

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL

Council Minutes

October 12, 2020

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, B. Hohbach, D. Renken C. Powell, D. Maltzberger, and D. London. Also present: Maint. Officer G. Deinert, and Fin. Officer L. Mayclin. Present for public participation was: Chris Thill, Alan Otterstrom, and Joel Johnson (Code Enforcement Specialists.)

Pledge of Allegiance was recited to begin the meeting. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated. Motion by Maltzberger, second by Powell to approve the agenda.

Thill and Otterstrom were seeking permission to move a mobile home into the city on Thill's property. It is a 1990 home, and they plan to only have it here temporarily for two years. Otterstrom also mentioned that he drives a semi, and the council mentioned that the semi couldn't be parked on the street. Frank read ordinance 3.2.1 to 3.2.5 on mobile homes, which states that any mobile homes brought in need to be 10 years old or newer. Anderson suggested having the city attorney draw up papers to allow the move-in for the set amount of time – two years. Motion by Anderson, second by Powell to contact attorney to write up a contract that the trailer would be off property by December 1, 2022 and no semi would be allowed on the property. Motion by Anderson, second by Renken that the city split attorney fees for drafting the contract with Otterstrom 50/50. Anderson will be in contact with Otterstrom during this process.

Johnson gave updates to the council about code enforcement. He mentioned that many of the towns he works in use the International Property Maintenance Code. We will look into it for the city.

Motion by Maltzberger, second by London to approve consent items for September: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, Credits Report/Bank Statement and Payment of Bills.

BILLS:

	General	Water	City Tax	Sewer	Sewer Surcharge	Description
Weston Frank	170.85					wages
Dan London	60.03					wages
David Anderson	60.03					wages
Dave Renken	60.03					wages
Brett Hohbach	60.03					wages
Connor Powell	60.03					wages
Darin Maltzberger	60.03					wages
Ardis Overweg	527.10					wages
Gene Deinert	3,117.32	230.87				wages
Laura Mayclin	911.59					wages
Glen Wentland	239.04					wages
MV School	75.00					rent
Davison Rural Water		8,830.50				water
SD Retirement	517.72					retire
Verizon	57.90					util
Santel	228.02			46.20		util
Northwestern Energy	977.43		28.31			util
Petrik	3,420.49					garb
Forum Comm. - Daily Rep	245.29					publ
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	207.46					sales tax
SD Unempl Ins	2.03					Unempl
CorTrust	1,454.23	38.26				941
Menards	264.21			14.98		supplies
Westy's	108.48					gas

MVG&O	93.70			gas
SD-DOH		30.00		Lab
SD Magazine	25.00			books
The Library Store	76.84			supplies
SD 811 One Call	6.72			Locates
J&W Marketing	167.50			mgmt
Gene Deinert	26.45			Postage
Laura Mayclin	218.06	58.34	58.33	supplies
Safeguard	241.55			supplies
Morgan Theeler	156.56			Legal
Scott Supply	351.37			Repairs
Runnings	314.92		69.96	supplies
Schoenfelder	460.00			Repairs
TK Electric	386.10			Repairs
USA Bluebook		61.22		Maint.
Henke Tractor Repair	287.00			Maint.
C&B	97.70			Repairs
3E Engineering			773.85	Repairs
Mt. Vernon Fire Dept	1,780.00			Grant
Luke Teisler	285.11			Repairs
USBank			16,346.28	Project

OLD BUSINESS

1. There are a couple of people interested in offices at The Hall. Council discussed the need for a storage rack for tables and chairs, a timer, light-sensitive or motion light for the front entrance, and Exit signs.
2. The Economic Development Group will be closing on their available house Friday.
3. Covid-19 cases have increased recently in the area. Frank suggests if any of us are sick, we should stay home.
4. Frank will be preparing a new lawn mowing ordinance for a first reading at the November meeting.
5. Motion by Hohbach, second by London to accept the second reading of the following amendment.
WHEREAS, the City Council of Mt. Vernon, South Dakota deems it necessary to amend the Mt. Vernon Ordinance TITLE VI – OFFENSES, CHAPTER 4 OFFENSES AS TO PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OR PROPERTY Section entitled Swimming pools. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: For any swimming pool 24 inches in depth and greater, having a surface area of 150 square feet or more, the minimum height of the safety barrier shall be not less than four feet. The safety barrier shall be erected either around the swimming pool or around the premises on which the pool is located and must enclose the area entirely. The sides of above ground pools are acceptable as enclosures, provided that the sides extend not less than four feet above the ground from outside of the pool at all points. Further, the access steps, ladders, or decks must be capable of being rendered inaccessible by being moved or raised to four feet or more above the ground outside the pool. Pool covers shall be acceptable as a safety barrier if the pool cover provides a secure barrier against water entry, and if said cover is in compliance with the “Standard Performance Specifications for Safety Covers,” as developed by the American Society for Testing Materials, which is hereby adopted by reference.
6. London spoke with a resident about the necessity of keeping alleys clear. The Code Enforcement Officer will be watching to be certain all alleys are unblocked.

7. We are awaiting signs for the Main Street Project. The barricades seem to be encouraging trucks to maneuver the correct direction. Geno is looking into getting barricades for the city, as we are currently borrowing the ones we are using.
8. Fall cleanup went great – residents were able to get rid of lots of stuff. The city would like to thank the Mt. Vernon Fire Department, as well as Gene Deinert and Weston Frank for swift action in getting the fire at the dump site taken care of.
9. Motion by Anderson, second by Powell to approve the safety manual and checklist for the City.
10. Motion by London, second by Hohbach to approve the details for the city credit cards at Cortrust. The two cardholders will be Gene Deinert and Laura Mayclin, and each card will have a \$10,000 limit, giving the city a total of \$20,000.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Maintenance Officer report: Deinert received three price quotes for replacing the skid loader. Council discussed quotes and Codified Law 5-24A-11 on trading in equipment, determining that trading the skid loader in has more value than selling it outright. Council decided to go with the lowest quote from Scott's Supply. Motion by Renken, second by Anderson to accept the bid. Our streets will be worked on starting next week. There are couple of trees hanging over Main Street that look like they could drop some large limbs. Deinert will talk to the property owner about them.
2. Finance Officer report: Mayclin is currently working on getting the city CARES assistance. She will also be getting the claim information for The Hall to Mitchell Roofing. Motion by Anderson, second by Hohbach for the following Amended Budget Resolution: Whereas, the City Council has determined that the 2020 budget requires adjustment. NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Mt. Vernon hereby authorizes the following additional income and expense that is tied to a senior project at the ballfield: General Fund: Parks Area \$1,543.50; Other Revenue 1,543.50.
3. Motion by Anderson, second by Hohbach to adopt the city grant policy.
4. Due to a recent inquiry, council decided the city policy will be as follows: when a resident of a rental property moves from one location to another, if they owe for utilities on the previous property, the city will not be turning on water at a different residence.

Motion by London second by Maltzberger to adjourn at 10:04 p.m.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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