

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
November 8, 2021

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, C. Powell, D. Renken, and D. London. K. Deinert and D. Maltsberger were not present. Also present: Maint. Officer G. Deinert and Fin. Officer L. Mayclin. Present for public participation: Sheriff Steve Harr.

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

Sheriff Harr and council discussed the issues that were brought up by Bork at last month's meeting. He is aware of the issues and will continue to have patrol in the area.

Motion by Anderson, second by Powell to approve consent items for October. The following were approved: 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
Dan London	60.03				wages
David Anderson	60.03				wages
Dave Renken	60.03				wages
Kevin Deinert	60.03				wages
Connor Powell	60.03				wages
Darin Maltsberger	60.03				wages
Ardis Overweg	543.76				wages
Gene Deinert	3,163.34	230.87			wages
Laura Mayclin	829.12				wages
Glen Wentland	120.99				wages
MV School	75.00				rent
Davison Rural Water		6,705.00			water
SD Retirement	533.30				retire
Verizon	61.36				util
Santel	733.50			46.19	util
Northwestern Energy	882.65	66.88	39.37	130.20	util
Petrik	3,621.81				garb
Forum Communication	198.91				publ
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	205.53				sales tax
CorTrust	1,568.70	38.26			941
Menards	136.98				supplies
Westy's	54.72				gas
MVG&O	447.25				gas
SD-DOH	15.00				Lab
Ardis Overweg	239.18				books
Bender's				451.00	Repairs
Mitchell Iron & Supply	136.40				Maint
J&W Marketing	160.00				mgmt
SD One Call - 811	3.36				Locates
Runnings	178.82				supplies
Central Square	39.00	40.00		39.00	supplies
Morgan Theeler	412.03				Legal
Brosz Engineering	3,138.00				Maint
Scott Supply	15.63				Equip

South Dakota Magazine	25.00	supplies
Demco	588.43	supplies
Library Store	147.19	supplies
Dakota Pro	1,938.78	Maint
Cortrust Visa	71.82	supplies
Jacey Jira	25.00	Cleaning
Asphalt Surface Technology	61,825.54	Street Maint
DeVries Construction	662.08	Repairs
Degan Stump Removal	2,290.00	Repairs

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Hall will be losing one of its tenants, as their job has changed, and they will no longer need office space. Another tenant will be paying rent for a long-term rental and getting an address to Frank for continued billing through the Finance Office. The Hall will have some upcoming rentals for Turkey Bingo and a blood drive. The claim for the roof has been completely approved. The estimate for changing the roof to steel would be an additional \$18,000. Council decided to replace the current roof with the same type of shingle to keep from adding \$18,000 to the price for repair. The roof repair will be pushed back until spring, as it is getting colder, and the work requires warmer weather.
2. The City received a letter from the attorney of a resident who had property abated. Our city attorney responded to the letter and will be the contact person going forward. Council discussed the need to occasionally take photos of properties to submit to the Code Enforcement Officer, so he can follow up on Code Enforcement issues in a timely manner in between his visits to town. Upon receiving these photos, the Code Enforcement Officer can send a letter to residents.
3. Anderson submitted an application form for Medical Cannibus. Motion by Renken, second by Powell to approve the Medical Cannibus Application Form.
4. Motion by London, second by Renken to approve the 2nd reading of the following amendment to Ordinance 6.8.1. WHEREAS, the City Council of Mt. Vernon, South Dakota deems it necessary to amend the Mt. Vernon Ordinance TITLE VI – OFFENSES, CHAPTER 8, SALE AND STORAGE OF VEHICLES. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: Section 6.8.1 Storage of wrecked, junked or discarded vehicle. It shall be unlawful for any person in charge or in control of any property within the City of Mount Vernon to allow any partially dismantled, inoperative, wrecked, junked or discarded vehicle, including any part thereof or therefrom, to remain on any private property for any period longer than seventy-two (72) hours unless within an enclosed building. Section 6.8.2 Sale of Vehicles. Only two vehicles shall be permitted for sale at a time per parcel. The sale of vehicles on vacant parcels is prohibited. Section 6.8.3 Exceptions The provisions of 6.8.1 shall not apply to inoperative vehicles displayed for ornamental purposes. The provisions of 6.8.2 shall not apply to those properties for which a conditional use permit has been granted by the City of Mount Vernon. Section 6.8.4 Enforcement The Davison County Sheriff's Department shall be the appropriate persons to enforce this ordinance. Section 6.8.5 Penalties. Any person who is convicted of violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a civil infraction and shall pay a fine of; First Offense - Warning, Second Offense - \$100 plus the costs of prosecution, Third or More Continuing Violations - \$250 plus the costs of prosecution. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.
5. Council discussed payment for purchase of Fire Department building. Per research from Anderson, the first payment is due upon closing.
6. Anderson has submitted the mosquito expenditures for approval, and payment has been approved.
7. Council had the first reading of an amendment to ordinance 1.4 Administration, Elected Officials to change the elected term from 4 years to 2 years.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Maintenance Officer report: G. Deinert will be looking into a new attachment for the forklift. He also sought approval to purchase 2 picnic tables to keep at the Hoffman property for tourists who come through town and stop to check out the various buildings and items on display. Hoffman says they get people who stop daily to visit the property. Council approved the purchase of the picnic tables, noting that many of these individuals

- patronize the town for fuel, snacks, etc.
2. Finance Officer's report: The claim for the trees in the park has been submitted, but Mayclin was advised that trees are not covered by the city's policy, so it is unlikely to be paid. Mayclin reported that she had not received any responses from other towns who use the SDML Ordinance Codification. The Mt. Vernon City Auditorium is nominated for National Register of Historic Places. There is a board meeting December 10 in Pierre to discuss the nomination. Frank may be able to attend. Mayclin advised Council of the Greater Northwest Region Rail Passenger Trains project. There is no action for council to consider on this.
 3. Northwestern Energy offers EZPay, where they can automatically receive payment from checking account. Council will not do that, as the charges need to be approved before paid.
 4. Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to approve renewal of liquor licenses for Westy's and Wermer's.
 5. Council moved to Executive Session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3. Motion by Renken, second by Powell to leave Executive Session at 8:43 p.m.

Motion by London, second by Renken to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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