

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL

Council Minutes

November 11, 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 Jacob Sonne (SPN,) Dave Anderson, Larry Petrik, Dan Kirkegaard, and Dan Pollreisz (Mitchell EMS.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated. Motion by Deinert, seconded by DeKok, to approve the agenda.

Jacob Sonne was in attendance to discuss Railroad Ave. project. Six bids were received, with the low bid coming in from VanderPol for \$519,702.30. Motion by A. Kayser, seconded by Renken to award the Railroad Avenue Improvements project to Vanderpol Dragline Inc in the amount of \$519,702.30, contingent on DOT approval.

Sonne will also look into the grant for the H&H study to see what the new information from the state means for us.

Petrik advised council that he has 2 trucks back and offered them to assist us in whatever we needed. Council will consider this offer. Stahl will watch his commercial dumpster service for a few months and see if he believes it would be a benefit to the city (less wear and tear on truck, etc.) to have another company do the commercial service.

Anderson brought information for the 2023 Christmas parade and discussed the Park Department, including winterization.

Pollreisz, Chief of EMS in Mitchell, attended the meeting to discuss the ambulance service. Currently Mitchell EMS serves Mt. Vernon for no charge. The Mitchell city council is looking at an ambulance district that would include areas outside of Mitchell, like Mount Vernon. The 10-year contract would include a property tax increase, with a maximum amount being \$.60/\$1,000 value. So, as an example, if the property is valued at \$100,000, the property tax would increase by \$60.00 per year maximum. If the ambulance district is not approved (by a vote) the Mitchell EMS would no longer serve the Mount Vernon community. Geidel, Renken and Frank will be attending the meeting in Mitchell to further discuss this.

Also discussed was the recent ISO report, which changed the Mount Vernon Fire Department from a 7 rating to a 10. Insurance companies use this rating to determine premium rates. The part of the rating that the city can try to help with is looking for grants for a water tower, which we will be doing. The fire department also has things they can do the try to help with the rating.

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: Public Works: Street Maintenance: \$50,000.00. General Fund: Sanitation: Other: (\$19,000.00); General Fund: Economic Development: Equipment: (\$5,000.00); General Fund: Revenue: Estimate Bank Balance: \$26,000.

Motion by S. Kayser, seconded by A. Kayser to approve the purchase of a used mini-split air conditioner from Weston Frank for 70% of new retail value. It includes the heat pump condenser and 3 wall mounted units. The purchase price of \$3,310.80 was approved.

Motion by Renken, seconded by Geidel 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>Description</u>
Weston Frank	170.85			wages
Cameron Deienrt	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	1,237.00			wages
Glen Wentland	193.37			wages
Davison Rural Water	10,607.55			water
SD Retirement	713.10			retire
Verizon	62.77			util
Santel	243.29		47.14	util
Northwestern Energy	1,476.80	167.12	160.00	util
City of Mitchell	2,241.68			garb
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	294.51			sales tax
CorTrust	2,134.25	38.26		941
Menards	1,206.16			supplies
MVG&O	721.05			Fuel
SD-DOH		15.00		Lab
Ardis Overweg	218.43			books
Bender's			1,001.00	Repairs
J&W Marketing	160.00			mgmt
SD One Call - 811	12.60			Locates
South Dakota Magazine	50.00			supplies
Mustang Welding	187.48			Repairs
Udrive Tech	51.68			Util
SDML Workers Comp	3,037.00			W/C Ins
Miedema	1,102.56			Cleanup
Badger Meter	22.80			supplies
Cortrust Visa	2,000.00			supplies
A&G	67.71			supplies
SD Fed Property	1,016.00			Tools
Kalissa Mayclin	37.50			supplies
Jones Supply	45.65			supplies
Safeguard	341.94			supplies
Weston Frank	3,310.80			Equip

OLD BUSINESS

1. Renken and Frank will find a room at the Hall for the museum. Frank looking into wireless thermostat to have ability to adjust remotely.
2. We had a couple of incidents recently involving juveniles in town. Both have been handled with law enforcement. Another incident involving a dog has been handled in court.
3. Frank has not received a response from the attorney on the 6th Ave Encroachment so he is contacting another attorney.
4. Building permits are tabled.
5. Stahl will be heading up the organization for the parade. S. Kayser will head up refreshments for the evening. The fire department will be having chili again. The theme this year is "Christmas Classics." Frank has a PA system we can use, and will work on finding someone to call the parade. DeKok and 2 others will judge the floats and have prizes for the top 3.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Maintenance Officer Stahl reported that Benders found the sewer system to be good through video

test. Stahl is working on a pump trailer to clean out manholes. Geno will be taking calls for Stahl during his wedding and honeymoon in April. Renken and Frank will take care of garbage while Stahl is gone. Stahl plans to hire Cole Sandland for summer help in 2025. Renken is painting the new meeting room at the city building.

2. Finance Officer Mayclin reported that the Lead Survey letters will go out this week.
3. No executive session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3 was required.

Motion by Renken, seconded by DeKok to adjourn at 9:25 pm.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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