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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, April 15, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, April 15, 2024 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.

Council Member Mike Young led the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed present: Council Member Ray Botch, Council Member Joe Gliosci, Council Member Donte Moore, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal from April 1, 2024 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: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

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 Ray Botch motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,476,515.48. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented Bid Results for a Pedestrian Bridge at Veterans Park Lake. There were two options for bidding. Option 1 was to have the bridge done in 6 months; Option 2 gave a longer completion date. Bevis Construction was the low bidder on both options. The City’s recommendation is the low bidder, Bevis Construction, with the longer completion date for \$260,000. There are two reasons: 1) saves \$30,000 and 2) six months would put this in the late fall or winter for installation. The longer completion date would be in the Spring 2025 in March/April in time for the opening of the park.

	Option 1	Option 2
Bevis Construction, Inc.	\$290,000.00	\$260,000.00
Evrard Company, Inc.	\$315,000.00	\$282,515.00

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to accept the Bid Results for a Pedestrian Bridge at Veterans Park Lake with Option 2 in the amount of \$260,000.00 from Bevis Construction, Inc. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented Bid Results for the CDBG Sanitary Sewer Lining Project. This CDBG grant funded project is to line 15,447 linear feet of various sewer lines in low to moderate income areas of Mt. Vernon. Staff recommends the low bidder, Visu-Sewer of Missouri, LLC with a bid of \$719,146.95.

Visu-Sewer of Missouri, LLC	\$719,146.95
Insituform Technologies USA	\$795,530.08
SAK Construction	\$947,678.75
Inliner Solutions LLC	\$973,805.00

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to accept the Bid Results for the CDBG Sanitary Sewer Lining Project from Visu-Sewer of Missouri, LLC in the amount of \$719,146.95. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented a Street Closure Request for Jordan Street between 10th Street and 12th Street on the First Friday of Each Month from May to November from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Elks Cruise Night. Requesting Party: Mt. Vernon Elks Lodge. Staff recommendation is to approve the request.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure for Jordan Street between 10th Street and 12th Street on the First Friday of Each Month from May to November from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Elks Cruise Night. Requesting Party: Mt. Vernon Elks Lodge. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Seek Bids for Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Stormwater Construction between 9th Street and 10th Street. The City is installing a sewer main and storm sewer main between 9th and 10th Streets.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Stormwater Construction between 9th Street and 10th Street. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented for Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance To Approve the Proposed Budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. There were no significant changes from the workshop and first reading.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel introduced Finance Director Stephanie Bailey to present the Proposed Budget. Bailey stated that the General Fund Working Fund Balance for Operations projected on April 30, 2025 is \$20,211,422 and with expenditures for Operations projected at \$18,910,023. The packet given to council members shows the anticipated revenues, grants, and expenditures which leaves the balance of \$20,211,422. Bailey stated the anticipated beginning operating balance is \$13,589,195. The estimated revenue is \$22,061,012, with the estimated expenditures at \$20,775,001. At the end of fiscal year 2025, the working fund balance is estimated at \$11,475,306, which is 6.6 months of operating expenditures.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve Ordinance #2024-11, an Ordinance to Approve the Proposed Budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented an Ordinance Rezoning Property at 12719 N. Blackhawk Lane and an Unassigned Address on N. Blackhawk Lane from A-G to R-3. Petitioning Party: James and Belinda Schubert. They are wanting to construct a residential duplex on Blackhawk Lane. This was reviewed and approved at Planning and Zoning 4-0.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2024-12, an Ordinance Rezoning Property at 12719 N. Blackhawk Lane and an Unassigned Address on N. Blackhawk Lane from A-G to R-3. Petitioning Party: James and Belinda Schubert. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented an Ordinance Rezoning Property on Link Lane from A-G to R-2. Petitioning Party: Lorene Overbey. She is wanting to build a single family house and the property does not meet the size requirement for agricultural zoning. This was reviewed and approved at Planning and Zoning 4-0.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve Ordinance #2024-13, an Ordinance Rezoning Property on Link Lane from A-G to R-2. Petitioning Party: Lorene Overbey. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented a Resolution Allocating Rebuild Illinois MFT Funds for Resurfacing a Portion of Shiloh Road. This Resolution is required to use the Rebuild Illinois Funds for Shiloh Drive.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Resolution Allocating Rebuild Illinois MFT Funds for Resurfacing a Portion of Shiloh Road. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

MAYOR

Mayor John Lewis presented for the advice and consent of the City Council the Reappointment of Stephanie Bailey to the Fire Pension Board.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to accept the Reappointment of Stephanie Bailey to the Fire Pension Board. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

Mayor John Lewis presented for the advice and consent of the City Council the Reappointment of Marty Cox to the Airport Authority Commission.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to accept the Reappointment of Marty Cox to the Airport Authority Commission. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Donte Moore wanted to remind citizens of the challenge to get 100,000 pounds of nonperishable food for the Jefferson County food pantries. There are several drop off places including City Hall. All food collected stays in Jefferson County.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk