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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, April 20, 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 of Woodlawn led the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journals for the April 6, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting, March 24, 2026 Budget Workshop Minutes, Executive Session Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2024, June 3, 2024, June 17, 2024, October 21, 2024, January 21, 2025, April 7, 2025, April 21, 2025, July 7, 2025, August 4, 2025, September 15, 2025, November 3, 2025, and December 1, 2025 were presented for approval.

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

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 Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,432,374.09. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

BIDS/QUOTES

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented Bid Results for Fireworks for Fourth of July Salute to Freedom. The City received two bids for fireworks for the Fourth of July Celebration. Both companies submitted options for three years. With this being the 250th Anniversary we increased the amount to \$45,000 this year and remained at \$40,000 for the following two years. Staff is recommending awarding the bid to J & M Displays, which recently bought out Central States Fireworks, who have provided the services over the years.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve the Bid Results for Fireworks for Fourth of July Salute to Freedom from J & M Displays in the amount of \$45,000 for this year and \$40,000 for the following two years. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Street Closure Request for 9th Street from Casey to Jordan from 5 PM on April 26th to 10 PM on May 3rd for the Mt. Vernon Big Spring Carnival. This carnival is put on by Festivals Inc., as a fundraiser for events. Tourism Director Angela Schrum was in attendance to discuss the street closure and the event.

Tourism Director stated the carnival is going to be downtown in the festival zone. They will start setting up on the 26th and the carnival will start April 29th at 5:00 p.m. She explained how to get tickets online and from local businesses. There will be more than 20 attractions including rides, carnival games, and food vendors. They do give some funds back to the tourism department which helps fund other festivals and keep them free for the public. There were no additional questions or comments.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure for 9th Street from Casey to Jordan from 5 PM on April 26th to 10 PM on May 3rd for the Mt. Vernon Big Spring Carnival. Requesting Party: Mt. Vernon Tourism. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Street Closure Request for Jordan Street from 10th to 12th Street from 5 PM to 9 PM on the first Friday of each month, May through October, for the Kingsman Auto Club. Tourism Director commented that they partner with them with Friday Food and Art.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure for Jordan Street from 10th to 12th Street from 5 PM to 9 PM on the first Friday of the month, May through October, for the Kingsman Auto Club. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission to Seek Proposals for Engineering Services for a Radio Tower. This is related to relocating the equipment that is currently at the old police station. Since a communication rig was not placed on the top of the new L&N water tower, this is an alternative option. The plan is to place a new 200-foot tower on the west side of North Davidson. This tower will accommodate the emergency services equipment and the equipment for reading water meters. This will be a joint effort between the City, 911 board, and the County with cost sharing. This height and location will benefit emergency services for the City and County. Assistant Fire Chief Bryan Jennings was present to discuss the tower and answer questions.

Assistant Fire Chief Jennings explained the option further and the need for Engineering Services. He stated that due to the complexity of the project and the fact that the FAA has really cracked down on permitting and design, it is recommended that the City hire an engineering or consulting firm. He stated the permitting takes at least six months to complete. Jennings, who is also the Coordinator of the Mt. Vernon Emergency Management Agency, stated that this will create one centralized control tower and would solve problems for both the City and the County.

Council Member Jay Tate motioned to grant permission to Seek Proposals for Engineering Services for a Radio Tower. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented for Second Reading of an Ordinance Approving the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget. There have been no changes made from the First Reading.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve Ordinance #2026-17, an Ordinance Approving the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

MAYOR

Mayor John Lewis presented for the advice and consent of City Council the Reappointment of Glinda McChristian to the Minority Affairs & Human Relations Commission.

Council Member Jay Tate motioned to accept the Reappointment of Glinda McChristian to the Minority Affairs & Human Relations Commission. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

Mayor John Lewis presented for the advice and consent of City Council the Reappointment of Charles Jones to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

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Council Member Jay Tate made a motion for a Consent Agenda to accept the Reappointment of Charles Jones, Dean Dickerson and Bob Feltmeier to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

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 Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, City Clerk