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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, January 5, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, January 5, 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 opened the meeting.

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 Donte Moore, Council Member Jay Tate, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis. Absent: Council Member Joe Gliosci.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the December 15, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

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

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 \$1,353,718.72. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci.

BIDS/QUOTES

None.

CITY MANAGER

None.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Approving an Agreement with James Superior Cleaning LLC for Janitorial Services. The City received one proposal for this service. James Superior Cleaning LLC is owned by the sons of Jason James, our current janitorial service provider. The services are the same and include cleaning of City Hall, Public Works offices, Tourism office, and the Police Department. The total cost per month is \$5,700. That is a \$25 increase over what we pay monthly now. Staff recommendation is to approve the agreement.

Council Member Jay Tate motioned to approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement with James Superior Cleaning LLC for Janitorial Services. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci. Resolution #2026-01.

MAYOR

Mayor John Lewis stated one of the best things that he and the Council can do is recognize the hard work that our first responders in this community do. Mayor Lewis then turned the meeting over to Police Chief Robert Brands for presentation of Officer of the Year.

Chief Brands stated that one of the best things he does each year is to present the award for Officer of the Year. There are many hard-working men and women at our Police Department including administrative staff, telecommunicators, and officers who make a big impact in our community. This year there were two nominees who were both nominated last year and have consistently had high standards over several years. The officer chosen this year was Officer Brenton Deadmond. He has been with the Mt. Vernon Police Department for a little over 3 years. He's made a big impact on the department. Sargent Pendley nominated Officer Deadmond stating that he always displays a positive attitude. He brings questions or concerns to his supervisors in a respectful manner and is open to discussion. Officer Deadmond has pushed himself and gone through field training school and has started training officers. He provides quality training to new hires so they understand the law and policies. In addition, he obtained his drone pilot's license and joined the MVPD's High Risk Team support unit. He has also become a high-risk traffic stop instructor. He is always looking to conduct training with the shift to maintain a high quality of understanding of procedures and expand officers' abilities to conduct their job in a safe manner. Officer Deadmond pushes trainees to be proactive and gain as much experience as possible before they are released on their own. He has a large amount of respect

from his fellow officers. He has displayed a vast amount of knowledge, has shown an interest in advancing himself within the department, and is currently on the corporal list for promotion.

As Officer Deadmond accepted the award, he thanked his wife and family for their support and also stated he works with a great group of people at the MVPD. He stated they constantly push each other to be the best they can be and do training to try and improve themselves.

Mayor Lewis congratulated Officer Deadmond on being named Officer of the Year and called it a job well done and very well deserved.

Mayor John Lewis presented for the advice and consent of the City Council the Reappointment of Christopher Yenne, Robert Brands, and Nathan McKenna to the 911 Board.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to accept the Reappointment of Christopher Yenne, Robert Brands, and Nathan McKenna to the 911 Board. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Gliosci.

CITY COUNCIL

None.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, City Clerk