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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, October 6, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, October 6, 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 Ron Lash with the Corinthian 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 September 15, 2025 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: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Willie Johnson spoke to the Council regarding his concerns with the location of the new Dutch Bros Coffee on Sunset Drive. He stated he is a 40-year resident of that neighborhood and that Sunset Drive is a narrow street with a dead-end cul-de-sac, and the only exit off of Sunset is onto Broadway. He said that he and other neighbors believe this is going to be a major disruptor of the neighborhood and that this establishment is going to cause a lot of difficulties for the Sunset Drive residents. He stated he was shocked that the people who live on that street were not apprised of what was to take place at that location and that the residents were not given much thought in this situation.

City Manager Nathan McKenna stated that the property has been zoned for commercial development for years and that the property did not have to go before Planning and Zoning Commission. He affirmed that most of Broadway frontage properties are zoned commercial. The site plans were submitted to the City Engineer for evaluation and everything conformed with the state and local codes. McKenna also stated that the property had been for sale for some time and it was advertised as zoned for commercial purposes. McKenna also stated that in addition to the entrance and exit on Sunset Drive, there will be an exit onto Crownview from the drive-thru coffee shop that can be utilized by its patrons. Mayor Lewis added that the zoning changes happened 25 years ago and that the City doesn't choose what businesses come to town. Mayor Lewis thanked Mr. Johnson for his comments.

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 \$2,040,052.58. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS/QUOTES

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented the Bid Results for the Richview Road Sewer Main Replacement. The City received two bids for this project. J.K. Trotter was the lowest bidder with a bid of \$300,427.00. Staff recommendation is to award the bid.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to grant permission to accept the Bid Results for the Richview Road Sewer Main Replacement from J.K. Trotter in the amount of \$300,427.00. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented the Bid Results for a Skid Steer for Public Works. This was a budgeted expense in the Home Rule Fund. The City received five bids, two of them did not meet bid specifications. Diamond Equipment was the lowest bidder with a bid of \$83,500. The City had budgeted \$107,000 for this equipment. Recommendation is to award the bid to Diamond Equipment.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to accept the Bid Results for a Skid Steer for Public Works from Diamond Equipment in the amount of \$83,500. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Street Closure Request for 8th Street between Highway 142 and Bledsoe Street on October 25, 2025 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. for a Cruise-In.

Requesting Party: Rick's Towing. This was previously approved, the date on the request form was wrong.

Council Member Jay Tate motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure Request for 8th Street between Highway 142 and Bledsoe Street on October 25, 2025 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. for a Cruise-In. Requesting Party: Rick's Towing. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Street Closure Request for SW Crescent between 33rd Street and Central Avenue on October 11, 2025 from 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a Neighborhood Chili Cook-Off. Requesting Party: David Keen.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission for a Street Closure Request for SW Crescent between 33rd Street and Central Avenue on October 11, 2025 from 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a Neighborhood Chili Cook-Off. Requesting Party: David Keen. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement to Annex Property as Vacant Land on E. Richview Road, PIN: 06-14-351-013. This was previously approved, however, it was approved prior to public notice being completed. The required notices have been met.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement to Annex Property as Vacant Land on E. Richview Road, PIN: 06-14-351-013. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. #2025-36.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Ameren Illinois and REACH Strategies. This is a grant in the amount of \$50,000 that can be used for anything related to transportation electrification. The City does not currently have a designated use.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Ameren Illinois and REACH Strategies. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. #2025-37.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Lincoln Park Foundation. This is a hold harmless agreement between the City and the Foundation to allow the city crews to remove the overgrowth on the property where the Indoor Recreation Center will be located. Once completed this will allow the survey work to begin.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Lincoln Park Foundation. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. #2025-38.

MAYOR

None.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Jay Tate wanted to say what a wonderful event the Fall Fest was for the community, great time to see everyone out enjoying the event.

Council Member Joe Gliosci stated he believes there were 25,000 in attendance. City Manager McKenna said he believes it was one of the largest attendances at the Fall Fest.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Horton Petties asked what the future plans are for south town and if it is zoned commercial? City Manager McKenna stated that most of 11th Street to 27th Street is zoned residential. The TIF boundary stops ½ block off of the west side of 10th Street. Mr. Petties inquired about property next to the church building that is all grown up with weeds and trees. Mayor Lewis stated that the Inspections Office can look into that. Mr. Petties said he appreciates the progress that the Mayor and Council are doing and making Mt. Vernon a good place to live. The Fall Fest was good, and the kids really enjoyed themselves. He stated that he was proud of the Veterans Park and believes we have one of the greatest parks in the area and also in the downtown area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, City Clerk