

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
October 7, 2019

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: B. Hohbach, D. Anderson, D. Renken, D. Maltzberger, C. Powell and D. London. Also present: Maint. Officer G. Deinert, and Fin. Officer L. Mayclin.

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

The following people were in attendance for public participation: Loren Brech, Jean Moody-Putman, Jennifer Barnes, and Lois Brech. All public participants were concerned about the recent flooding in the city. Mr. Brech wondered about the culvert at 4th and Main, which Deinert says is being changed out. Mr. Brech also wondered about the city's pump station. Per Dakota Pump, the lift station worked as it was supposed to, and the system is sufficient for our discharge. Maltzberger mentioned it was just overwhelming to have 1/3 of our annual rainfall dumped on us in 24 hours. Deinert and Frank noted that some residents may have personal sewer lines that are causing problems. The city is having Bender's back out to scope for issues in private sewer lines. If issues are found, a resolution will be determined at that time. Ms. Moody-Putman was concerned with the creek, saying it seems to be partially occluded. Anderson mentioned that there is a need to figure out how to help get rid of standing water after other water has properly cleared out. Moody-Putman also wanted to be certain everyone gets emergency messages in case of subsequent events. The council will be looking into ways to communicate with residents in the future, to note things such as water restrictions. Ms. Barnes thanked Deinert and others who helped with the flooding in her basement. She also questioned if there is an ordinance that says residents should have sump pumps pumping to outside, not into the sewer lines. There is such an ordinance, but some residents still pump to the sewer lines. Mayclin has contacted the city's insurance company to let them know some residents may file claims for recent flooding. According to the insurance company, they will look at each claim individually. So far we have one actual claim filed. Also noted at this time is that the city will not sponsor the Scavenger's Journey in 2020.

Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to approve the following consent items as is for September: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, Credits Report/Bank Statement, and Payment of bills as listed below.

BILLS:

	General	Water	Garbage	City Tax	Sewer	Debt	Description
Weston Frank	217.02						Sept wages
Dan London	106.20						Sept wages
David Anderson	106.20						Sept wages
Dave Renken	106.20						Sept wages
Brett Hohbach	106.20						Sept wages
Connor Powell	106.20						Sept wages
Darin Maltzberger	106.20						Sept wages
Ardis Overweg	510.98						Sept wages
Gene Deinert	3,109.99						Sept wages
Laura Mayclin	1,056.24						Sept wages
Tom Koch	336.15						Sept wages
MV School	75.00						rent
Davison Rural Water		6,980.75					water
SD Retirement	502.66						retire
Verizon	64.25						util
Santel	238.91					45.87	util
Northwestern Energy	839.69	47.67		28.49	287.77		util
Petrik	862.00		2,664.30				garb
Daily Republic	176.42						publ

Dept of Revenue		191.11	sales tax
CorTrust	1,618.43	38.26	941
Menards	278.63		supplies
SD Dept of Health		15.00	lab fees
Westy's	488.18		gas
SD Unempl	14.14		taxes
Scott Supply	667.17		supplies
Campbell's Supply	891.68		supplies
US Bank		16,346.28	project
Women's Day	19.97		books
TIME	37.22		books
Ardis Overweg	121.57		books
J&W Marketing	167.50		mktg
TrueNorth Steel	5,903.52		Repairs
Sturdevant's	478.08		Repairs
Core&Main	63.22		Maint
Wilber Ellis	1,287.60		Repairs
American Garage Door	104.20		Repairs
Laura Mayclin	52.43		supplies
OCCS	180.00		CodeEnf
Schoenfelder	37,500.07		Demo
C&B - John Deere	8,741.90		Equip
Hohbach Electric	212.00		Repairs

OLD BUSINESS

1. Frank says we have several upcoming events at The Hall: 10/23/2019 Davison County Planning Town Meeting; 10/26/2019 Meeting for museum; and 11/16/2019 Holiday Open House. All residents are invited to attend the City of Mt. Vernon Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting on the 23rd to discuss planning for our future. Please come and bring all your ideas. There was also discussion about moving council meetings to The Hall, so we will have more room for any public participation. We will try this out at our December meeting.
2. Railroad Street is in the process of having repairs made. Deinert is working to fill in a couple of spots, but being delayed with rain. FEMA is working to get expenses detailed, which the county is submitting today.
3. The Mt. Vernon Economic Development Group will be having an open house on 11/3/2019. There is a possible buyer for one of the available properties. Trunk or Treat will be held on 10/27/2019.
4. There was more discussion about zoning and whether to combine with Davison County or do on our own. Mayclin will ask our code enforcement officer if he knows anyone who does building permits, etc.
5. Code enforcement continues to go smoothly in Mt. Vernon. Olson will be selling his company, transitioning over the coming year. All procedures remaining the same.
6. The ALM grant has come through, and signs are on their way.
7. FEMA will be coming Wednesday for 2nd meeting re: the March and April flooding problems.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Deinert report: He will be attending a mosquito conference in Aberdeen this week. He has also looked into a new garage door for the city shop and is getting estimates. The storm siren is up and running. In assisting with the recent flood, a resident's pump was damaged. The city will be replacing it. Maltsberger brought information on pumps to have on hand in case we experience these high levels of rain again. The one decided to fill the need of the city is approximately \$3,900. Council determined that if water is turned on at all during the month, even for only one day, the resident should be charged the normal rate. Finally, Deinert wants to thank everyone who helped with the recent clean up. It is nice to live in a small town where we all pitch in to help our neighbors.
2. Mayclin report: The \$500 per month being transferred to the city savings account was from a decision made

many years ago. According to CorTrust, in order to avoid service charges, the account must be used at least once a month. Council has decided that each May, the amount to cover contingency should be transferred from checking to savings. Motion by Anderson, second by London to do said transfer. Health insurance for Deinert was discussed.

3. Motion by Anderson, second by Hohbach for the following resolution: Whereas, the City Council has determined that the 2019 budget requires adjustment. NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Mt. Vernon hereby authorizes the following transfers of previously approved budgeted funds from one department to another: General Fund: Board Department (\$800.00); General Fund: Financial Administration Department (\$1,000.00); General Fund: General Government Buildings Department \$800.00; General Fund: The Hall \$1,000.00.
4. There will be a Flood Risk Review Meeting February 5, 2020 from 9-11 a.m..
5. No executive session was necessary.

Motion by Hohbach, second by London to adjourn at 9:41 p.m.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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