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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, November 3, 2025, 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 at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Brian Fuller with the 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 Journal for the October 20, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

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

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Natalie Shook, Executive Director of United Way of South Central Illinois presented information regarding new programs that the United Way is working to bring to our community. The first is that a grant was received to hold an Employment/Resource Fair. There will also be an expungement event prior to the Employment Fair. This will be held in January, 2026.

The next program that United Way will be bringing is called NACA – Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America. This program helps people get into home ownership. It helps residents move from renting to owning a home. It teaches financial literacy and helps people qualify for mortgages.

The last program that United Way is trying to bring to the community is called RAM – Regional Area Medical. This program brings in 100 doctors, some are volunteers from our community, some come in from other areas. They are here for two days and everything they do is completely free. It includes medical doctors, eye doctors, and dentists. Mrs. Shook stated that these are some of the programs they are working on to bring help to the community.

Roberta Evans was present to speak to the Council regarding the City's plans for the proposed indoor recreation center project. Ms. Evans questioned whether the basketball courts and swimming pools at the facility could be built at regulation size so that they could be used for swim meets and tournaments, which would generate revenue. Ms. Evans asked how the project was being funded. She stated that other facilities she had visited had skating rinks, laser tag, indoor race track, bumper cars, mini-golf, arcade games for adults and children, indoor batting or pitching cages, football scrimmage fields, wrestling mats, climbing walls, wading pools for young children, party rooms, and small conference rooms which help generate income. All of those things would bring out not only the local community, but people from out of the area. She stated she just hopes that the Council is considering some of these things.

Mayor Lewis stated the project is still in the early design phase and it is not clear what features can be added while still keeping the project financially viable. Mayor Lewis stated the project is being funded with no tax increase. The plans started six years ago. A comprehensive study was done and all the groups in the various neighborhoods wanted an indoor recreation center. The Council was concerned about how to subsidize the center and did not want to leave future administration with a rec center that wasn't funded. These centers are not profitable, and the Council understands that they will have to subsidize the center. Mayor Lewis stated that they toured many facilities and spoke about what worked and what didn't work. He said that the Council has to see what can be afforded. He said that they want to get the basics and if there is extra money and donations, the Council is all for that. The Council is very cognizant of the numbers.

Laura Mays was also present to speak regarding the proposed indoor recreation center project. She first thanked the Council for bringing a rec center to Mt. Vernon. She also agrees that having basketball courts to host tournaments and a regulation swimming pool to host swim meets would be great for bringing in revenue. She asked if the City had considered grants to help with the cost. She stated she thinks this is a game changer for Mt. Vernon.

Mayor Lewis stated that the City goes after grants every day. He said that every group that the City spoke with wanted a rec center and Council realizes how important this is to the City and that is why they have worked so hard trying to figure out the financial part of this.

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 \$1,622,696.39. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

BIDS/QUOTES

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented the Bid Results for the Design-Build of a Storage Building at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There is a small wood framed building at the plant that houses a chemical feeder used for water disinfection in the summer months. This would be to replace that building. We received three bids, with Lane Erectors, Inc. from Harrisburg being the lowest bidder with a bid of \$71,041.66. Staff recommendation is to award the bid to Lane Erectors, Inc. The project will be paid out of the sewer fund.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to accept the Bid Results for the Design-Build of a Storage Building at the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Lane Erectors, Inc. in the amount of \$71,041.66. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission to Seek Qualifications for Engineering Services Related to the ITEP Bike Path Project. The City was awarded a grant to extend the shared use path on Veterans Memorial Drive and connecting it to Veterans Park. The trail will go on the south side of Veterans Memorial Drive and up South 28th Street. The grant awarded is for \$1.75 million. Selecting an engineering firm is the first step in the process. The project could take up to two years to complete.

Council Member Jay Tate motioned to grant permission to Seek Qualifications for Engineering Services Related to the ITEP Bike Path Project. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented for First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Donation of 805 Main Street to Jefferson County Toys for Kids, Inc. This is an agreement between the City and Jefferson County Toys for Kids for the donation of the former DMDC building. They acknowledge the condition of the building and have pledged to renovate the building to code. The quitclaim deed reserves the first right of refusal for a 10-year period and also includes restrictions on the use of the building for the same time period.

FIRST READING ONLY

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Perry Ridge Landfill, Inc. for Non-hazardous Waste Disposal. The previous agreement expired on October 1st. This year's rate will be \$28.50 per ton which is below the average price for other plants (\$35/ton)

that use their facility. We have not seen a rate increase in almost 15 years.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Perry Ridge Landfill, Inc. for Non-hazardous Waste Disposal. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore. #2025-44.

MAYOR

None.

CITY COUNCIL

None.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:37 p.m., Mayor John Lewis requested an Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) – The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the City.

Council Member Jay Tate motioned to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) – The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the City. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

At 7:50 p.m., Mayor John Lewis reconvened the Regular City Council Meeting. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, City Clerk