

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL

Council Minutes

October 7, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mt. Vernon City Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Weston Frank, with the following council members present: Austin Kayser, Matt Geidel, Dave Renken, Sherri Kayser, Roger DeKok, and Cameron Deinert. City employees present: Maintenance Officer Ryan Stahl and Finance Officer Laura Mayclin. Present for public participation was Dan & Janis London.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.

Motion by DeKok, seconded by Renken, to approve the agenda.

Dan and Janis London attended the meeting to see what mitigation was being looked into for future flood events. Council is looking into various options, including the H&H study through the state. Stahl has also already repaired the culvert in front of London’s home, which had been previously damaged. Council discussed whether the H&H study would be beneficial to the city, as it will only provide information for issues west of town and the creek through town. SPN has informed us they can do a study for about \$40,000, which would be focused on exactly what we need to do to improve the drainage throughout the city. Since the H&H study would cost us \$15,000 and not result in us having all the information we need for drainage, the council decided not to do the hydrology study. They will be working with SPN on the other study instead.

Motion by Renken, seconded by S. Kayser to approve the following budget resolution: Whereas, the City Council has determined that the 2024 budget requires adjustment. NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Mt. Vernon hereby authorizes the following: General Fund: General Government Buildings: Insurance \$2,700.00; General Fund: Financial Administration: Utilities: (\$2,700.00.) This amount will cover the increase in cost of property insurance.

Motion by Deinert, seconded by A. Kayser to approve the following consent items for September: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, Credits Report/Bank Statement, and Payment of Bills. Bills:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Sewer Surcharge</u>	<u>Description</u>
Weston Frank	170.85				wages
Cameron Deinert	60.03				wages
Austin Kayser	60.03				wages
Dave Renken	60.03				wages
Sherri Kayser	60.03				wages
Roger DeKok	60.03				wages
Matt Geidel	60.03				wages
Ardis Overweg	614.46				wages
Ryan Stahl	4,270.46	230.87			wages
Laura Mayclin	1,180.22				wages
Glen Wentland	171.88				wages
Davison Rural Water	11,539.25				water
SD Retirement	713.10				retire
Verizon	62.75				util
Santel	248.13			47.14	util
Northwestern Energy	1,617.84	237.10	190.01		util
Udrive Technology	50.32				util
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	308.03				sales tax
SD Unempl Ins	20.97				Unempl
CorTrust	2,113.26	38.26			941
Menards	257.34				supplies

Westy's	199.45			Fuel
SD-DOH		181.00		Lab
J&W Marketing	170.00			mgmt
Northwest Pipe Fittings		205.92		Maint
Ardis Overweg	266.24			supplies
A&G Diesel	46.96			Repairs
Zach Scott Construction	2,850.00			Repairs
USA Blue Book	74.37			Maint
Cortrust Visa	784.37	120.50	120.50	supplies
Kalissa Mayclin	31.25			Repairs
Clark Paving	56,981.26			Repairs
Carquest	261.98			Repairs
USBank				16,346.28
McLeod's	47.99			Project
Team Lab	262.00			Repairs
Sherry Kayser	319.61			Maint
				Event Suppl

OLD BUSINESS

1. Renken has been working to rid The Hall of bats and will continue working on that.
2. There appears to have been improvement in the issue with residents which was brought to our attention at the September meeting.
3. Frank is working to get better communication between members of the Park Board. The city will not be providing any additional funding in 2025 for the baseball fields, as we will be spending about \$20,000.00 in 2024 to help get the project finished that they originally started with a grant. Frank and Kayser are requesting documentation showing what expenses the grant was used for. Frank will attend the next school board meeting to discuss this further.
4. Frank is working with an attorney so the council can decide which option is best suited for handling the 6th Avenue encroachment case. One option that seems possible is a 99-year lease for the property.
5. Frank has spoken with SPN regarding the additional cost of waiting until 2026 for the Railroad Street Project. The reason for the delay would be to not interfere with the baseball tournament. Seeing that it could cost an additional \$35,000 to \$50,000 if we keep the timing restrictions in the contracts, council passed a resolution to remove the restriction: Motion by Renken, seconded by Geidel to remove the restriction for the baseball tournament, which will result in less burden to taxpayers..
6. Building Permits will be looked at after the 6th Avenue Encroachment is resolved.
7. We received 3 estimates for HVAC at the new city building for the meeting room and garage area heating. Pricing ranged from \$16,000 to \$24,000. We also received an estimate for adding stairs to the loft storage area of \$3,000 to \$6,700, depending on which type of stairs we decided to go with. Frank says he has a 3 head mini-split that we could install, which would cost a fraction of these estimates. He offered to allow us to try it and see if it works. If so, the city could purchase it for a reasonable price. We are also looking into other, more cost-effective options for the stairs, especially since they will only be used by Stahl or others accessing the loft area, which is used for storage and HVAC. Renken has offered to paint the new meeting room at the new city shop and will begin on that project soon. Stahl has installed 3 surveillance cameras at the new facility.
8. Council signed the law enforcement agreement for 2025.
9. Renken will assist in hanging Christmas lights, using a rented boom lift.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Maintenance Officer Stahl reported that he will need an air exchanger for the garage where we store the garbage truck. This will serve to keep odors out of the rest of the building, including the city office and meeting room. Stahl is looking at a pump that is currently being auctioned to assist with our lift station in the future. He is seeking additional input from Benders to see if the unit will work with our current system. The pump, when new costs over \$100,000, and it is a 2015 model. Motion

by Geidel, seconded by Renken to approve bidding up to \$20,000 for the pump, if he finds that it will work in the capacity we desire. Motion by Renken, seconded by Deinert to sell the street sweeper to Clark Construction for \$500.00, which is our total investment in it.

2. Finance Officer Mayclin reported that the \$200,000 5-month cd has been opened. She also said that she added the text alert information to the September bills, and people have begun to sign up.
3. Frank reported that so far the things council is doing to address the drainage issue are: purchased new 3-inch trash pump to trailer to manholes during events, having SPN do study of drainage in city, repairing culvert at Lindman and 3rd, council authorized bidding on pump (if it will work with our system,) calling Bender to investigate sewer entrances with camera, cattail removal in ditches, forming a response team for events, and moving up the Railroad Street project to 2025.
4. Motion by Renken, seconded by DeKok to have Council President Austin Kayser approved to sign city checks.
5. No executive session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3 was required.

Motion by S. Kayser, seconded by DeKok to adjourn at 9:24 pm.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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