would have two years to complete the project. Council Member Moore asked if there was a cap on the grant. May said the maximum amount of money the city can apply for since it is a development project is \$600,000.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve a Resolution authorizing grant application for an open space lands acquisition and development grant. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, and Lewis. Absent: Young.

MAYOR

None.

CITY COUNCIL

None.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Bri Nelson stepped forward and asked if everything were to go okay, would they be able to park on the city's new lot to play at the basketball goals. City Manager McKenna said yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Barbour".

Becky Barbour, City Clerk