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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, November 1, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, November 1, 2021, 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>. Log-in for the meeting is <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/357016389> Call in Number: (872) 240-3212, Access Code: 357-016-389

Due to the absence of Mayor John Lewis, Deputy City Clerk Becky Barbour called the meeting to order. The first order of business was to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem. Motion by Council Member Ray Botch to appoint Council Member Donte Moore as Mayor Pro Tem for tonight's meeting. All were in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Donte Moore opened the meeting.

Pastor Mike Sheets of Meadowbrook Christian Church led the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Ray Botch, Council Member Joe Gliosci, Council Member Donte Moore, and Council Member Mike Young. Absent: Mayor John Lewis.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journals for the October 18, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting and the October 22, 2021 Special City Council Meeting were presented for approval.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: 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 Council for approval.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,552,542.34. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

BIDS AND QUOTES

None.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Request Proposals for Cleaning Services for Municipal Buildings. The City has been out of contract for some time, and it is time to revisit the cleaning contract and formally hire a company to clean the City Hall, Police Department, Muni West Building, and 12th Street buildings.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Request Proposals for Cleaning Services for Municipal Buildings. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Seek Bids on Woodland Drive Sewer Line. This is a new sewer main on Woodland Drive to serve an unserved area and re-route the sewer main along Industrial Drive.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids on Woodland Drive Sewer Line. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to Waive Bidding Procedures and Purchase Space-Saver Storage Equipment from Bradford Systems for the New Police Station. The City is far enough along in the design and planning that it is known what storage space will be needed for evidence, files, and lockers. Because of the long lead time for this equipment, the City is asking the Council to waive the bidding and purchase the Space Saver Storage Equipment from Bradford Systems. This purchase is on the State Contract Rate of \$209,905.37.

Council Member Ray Botch motioned to grant permission to Waive Bidding Procedures and Purchase Space-Saver Storage Equipment from Bradford Systems for the New Police Station. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel introduced Finance Director Steve Tate to present the Annual Fire Pension and Police Pension Reports. The Illinois Compiled Statutes require that the reports be presented annually to the City Council. He reported that both pension funds had done very well this past year. These pension funds are both in the process of being consolidated into the Downstate Police and Fire Pension Funds. The State of Illinois will manage the funds. There was discussion regarding the funds and the consolidation of those funds. No motion was needed.

Mt. Vernon Police Pension		
Total Net Assets as of 4/30/2021	\$24,746,644	
Estimated Receipts for Next FY from		
• Salaries or Wages of Police Officers	\$ 265,114	
• Property Taxes and Pension Sales Tax	\$1,077,072	
• Net Investment Income	\$1,608,532	
Estimated Amount to Fund the Pension Next FY		
• Pay all Pension and other Obligations	\$1,763,874	
• Fund Actuarial Requirements	\$1,077,072	
Total Net Income Received from Investment of Assets	<i>FYE 4/30/2021</i>	<i>FYE 4/30/2020</i>
• Income (loss) from Investment of Assets	\$5,540,134	(\$1,141,322)
• Assumed Investment Return	6.5%	6.5%
• Actual Investment Return	28.85%	(5.61%)
Total Number of Active Employees Contributing	40	
Amount that was Disbursed in Benefits FYE 4/30/20		
• Annuitants of Regular Retirement Pension	\$1,004,171	19 Recipients
• Recipients Paid a Disability Pension	\$336,168	9 Recipients
• Surviving Spouses	\$318,650	8 Recipients
• Dependent Children	0	0 Recipients
Funded Ratio of Fund at 4/30/21	65%	
Unfunded Liability at 4/30/21	\$12,095,873	
Investment Policy	Maximum of 65% in Equity Securities, 60% in Fixed Income Securities, and 5% In Cash	

