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PUBLIC HEARING
City of Mt. Vernon
Public Hearing – TIF Redevelopment Plan and Project for the N. 42nd Street TIF
City Hall – 1100 Main St.
Monday, February 2, 2026
6:30 p.m.

A Public Meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. Those minutes are available separately. The regular City Council Meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, February 2, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 7:05 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.

Pastor Randy Steele with Southwest Christian 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 January 20, 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

None.

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 \$1,066,787.05. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS/QUOTES

None.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Nathan McKenna stated that the following four items, 9-A through 9-D on the agenda are for street closures for the city's 2026 annual events. McKenna stated if there is no objection, he would like the Council to consider the street closures as one item.

Council Member Joe Gliosci made a motion to approve the four street closures as presented. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate.

Tourism Director Angela Schrum was present at the meeting and stated the dates for the Market Days street closures are incorrect. The request 9-A on the agenda will be corrected and placed on the next meeting's agenda.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented the following Street Closure Requests, 9-B through 9-D on the agenda, for upcoming events:

The Mt. Vernon Brewers Festival on June 6, 2026 for 9th Street between Main Street and Jordan Street from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Activities and Parade on December 5, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the following streets:

7th Street between Main Street and Casey Avenue

Jordan Street between 8th Street and 6th Street

Parade Route:

Main Street (State Route 15) between 7th Street and 10th Street

10th Street (State Route 37) between Main Street and Broadway

Broadway (State Route 15) between 10th Street and 7th Street

Fall Fest Activities and Parade – September 24, 2026 – September 26, 2026 for the following streets:

September 24, 2026
9th Street between Casey Avenue and Jordan Street

September 25, 2026, from 7 a.m. through 2 p.m. on September 27, 2026
9th Street between Casey Avenue and Harrison Street
Jordan Street between the east side of RARE parking lot and Johnson Alley

September 25, 2026, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Jordan Street between 10th Street and 12th Street
11th Street from Broadway to Harrison Street

September 26, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Parade staging 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
7th Street between Broadway and Newby Avenue
Parade route 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Main Street (State Route 15) between 7th Street and 10th Street
10th Street (State Route 37) between Main Street and Newby Avenue

Council Member Jay Tate made the motion to Amend the prior Motion and Approve Three Street Closure Requests to Include 9-B through 9-D as Presented. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented for First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Ceding of Private Activity Bonding Authority. The State of Illinois allocates funding that can be used for bonding to help with economic development projects. If the City does not obligate the funding by May 1st it is returned to the State. The City can transfer the authority to utilize the funding source to the Southeastern Illinois Economic Development Authority, which keeps the funding source available to the region. The amount is \$1,911,870. It can only be used for private development and not public purposes.

Council Member Donte Moore made the motion to suspend the rules and take action on the Ordinance, an Ordinance Authorizing the Ceding of Private Activity Bonding Authority. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2026-04, an Ordinance Authorizing the Ceding of Private Activity Bonding Authority. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Approving an Agreement Between IDOT and the City of Mt. Vernon Related to State Route 37 Resurfacing, ADA Sidewalk, and Traffic Signal Improvements. IDOT will be resurfacing IL 37 from Main Street to Loop Road this spring/summer. The project is utilizing federal funding which requires a 20% match from the State. They will cover the funding for the road surface, they will not cover the expense of the parking lanes. If the City wants to continue having parking spots on 10th Street, the City will have to pay the portion attributed to them. Additionally, the State will be upgrading the traffic lights at 10th and Harrison. The City is asked to pay half of those costs due to Harrison being a local road. The total cost of the traffic lights and the resurfacing of the parking area to the City is \$32,775. There will be a continued long-term cost of a cell service for the traffic signals that the City will be required to pay and invoice IDOT for 50% of the monthly bill.

Council Member Joe Gliosci made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving an Agreement Between IDOT and the City of Mt. Vernon Related to State Route 37 Resurfacing, ADA Sidewalk, and Traffic Signal Improvements. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Resolution #2026-04.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Requesting Permission from IDOT for the Temporary Closure of State Route 15 and State Route 37 on December 5, 2026, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the Annual Christmas Parade.

Council Member Mike Young made a motion to approve the Resolution Requesting Permission from IDOT for the Temporary Closure of State Route 15 and State Route 37 on December 5, 2026, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the Annual Christmas Parade. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Resolution #2026-05.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Requesting Permission from IDOT for the Temporary Closure of State Route 15 and State Route 37 on September 26, 2026, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the Fall Fest Parade.

Council Member Joe Gliosci made a motion to approve the Resolution Requesting Permission from IDOT for the Temporary Closure of State Route 15 and State Route 37 on September 26, 2026, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the Fall Fest Parade. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Resolution #2026-06.

MAYOR

Mayor Lewis wanted to thank the first responders, Police Department and Fire Department, for all of their hard work, especially the Public Works Department.

CITY COUNCIL

None.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, City Clerk