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City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, October 19, 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 Ron Lash with the Corinthian Missionary 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 Journal for the October 5, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

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

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Camilla Bauer addressed the Council regarding her concern for better security cameras and crosswalks in the downtown area. She and her two daughters were nearly struck by a vehicle when crossing near the Commons Park and Jefferson County Courthouse when leaving the Fall Fest on September 26. Bauer stated she had three major concerns – the lack of security cameras around the square, the condition of the crosswalks, and the lack of communication and follow-up from the Mt. Vernon Police Department. Mayor Lewis asked Ms. Bauer to remain after the meeting and speak to City Manager McKenna, adding that McKenna will speak to city staff regarding Ms. Bauer's issues brought to the Council and see what steps can be taken in regard to her concerns.

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to the Council for approval.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of $1,877,314.06. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS/QUOTES

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented Bid Results for the Construction of a New Basketball Court and Dog Park in Optimist Park. The City had received two bids for this project with Bevis Construction being the lowest bidder with a bid of $79,133. This project will add a new concrete basketball court at Optimist Park and a fenced dog park. There had been $150,000 budgeted for this project in the Quality of Life Fund.

Bevis Construction	$79,133.00
Lake Contracting, Inc.	$115,352.00

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to Accept the Bid Results for the Construction of a New Basketball Court and Dog Park in Optimist Park from Bevis Construction in the amount of $79,133. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented Bid Results for the Veteran's Park Lake Box Structure Joint Repair and Sealing. The underwater seams of the overflow structure at Veterans Memorial Park Lake have developed leaks. The City received proposals from two companies to address the issue, and both have different approaches. While BLD Services, LLC, had the lower cost proposal, staff evaluated the proposals and believe the proposal from Shoreline Aquatics to be the better option. It will provide a multilayer protective system consisting of flexible polyurethane joint sealant, applying a continuous waterproofing membrane across the joints and surrounding concrete, installing a protective waterproofing membrane, and sealing around the culvert pipes entering the lower box area. The cost for the work is $52,900. This will be paid out of the Quality of Life Fund.

BLD Services LLC - Bid #1	$29,978.00
BLD Services LLC – Bid #2	$24,988.00
Shoreline Aquatics - Bid #1	$52,900.00
Shoreline Aquatics – Bid #2	$77,200.00

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to Accept the Bid Results for the Veteran's Park Lake Box Structure Joint Repair and Sealing from Shoreline Aquatics in the amount of $52,900.00 Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for discussion. Parks Field Supervisor Dan Beranik was present to answer questions.

Mayor Lewis stated that since the first construction failed, this needs to be done correctly to get this problem solved or the City might be having to correct the problem again. Beranek stated there is no warranty on this work if these repairs are done since this already exists. There is no guarantee on the membrane, it could last 2 years or 20 years.

Council Member Donte Moore asked if it would be better to start over instead of installing the waterproofing membrane. Beranek stated that the option from Shoreline Aquatics of installing the waterproofing membrane and the protective coating is the best option rather than pulling the box and repouring. City Manager McKenna stated starting over would be quite a bit more costly and we do not have estimates on that. He does believe that the membrane will prevent leaks in the immediate future but there is not a firm timeline on that. The Parks Department has been dealing with this and patching the seams for about 1-1/2 years. Beranek stated the lake would have to be drained again for this work.

Council Member Jay Tate asked if this item could be postponed so that additional research could be done and obtain a quote regarding the cost of a new box. Beranek stated the biggest problem would be the weather and that something would need to be done before it starts freezing. Tate suggested postponing a vote on this issue until the November 2, 2026 meeting so that additional information could be received regarding all options.