Mt. Vernon Firefighter's Pension		
Total Net Assets as of 4/30/2021	\$19,833,807	
Estimated Receipts for Next FY from		
• Salaries or Wages of Firefighters	\$ 196,820	
• Property Taxes and Pension Sales Tax	\$1,230,511	
• Net Investment Income	\$1,289,198	
Estimated Amount to Fund the Pension Next FY		
• Pay all Pension and other Obligations	\$1,428,542	
• Fund Actuarial Requirements	\$1,230,511	
Total Net Income Received from Investment of Assets	<i>FYE 4/30/2021</i>	<i>FYE 4/30/2020</i>
• Income (loss) from Investment of Assets	\$5,556,365	(\$1,848,633)
• Assumed Investment Return	6.5%	6.5%
• Actual Investment Return	38.92%	(11.44%)
Total Number of Active Employees Contributing	28	

Amount that was Disbursed in Benefits FYE 4/30/20		
• Annuitants of Regular Retirement Pension	\$510,349	11 Recipients
• Recipients Paid a Disability Pension	\$448,743	10 Recipients
• Surviving Spouses	\$448,188	13 Recipients
• Dependent Children	\$1,262	3 Recipients
Funded Ration of Fund at 4/30/21	59%	
Unfunded Liability at 4/30/21	\$12,675,747	
Investment Policy	Maximum of 55% in Equity Securities, 45% in Qualified Securities and Other Assets	

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading of an Ordinance for Property Tax Levy. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel introduced Finance Director Steve Tate to present information regarding the tax levy. The City is proposing a tax levy of \$2,954,900.00. This is the same as last year. There is a deficiency over the levy amounts for Fire Pension (-\$276,011.00), Police Pension (-\$181,872.00), and IMRF (-\$124,519.00). The total deficiency of \$611,224.00 will be paid from the Pension Sales Tax Fund. The 1/4% sales tax that was passed will generate about \$900,000.00. **First Reading was held.**

CITY OF MT. VERNON, IL PROPOSED CITY TAX LEVY Levied 2021 - Payable 2022 November 2021					
ASSUMING NO 2021 IMRF & SOCIAL SECURITY TAX LEVY FOR AZ, SSA#1, WATER AND SEWER					10/26/2021
USING POLICE AND FIRE PENSION LEVY UNDER NEW LAW	2020 TAX LEVY PAYABLE 2021		DOLLAR AMOUNT INCREASE	2021 TAX LEVY PAYABLE 2022	
	RATE	EXTENSION	(DECREASE)	LEVY	% CHANGE
CITY WIDE LEVY					
I.M.R.F. (General Corp & Tourism) + (IMRF ERI LOAN PMT)	0.18671	\$ 440,010.44	\$ (10.44)	\$ 440,000.00	0.00%
SOCIAL SECURITY (General Corp & Tourism)	0.12773	\$ 301,015.13	\$ (15.13)	\$ 301,000.00	-0.01%
FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND	0.40503	\$ 954,514.65	\$ (14.65)	\$ 954,500.00	0.00%
POLICE PENSION FUND	0.37986	\$ 895,197.72	\$ 2.28	\$ 895,200.00	0.00%
PARKS	0.11869	\$ 279,710.99	\$ (10.99)	\$ 279,700.00	0.00%
E.S.D.A.	0.00412	\$ 9,709.41	\$ (9.41)	\$ 9,700.00	-0.10%
TOTAL CITY WIDE	1.22214	\$ 2,880,158.34	\$ (58.34)	\$ 2,880,100.00	0.00%
SPECIAL SERVICE AREA # 1 LEVY					
SPEC'L SERVICE AREA (ADMINISTRATION)	1.64000	\$ 74,727.18	\$ 72.82	\$ 74,800.00	0.10%
TOTAL SPECIAL SERVICE AREA # 1	1.64000	\$ 74,727.18	\$ 72.82	\$ 74,800.00	0.10%
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 2,954,885.52	\$ 14.48	\$ 2,954,900.00	0.00%
		4.99% =	\$ 147,448.79		
		Amount over 4.99%	None		
			% Incr (Decr)		
			from previous year		
2020 EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION - CITY LEVY		235,665,249	0.14%		
2020 TAX RATE		1.22214			
2019 EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION - CITY LEVY		235,335,756	2.81%		
2019 TAX RATE		1.22383			
2018 EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION - CITY LEVY		228,903,950	0.70%		
2018 TAX RATE		1.25819			

