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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, December 1, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, December 1, 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 opened the meeting.

Pastor Brian Fuller with the First Baptist Church of Woodlawn led the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

The roll call showed present: Council Member Joe Gliosci, Council Member Jay Tate, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis. Absent: Council Member Donte Moore

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journal for the November 17, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting was presented for approval.

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

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Wes Plummer was present to speak to the Council regarding his continued concerns on the funding for the new indoor recreation center and the cost to the citizens. He had questioned the amount used to subsidize the Aquatic Zoo for this past year and why the City does not have those figures stating there needs to be transparency. Mayor Lewis replied the amount can be from \$50,000 to \$100,000 depending on maintenance. Mayor Lewis stated that maintenance is being completed for the year and the City does not have the current figures at this time. City Manager McKenna also added that the amount has gone up because of the increase in minimum wages. Plummer then questioned that the Council Members were "all or nothing" on building the new rec center. Mayor Lewis stated that no council member here has that attitude. Plummer questioned Council Member Young, asking if his business would want to be involved in the

building of the new recreation center and would he step aside in that decision. Council Member Young stated that he is retired and has no ownership with the company.

Mr. Plummer then questioned the fact that Council Member Jay Tate was appointed to the City Council instead of the position being offered to Angela Whitfield who had run in the last election. Mayor Lewis stated that Council Member Ray Botch was retiring and he was given the opportunity to assist in choosing a replacement. The City was losing a lot of financial expertise and names were given to the Council for consideration, including Ms. Whitfield. The Council felt that Tate brought the most to the table for what was needed in replacing Council Member Botch. Mr. Plummer then questioned if Council Member Jay Tate is legally allowed to serve since he is also a school board member at Summersville Grade School. Mayor Lewis stated that the City had done their due diligence, checked with City attorneys, and were assured that there were no issues with Tate's appointment.

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 \$3,975,899.33. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

BIDS/QUOTES

None.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Nathan McKenna requested permission to Seek Proposals for Janitorial Services of City Buildings. Jason James informed City Manager McKenna that he could no longer continue providing janitorial services to the City. He has agreed to continue until January.

Council Member Jay Tate motioned to grant permission to Seek Proposals for Janitorial Services of City Buildings. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented for First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds for Certain Capital Improvements. This includes a new recreation center. This is a first reading for issuance of bonds in the amount of \$30,000,000 with a 15-year term and a 5-year call date. Tim King with Monticello was present at the meeting to answer any questions. There were none.

FIRST READING ONLY.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented for First Reading of an Ordinance Reallocating Proceeds from the Home Rule Municipal Retailers and Service Occupation Tax. The 1% Home Rule Sales Tax imposed in 2017 is the funding source for the bond payment. At the time of passage, the Ordinance laid out five criteria for the funds use. One was for “expenses incurred for capital construction projects for the Public Utility Department.” This Ordinance amends the original Ordinance and removes the “for the Public Utility Department” to now state “expenses incurred for capital construction projects.” This does not mean the funds will not continue to be used for water and sewer improvements. It does give the City flexibility to use the funds to cover the additional debt service incurred with the new bonds.

FIRST READING ONLY.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented for First Reading of an Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Criminal Justice Service Assistance Agreement. This is an agreement with the Southern Illinois Major Case Squad. It is a reciprocal agreement for manpower, specifically detectives for major criminal investigations. If the City does not have a detective available, then there is no obligation or requirement to send one. It is a free service and works like ILEAS and MABAS.

Police Chief Robert Brands was present to speak to the Council and answer any questions. Chief Brands stated that this is a newly created board for downstate which he is a part of. Many areas of Illinois have a major case squad, however, our area does not. This is being created for our area and is for major cases where there is additional manpower needed to help investigate those crimes. MVPD can send detectives to help with the crimes or if MVPD needs help with an investigation, we can call on the other agencies. Illinois State Police is involved, along with several sheriff’s offices and other municipalities in Southern Illinois.

Council Member Joe Gliosci made the motion to suspend the rules and take action on the Ordinance, an Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Criminal Justice Service Assistance Agreement. Seconded by Council Member Jay Tate. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

Council Member Joe Gliosci motioned to approve Ordinance #2025-34, an Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Criminal Justice Service Assistance Agreement. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore.

City Manager Nathan McKenna presented a Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Agreement with IDOT Related to the Illinois Route 15 Bridge Replacement. The original agreement identified the City logo as the statue to be placed on both sides of the bridge. This recognizes the change from the logo to eagle statues and recommits the City to the maintenance of the eagles. The wingspan of the eagles is approximately 16 feet wide.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to approve a Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Agreement with IDOT Related to the Illinois Route 15 Bridge Replacement. Seconded by Council Member Joe Gliosci. Yeas: Gliosci, Tate, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Moore. #2025-45.

MAYOR

None.

CITY COUNCIL

None.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:21 p.m., Mayor John Lewis requested an Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) – The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the City.

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

At 7:27 p.m., Mayor John Lewis reconvened the Regular City Council Meeting. Roll call showed present: Council Member Joe Gliosci, Council Member Jay Tate, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis. Absent: Council Member Donte Moore.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Barbour, City Clerk