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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 21, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 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 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 Journal for the September 8, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

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

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Natalie Shook, Executive Director of United Way of South Central Illinois, spoke to the Council regarding a couple of programs that they are bringing to the community. She stated they participate in the community health needs assessment with both local hospitals. They have been working with Remote Area Medical, and they will be in Mt. Vernon on May 14 and May 15, 2027, starting at 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. located at Central Christian Church. In this two-day clinic, there will be 100 doctors that come into our community to provide free medical, dental and vision services to people in our area, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. They will also do 3-D printing of dentures and provide glasses. This is a first-come, first-served clinic.

The next program is the Midwest Food Bank. This is a new monthly resource for regional food pantries. Currently, the nearest hub is in Fairfield, and they are ending their services in October. United Way is taking this on, and they will be getting two semi-loads of food once a month and they will distribute these to the food pantries. The first date that they will be receiving food is Thursday, November 5, 2026. This will be food for 24 local food pantries that they will be able to help with this program. Those food pantries will pick up food that same day.

Council Member Donte Moore stated that these are great programs, and he appreciates what United Way is doing for the community by bringing them to Mt. Vernon.

Angela Schrum, Director of the Mt. Vernon Tourism Department, was next to speak. She stated that next weekend, September 25 and September 26, is Fall Fest. On Friday, there is a Cruise-In starting at 5:00 p.m. at 11th & Jordan Streets, Kids Zone, and Midway Games at the Commons. There is live music on Friday and Saturday. There will be many vendors, food trucks, and different activities and entertainment for children including a magician, snake show, dance demonstration, balloon animals, etc. The Fall Fest Parade starts at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, with more than 100 entries. She reminded everyone that thanks to all of the sponsors, there is no charge to attend. If anyone has any questions, they can find more information at mtvfestivals.com.

Betty Soule of 312 N. 16th Street spoke to the Council regarding a problem with people parking in front of her driveway. She asked if a no-parking sign could be placed there.

Mayor Lewis stated that the police and engineers could look at the situation.

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 \$3,183,843.69. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS/QUOTES

None.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission to Seek Bids on the Construction of a New Basketball Court and Dog Park in Optimist Park. This would relocate the basketball court to the east side of the park along 8th Street, add 100 X 175 foot fenced-in area which would be divided up for smaller dogs and larger dogs, and add 6 more parking spaces to accommodate the dog park area.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to grant permission to Seek Bids on the Construction of a New Basketball Court and Dog Park in Optimist Park. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented for First Reading of an Ordinance Approving Certain Regulations Related to Block Party Street Closures. This ordinance will establish guidelines for block party application. It includes the requirement of sign-off from all affected residents in the closure area, party end time of 10:00 p.m., no alcohol in public right-of-way, not to be permitted in major thru streets (with an average daily traffic count of less than 1000) and an accessible fire lane. This new Ordinance will still require that it comes to City Council for approval.

McKenna stated that he did have average traffic count for some of the streets which included South 12th Street – highest average traffic count is 2,400; Perkins – highest average traffic count is 1,800; South 27th Street – highest average traffic count is 3,550; South 34th Street - highest average traffic count is 3,900; 42nd Street - highest average traffic count is 7,900; Veterans - highest average traffic count is 10,000. Some of the other residential streets – Logan Street – has a traffic count that can go from 1,300 to 1,900 depending on the section of the road; there is a 2-block section of South 19th Street from Broadway that averages 750; South 17th Street varies with the highest count closest to Veterans being at 1,250. IDOT does not do traffic counts in most of the residential neighborhoods, however, the ones that are on their map range from between 500 to 700.

FIRST READING ONLY.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Perry Ridge Landfill, Inc. for Non-Hazardous Waste Disposal. This is a year-to-year contract there they take all of the leftover material from the wastewater treatment plant. The City's current agreement expires at the end of the month, and this agreement is for one year. There is an increase in price from \$28.50 per ton to \$29.75 per ton.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Perry Ridge Landfill, Inc. for Non-Hazardous Waste Disposal. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Resolution #2026-44.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Approving an Agreement for Professional Services with Heneghan & Associates. During heavy rain events, the sanitary sewer lift station #6 receives a large amount of infiltration of storm water. This agreement authorizes Heneghan & Associates to explore two alternative solutions to address the issue which could be improvements to the lift station or repair/replacing the sewer line.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement for Professional Services with Heneghan & Associates. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Resolution #2026-45.

MAYOR

None.

CITY COUNCIL

City Council Member Joe Gliosci congratulated Mayor Lewis on his appointment to President of the IML.

Mayor Lewis stated it is a good organization that represents 1,294 communities of which everyone is a member. It is good networking with other communities.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Brianna Nelson addressed the Council regarding a question about the skate park location at the Optimist Park. City Manager McKenna answered that the skate park would remain where it is and offered a map to show the location of the changes to the Optimist Park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:25 p.m., Mayor John Lewis requested an Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) – Setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the City.

Council Member Jay Tate motioned to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) – Setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the City. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

At 7:50 p.m., Mayor John Lewis reconvened the Regular City Council Meeting. Roll call showed present: Council Member Joe Gliosci, Council Member Donte Moore, Council Member Jay Tate, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis.

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 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Barbour".

Becky Barbour, City Clerk