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City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois Regular City Council Meeting Monday, October 20, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, October 20, 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 Mark Wells with the Waltonville Free Will Baptist 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 Journals for the August 28, 2025 Budget Workshop and the October 6, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting were presented for approval.

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

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Horton Petties spoke to the Council regarding the recent work at Dawson Park. The asphalt work was completed and it looks good. He stated he appreciates all the work done there.

Cindy Compton-Muse with Kindlin Corporation was present to speak to the Council regarding the problem with speeding on South 18th Street that needs to be addressed. It is a safety issue, especially when children are coming to and from school.

Ms. Compton-Muse also addressed the Council regarding an issue with the sewer on S. 18th Street. She stated that she owns houses located at 411, 413 and 415 S. 18th Street and has an

offer to purchase on 425 S. 18th Street. When they were putting in new water lines at 415 S. 18th Street, Trotter Company cut through her sewer line. The sewer backed up into the house. They tore out her driveway and said they fixed it, however, they never fixed the driveway. They are claiming it is not their fault. She is concerned that the other properties she owns there will have the same sewer issue. She stated that she has contacted Trotter and City Engineer Brad Ruble, and nothing has been done to correct the issue. Mayor Lewis stated that this would be something for the City Manager to look into further. City Manager McKenna stated he would look into this matter.

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 \$3,833,180.26. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS/QUOTES

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented the Bid Results for the Construction of New Tennis and Pickleball Courts at Veterans Park. The City received four bids with the lowest bid from Shores Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$540,280.50. This project includes two new tennis courts, six pickleball courts, and two parking lots to allow off-street parking and help remove some of the traffic concerns on South 28th Street. The engineering estimate for this project was \$600,000. Staff recommendation is to award the bid to Shores Builders.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to accept the Bid Results for the Construction of New Tennis and Pickleball Courts at Veterans Park from Shores Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$540,280.50. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission to Waive Bidding and Purchase a Service Truck for Fleet Services Department. The City is requesting to waive bidding requirements to purchase a used service truck. This truck is used to make repairs to equipment that is breaking down in the field. The current truck is a 2003 and needs a new transmission. Fleet Service Director Mike Shannon was able to find a 2014 Freightliner truck in good condition. The purchase price is \$62,500. The City had budgeted \$100,000 in the Home Rule Fund to find a replacement.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Waive Bidding and Purchase a Service Truck for Fleet Services in the amount of \$62,500. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented an Ordinance Rezoning Property at 16275 N. IL Hwy 37 from B-2, Secondary Business to R-1, Low-Density Residential. Petitioning Party: Jane Hall. The owner is closing her hair salon and believes the property would more easily be sold as a residential property. This was approved by Planning and Zoning 4-0.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2025-28, an Ordinance Rezoning Property at 16275 N. IL Hwy 37 from B-2, Secondary Business to R-1, Low-Density Residential. Petitioning Party: Jane Hall. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented an Ordinance Rezoning Property at 12790 N. Blackhawk Lane and E. IL Hwy. 15 from A-G, General Agricultural to B-2, Secondary Business. Petitioning Party: Michael Ward. Ward Pressure Washing has a vacant property next to their property and would like to build a new building to rent out. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval 4-0.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve Ordinance #2025-29, an Ordinance Rezoning Property at 12790 N. Blackhawk Lane and E. IL Hwy. 15 from A-G, General Agricultural to B-2, Secondary Business. Petitioning Party: Michael Ward. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented an Ordinance Rezoning Property at 11495 N. Brownsville Road from I-1, Light Industrial to R-1, Low Density Residential. Petitioning Party: Rhonda Burris. This property had a residential dwelling on it that has been demolished. The applicant is seeking the rezoning to make the property sellable. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval 4-0.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve Ordinance #2025-30, an Ordinance Rezoning Property at 11495 N. Brownsville Road from I-1, Light Industrial to R-1, Low Density Residential. Petitioning Party: Rhonda Burris. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented for First Reading of an Ordinance to Surplus Property. There are 20 properties that have been through the demolition process and are ready to be added to our list of surplus property. There are also two squad cars and various items of office furniture needing disposed of that are being stored at the old armory.