Council Member Donte Moore made the motion to postpone voting on granting permission to Accept the Bid Results for the Veteran's Park Lake Box Structure Joint Repair and Sealing until the next City Council Meeting to be held on November 2, 2026, so that additional information can be collected. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission to Seek Bids for the Demolition of 16 Properties. These properties include: 208 N. 5th Street, 1233 Tolle Road, 306 Casey, 312 S. 22nd Street, 1411 Wescott, 1010 Lamar, 1012 Lamar, 2316 Conger, 1420 Wescott, 1106 Gilbert, 805 S. 21st Street, 508 S. 4th Street, 1215 Jones, 1207 S. 25th Street, 221 Walnut, and 311 Castleton.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids for the Demolition of 16 Properties. These properties include: 208 N. 5th Street, 1233 Tolle Road, 306 Casey, 312 S. 22nd Street, 1411 Wescott, 1010 Lamar, 1012 Lamar, 2316 Conger, 1420 Wescott, 1106 Gilbert, 805 S. 21st Street, 508 S. 4th Street, 1215 Jones, 1207 S. 25th Street, 221 Walnut, and 311 Castleton. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Street Closure Request for Bledsoe Street between 8th Street and 6th Street on October 31, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a Cruise-In Car Show. There are no residents in that area other than the family who requested the closure.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission for the Street Closure Request for Bledsoe Street between 8th Street and 6th Street on October 31, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a Cruise-In Car Show. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented for Approval of a Subdivision, Preliminary and Final Plat. Petitioning Party: AJM, LLC. This application for subdivision is to move the boundary line of two parcels at the NW corner of 34th and Broadway to make the corner parcel larger to accommodate a new building. This was recommended for approval by Planning and Zoning 4-0.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission for Approval of a Subdivision, Preliminary and Final Plat. Petitioning Party: AJM, LLC. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented an Ordinance Rezoning Property at 4201, 4203, 4211, 4213, 4215, 4217, 4219, 4221, 4223, 4225, 4227, 4229 and 4231 Holly Lane from Class R-1, Low Density Residential District to Class R-3, High Density Residential District. Petitioning Party: KRP Properties, LLC. These are properties that were platted on Holly Lane which is an undeveloped platted road. There are 33 parcels total being rezoned to match the rezoning of the larger parcel for the new residential development on North 42nd Street. This was recommended for approval by Planning and Zoning 4-0.

Council Member Jay Tate motioned to Approve Ordinance #2026-33, An Ordinance Rezoning Property at 4201, 4203, 4211, 4213, 4215, 4217, 4219, 4221, 4223, 4225, 4227, 4229 and 4231 Holly Lane from Class R-1, Low Density Residential District to Class R-3, High Density Residential District. Petitioning Party: KRP Properties, LLC. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented an Ordinance Accepting Findings of Fact and Recommendations of the Zoning & Planning Commission to Approve an Application for a Zoning Text Amendment Concerning Battery Storage Facilities. This establishes regulations for Battery Energy Storage Facilities, which have previously been approved under the general description of a public utilities' substation. This Ordinance sets the Battery Storage Facility as a conditional use in Industrial and Agricultural zoning districts.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to Approve Ordinance #2026-34, An Ordinance Accepting Findings of Fact and Recommendations of the Zoning & Planning Commission to

Approve an Application for a Zoning Text Amendment Concerning Battery Storage Facilities. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Accepting the Proposal from Wipfli to Provide Audit and ACFR Preparation. The City received three proposals from firms for auditing services. Our current agreement with Roth & Co. expires this year. Wipfli is a firm out of Sterling, IL and provided the low quote of $392,836 for a four-year agreement.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to Approve a Resolution Accepting the Proposal from Wipfli to Provide Audit and ACFR Preparation. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. #2026-46

City Finance Director Dan Plumb was present to answer any questions. He stated that all proposals received were from reputable companies who are all bound by certain standards. Plumb checked with several references provided by Wipfli and they were all good references. He said that the City has no issues with Roth & Co. and that they were great to work with. He stated that Wipfli fees are more in line with what we were previously paying to Krehbiel and Associates.

MAYOR

Mayor Lewis asked that City Manager McKenna give an update on the Rec Center, as there have been many questions.

City Manager McKenna stated that we have signed a contract with Fource Group and they are working on naming, membership, marketing, etc. A plan has been submitted to Illinois Department of Public Health for their review of the aquatic portion of the rec center. There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow with Holland and FGM Architects for a final review. They are going to put together the bid packets which are supposed to be out by November 9 with the expectation that the bids will be received on December 3. They should have that to the City by December 17, and the bids should be awarded at the last meeting in December with construction starting a few months after that. The goal is still to have it completed by May, 2028.

CITY COUNCIL

None.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Barbour

Becky Barbour, City Clerk