

**MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
November 6, 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: Connor Powell, Sherri Kayser, Dave Renken, Roger DeKok, and Darin Moke. Not present was Dave Anderson. City employees present were: Maintenance Officer Ryan Stahl and Finance Officer Laura Mayclin. Attending for public participation were: Austin Kayser, Alan Birmeier, and Matt Geidel.

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

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

Geidel is planning to relocate a storage building on his property. Stahl will meet with him to be sure the new location is okay. He also mentioned that his alleyway is currently blocked. Frank will look into that.

Birmeier with L&L Sanitation addressed council about some issues he is having with garbage collection. He believes the city needs to update the ordinances to address some of the issues. He mentioned that some residents have totes so full that the lid won't even close. He says if that happens only occasionally, it isn't a problem, but when someone has this issue regularly, they probably need a second tote. He said lawn waste is not intended to be placed in totes, but small amounts of plant matter, placed in bags is acceptable. It is also acceptable to place items in sealed boxes in the garbage. He also wanted clarification as to who is responsible for broken totes. Frank said that if a tote breaks from normal wear and tear, since they belong to the city, we are responsible for replacing it. Council agrees that our ordinances need to be addressed. Frank will look into it. We plan to also have a Facebook and Website update about garbage disposal. Mayclin can place a note on the monthly bill, directing people to these posts.

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

Bills:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>City Tax</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Description</u>
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	1,076.19				wages
Glen Wentland	192.77				wages
MV School	75.00				rent
Davison Rural Water		7,128.20			water

SD Retirement	536.60				retire
Verizon	61.26				util
Santel	232.92			46.23	util
Northwestern Energy	1,164.10	69.97	25.04	167.77	util
L&L	5,151.00				garb
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	297.92				sales tax
CorTrust	1,626.61	38.26			941
Menards	58.64				supplies
MVG&O	392.15				Fuel
SD-DOH		60.00			Lab
Ardis Overweg	254.00				books
Bender's				528.00	Repairs
Forum Comm	218.00				Publ
J&W Marketing	160.00				mgmt
SD One Call - 811	31.08				Locates
Morgan Theeler	57.00				Legal
Mustang Welding	874.90				Repairs
CarQuest	99.19				Maint
Davison Co. Hwy	51.00				Maint
SDML	626.90				Dues
SDML Workers Comp	2,168.00				W/C Ins
Miedema	592.08				Cleanup
Badger Meter	2.73				supplies
Cortrust Visa	1,545.38	66.00		66.00	supplies
Runnings	19.99				supplies
TLK Rentals		100.00			Refund
Palace Ag	24.00				supplies
Ryan Stahl -Exp.				394.83	Certification

OLD BUSINESS

1. A member from the Historical Society has shown interest in becoming a tenant at The Hall.
2. We have started getting the lights for the Christmas event. The theme is "Light Up The Town." Anderson is organizing the parade. Kayser will get information on the home decorating contest out shortly. Mayclin will post to Facebook. We have permission to decorate the old gym on Main Street. The Fire Department plans to be in the parade and hold a feed at their new facility for the event.
3. Parks Department Ordinance 1.8 is tabled until the January Meeting.
4. Motion by Moke, seconded by Kayser to approve the 2nd reading of the following amendment to Ordinance TITLE VI—OFFENSES CHAPTER 7 NUISANCES. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MT. VERNON TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: Section 6.7.9 Titled Garbage and Refuse. Waste receptacles located on exterior property areas shall be provided with covers so that the materials within shall not be exposed to view or to rodents or other

pests. Such receptacles shall be kept covered except when the containers are being filled or emptied. Garbage should be placed in sealed bags within the receptacle and receptacle should be no greater than 96 gallons.

5. The fire department is hoping to get the floor epoxy finished this week, then complete moving into their new space, so the city may be in our new space in November.
6. Council and Mayor thanked Councilman Powell for his years of service.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Stahl plans to sell the mowers in the spring. He is working to get equipment (including blades) ready for snow removal. He plans to work on Northview Rd next week, before the winter snows begin.
2. Motion by Kayser, seconded by Renken to approve liquor license renewals for Westy's and Wermers.
3. The Oath of Office was recited by Austin Kayser, who has been appointed to the seat vacated by Powell.
4. Council accepted the resignation of Councilman Moke.
5. No executive session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3 was required.

Motion by A. Kayser, second by DeKok to adjourn at 9:14 p.m.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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