Date: October 26, 2021								
The following calculations were used to calculate the 2021 Property Tax Levy - Payable 2022*:								
					FYE 2022 Levy Amount	Amount Required to Fund Pension Payments	Deficit Amount to be Funded by the 0.25% Pension Sales Tax	
					IMRF (General Corporate and Tourism + IMRF ERI Loan Payment)	\$ 440,000	\$ 553,224	\$ (124,519)
					Social Security (General Corporate and Tourism)	301,000	322,155	(28,822)
					Firefighters' Pension Fund	954,500	1,230,511	(276,011)
					Police Pension Fund	895,200	1,077,072	(181,872)
					Subtotal:	2,590,700	\$ 3,182,962	\$ (611,224)
					Parks	279,700		
					ESDA	9,700		
					Subtotal:	289,400		
					Special Service Area #1	74,800		
					Subtotal:	74,800		
					Grand Total of Property Tax Levy	\$ 2,954,900		
					* This assumes no IMRF & Social Security Tax Levy for AZ, SSA#1, Water & Sewer.			
					Additional Information			
					Total Levy 2019 & Payable 2020	\$ 2,964,231		
					Total Levy 2020 & Payable 2021	2,954,900		
					Total Levy 2021 & Payable 2022	2,954,900		
					Change from Prior Year	\$ -		
					Deficit Amount to be Funded by the 0.25% Pension Sales Tax	\$ (388,620)	Year 2020	
					Deficit Amount to be Funded by the 0.25% Pension Sales Tax	\$ (493,610)	Year 2021	
					Deficit Amount to be Funded by the 0.25% Pension Sales Tax	\$ (611,224)	Year 2022	
					Increase in Deficit Amount from Prior Year	\$ 117,614		

City Attorney David Leggans presented for First Reading of an Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property. The property consists of the following:

<u>PROP ID#</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>LEGAL DESCRIPTION</u>
546	1103 Welkins	Lot 6 in A.H. Polk's Second Addition
597	531 S. 24th Street	Ward's Parkview SL18 C.F. Hoit 3 LOT 2
598	1201 S. 23rd St.	City Park Add Lot 393
609	701 S. 22nd St.	Lot 245 in the City Park Addition
613	2407 Conger	East 50 feet of Lot 576 in City Park Addition
619	708 S. 21st Street	Lot 131 in the City Park Addition
620	805 S. 19th Street	Casey & Mannen Orchard Pk Add Lot 118
624	325-327 Broadway	Lot 2 & Lot 3 in Block 3 in W. Duff Green's Second Addition
625	628 S. 20th Street	Casey & Mannen Orchard Park Add Lot 143
646	2213 College	Brooksland Heights Lot 34
669	124 Opdyke	Watson, S H Add Lts 8 to 70 Lot 29
670	2210 College	Brooksland Heights Lot 33
671	409 S. 15th Street	Casey, Sam 3 rd Add B 1-2-3-4 Lot 3 Blk 2
675	1501 S. 12th Street	Williams, GD 2 nd Add L1-50 Lot 4

Fire Department Equipment

MSA SCBA Harnesses - 52
MSA SCBA Bottles - 95
MSA SCBA Mask - 31

Police Department Equipment

Car #5 2021 Ford Interceptor SUV VIN: IFM5K8AB2MGB24858

Council Member Ray Botch made the motion to suspend the rules and take action on the Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve Ordinance #2021-36, an Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property. Seconded by Council Member Ray Botch. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, and Young. Absent: Lewis.

MAYOR

None.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk