

**MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL**  
**Council Minutes**  
**October 9, 2023**

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: D. Anderson, Sherri Kayser, D. Renken and R. DeKok. Not present was Darin Moke. City employees present were: Maintenance Officer R. Stahl and Finance Officer L. Mayclin. Attending for public participation were: Austin Kayser and Jill and Jed Frank.

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

Motion by Kayser, second by Powell to approve the agenda.

Austin Kayser was present to observe the process of the meeting, as he is considering filling the upcoming vacant seat.

Jill and Jed Frank were present to participate in the discussion of the upcoming Christmas celebrations. The City has received some items for the new Christmas display, and we anticipate receiving the other items soon. Council decided to have the initial lighting of the city lights on December 2, 2023. We plan to have a parade on December 16, 2023. The plans for the Christmas event were discussed at length.

Anderson said he would head up the parade entries, speaking to various organizations and individuals for participants.

Mayor Frank said he would look into advertising and talk to the fire department to see if they would like to hold an open house fundraiser, offering food and beverages during the event. Jill and Jed Frank want to help in any way they can.

Some ideas for food items were: hot cocoa, popcorn, cookies and possibly even a donut food truck. However, if the fire department is able to join us in the event, there may be more.

Another idea was to have a yard decoration contest for residents and provide a place for everyone to vote at the event.

Other ideas floated were: meeting with Santa and bingo at The Hall before the parade. In subsequent years we might even do a parade of homes.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by DeKok to approve the following budget resolution:

Whereas, the City Council has determined that the 2023 budget requires adjustment. NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council for the City of Mt. Vernon hereby authorizes the following transfers of previously approved budgeted funds from one department to another: General Fund: Contingency (\$13,000); General Fund: Garbage Department (\$13,000)

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

Bills:

|                       |                       |                     |                        |                     | <b>Sewer</b>            |                           |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
|                       | <b><u>General</u></b> | <b><u>Water</u></b> | <b><u>City Tax</u></b> | <b><u>Sewer</u></b> | <b><u>Surcharge</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b> |
| Weston Frank          | 170.85                |                     |                        |                     |                         | wages                     |
| David Anderson        | 60.03                 |                     |                        |                     |                         | wages                     |
| Connor Powell         | 60.03                 |                     |                        |                     |                         | wages                     |
| Dave Renken           | 60.03                 |                     |                        |                     |                         | wages                     |
| Sherri Kayser         | 60.03                 |                     |                        |                     |                         | wages                     |
| Roger DeKok           | 60.03                 |                     |                        |                     |                         | wages                     |
| Darin Moke            | 60.03                 |                     |                        |                     |                         | wages                     |
| Ardis Overweg         | 589.79                |                     |                        |                     |                         | wages                     |
| Ryan Stahl            | 3,229.42              | 230.87              |                        |                     |                         | wages                     |
| Laura Mayclin         | 1,333.55              |                     |                        |                     |                         | wages                     |
| Glen Wentland         | 151.46                |                     |                        |                     |                         | wages                     |
| MV School             | 75.00                 |                     |                        |                     |                         | rent                      |
| Davison Rural Water   |                       | 10,880.00           |                        |                     |                         | water                     |
| SD Retirement         | 536.60                |                     |                        |                     |                         | retire                    |
| Verizon               | 61.20                 |                     |                        |                     |                         | util                      |
| Santel                | 232.72                |                     |                        | 46.23               |                         | util                      |
| Northwestern Energy   | 1,378.11              | 169.74              | 25.35                  | 181.80              |                         | util                      |
| L&L Sanitation        | 5,151.00              |                     |                        |                     |                         | garb                      |
| Forum Communicatio    | 79.89                 |                     |                        |                     |                         | publ                      |
| SD State Treasurer (D | 285.45                |                     |                        |                     |                         | sales tax                 |
| SD Unempl Ins         | 33.56                 |                     |                        |                     |                         | Unempl                    |
| CorTrust              | 1,698.82              | 38.26               |                        |                     |                         | 941                       |
| Menards               | 576.10                |                     |                        | 115.95              |                         | supplies                  |
| Westy's               | 201.22                |                     |                        |                     |                         | Fuel                      |
| SD-DOH                |                       | 196.00              |                        |                     |                         | Lab                       |
| J&W Marketing         | 180.00                |                     |                        |                     |                         | mgmt                      |
| 3E                    |                       |                     |                        | 2,119.53            |                         | Repairs                   |
| Ardis Overweg         | 289.54                |                     |                        |                     |                         | supplies                  |
| Dakota Pump           |                       |                     |                        | 2,432.82            |                         | Repairs                   |
| SD Public Assurance   | 163.85                |                     |                        |                     |                         | Insurance                 |
| Gene Deinert          | 465.08                |                     |                        |                     |                         | Refund Ret.               |
| NASASP                | 39.00                 |                     |                        |                     |                         | Dues                      |
| CNA Surety            | 50.00                 |                     |                        |                     |                         | Insurance                 |
| Runnings              | 129.58                |                     |                        |                     |                         | Maint                     |
| Cortrust Visa         | 964.49                | 68.00               |                        | 68.00               |                         | supplies                  |
| Kalissa Mayclin       | 62.50                 |                     |                        |                     |                         | Repairs                   |
| Henke                 | 411.29                |                     |                        |                     |                         | Repairs                   |
| Carquest              | 79.99                 |                     |                        |                     |                         | Repairs                   |
| SD Fed Property       | 258.00                |                     |                        |                     |                         | Maint                     |
| USBank                |                       |                     |                        |                     | 16,346.28               | Project                   |
| Davison County        | 357.00                |                     |                        |                     |                         | Repairs                   |
| Ryan Stahl            | 144.60                |                     |                        |                     |                         | Maint                     |

## OLD BUSINESS

1. The siding on The Hall is coming off, so Frank will be contacting the company for repair. We have a vacancy of an office at The Hall - the monthly fee is \$80 a month.
2. Anderson has checked into a grant to help with the cost of planting trees at the park, however, the trees would have to be a certain size, and that would make it outside of the amount we have budgeted for that project. We will proceed with the plan with the Conservation District.
3. Frank continues to work out the details of the Parks Department committee.
4. We had the first reading of amended garbage ordinance 6.7.9. Frank will talk with L&L regarding a recent overweight issue.
5. Citywide cleanup went well. We collected less overall items, which may mean that this process is working, so people just have less to get rid of.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. The need for mowing has slowed down, so Stahl is currently working on getting everything, including the plow truck, repaired and ready for snow. He and Mayclin will begin working to get notices to residents for the upcoming lead survey.
2. Stahl and Mayclin have continued planning for the new office/shop space. One thing they would like to see is a new message board (as the one at the post office is in need of repair) placed at the new city hall. They confirmed that the tower should not need to be moved from its current location. We are hopeful to begin moving in during October or November. Anderson mentioned that in the next few years we may need to invest in a new water meter reading system, as the one we currently have quickly became outdated after it was purchased.
3. Council accepted the resignation of Councilmember Powell, thanking him for his years of service.
4. No executive session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3 was required.

Motion by Kayser, second by Renken to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.

Weston Frank  
Mayor

Laura Mayclin  
Finance Officer

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