Council Member Donte Moore made the motion to suspend the rules and take action on the Ordinance, an Ordinance to Surplus Property. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2025-31, an Ordinance to Surplus Property. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Kings Financial Consulting, Inc. for Municipal Advisor and Continuing Disclosure Services. This Resolution is two parts, the first is an Agreement with King Financial Consulting, Inc. for Municipal Advisor and Continuing Disclosure Services. They will provide consulting services for the bond issuance including structuring the financing package, advising on the method of sale, insurance and credit rating processing and coordinating closing of the bonds. The fee for the continuing disclosure services is an annual fee of \$2,000. The second part is an Addendum to the Agreement that sets the fee for the Municipal Advisory Services for the debt issuance. Compensation for the issuance of the bonds is .50% (half of one percent) of the proceeds generated by the sale of Bonds/Debt Certificates.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Kings Financial Consulting, Inc. for Municipal Advisor and Continuing Disclosure Services. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. #2025-39.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Approving an Agreement with D.A. Davidson & Co. for Bond Underwriting Services. D.A. Davidson is a registered broker-dealer with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the underwriter of the bonds. Their primary role is to purchase the securities and sell the bonds. Compensation is a fee and/or underwriting discount that will be set in the Bond Purchase Agreement to be negotiated at the time of issuance.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement with D.A. Davidson & Co. for Bond Underwriting Services. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. #2025-40.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Holland Construction Services for the Construction of an Indoor Recreation Center. Holland Construction has been selected to perform Construction Management Services for the new indoor recreation center. This Agreement is for pre-construction services which include consultation and advice on selection of materials, building systems, and equipment. They also will provide cost estimating throughout the various phases of design and provide cost of alternative designs or materials. Additional services include project schedule, construction phasing, cost estimating, and bidding. Compensation for the preconstruction services is \$125,000. Once the preconstruction services and bidding are complete, there will be an amendment to this Agreement for Construction Services which will include a Guaranteed Maximum Price to construct the rec center. The fee for construction management services is 5.5% of the cost of work.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Holland Construction Services for the Construction of an Indoor Recreation Center. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. #2025-41.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Approving an Agreement with FGM Architects for Indoor Recreation Center Design. FGM Architects have been selected to design the Indoor Recreation Center. The Agreement for services includes all elements of design related to the building. There are multiple steps to the process which includes the programming phase, the schematic phase, the design phase, and the design document phase. The Agreement is to design a facility approximately 49,759 square feet, that may consist of a 3,000 square feet leisure pool, four lap lanes, gym, walking/jogging track, locker rooms, family changing rooms, guard room/first aid room, filtration pump room, weight/cardio room, administrative offices, lobby, group exercise, restrooms, senior space, meeting room, prep/catering kitchen, and storage. This Agreement is based on a cost of work budget of \$20,800,000, with a total project budget of \$26,000,000. The current estimated timeline of the project is to have the design completed and bidding in June 2026, with construction starting July 2026 and completed in July 2027. Compensation for their work is 9.95% of the cost of work (\$1,592,100) and also fees for supplemental services totaling \$480,500 for civil engineering, landscaping, aquatic design, and acoustic design.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement with FGM Architects for Indoor Recreation Center Design. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. #2025-42.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Approving a Right-of-Way Easement with Cultivate Power Land Holdings, LLC and Harper Creek Solar, LLC. This is related to the solar farm project at the corner of Veterans and South 17th Street retaining the right-of-way on the north side of Veterans for any future project with the road.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve a Resolution Approving a Right-of-Way Easement with Cultivate Power Land Holdings, LLC and Harper Creek Solar, LLC. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. #2025-43.

MAYOR

None.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Donte Moore wanted to reiterate what Horton Petties stated on how good that Dawson Park looks now that the asphalt work was finished.

Council Member Donte Moore also wanted to commend and thank Chief Brands and the two officers that were shown on social media playing basketball with some local children.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Barbour, City Clerk

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