

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
January 16, 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: Dave Anderson, Dave Renken, Sherri Kayser, and Austin Kayser. One council seat remains vacant. City employees present were: Maintenance Officer Ryan Stahl and Finance Officer Laura Mayclin. Matt Geidel attended to be sworn in as council member.

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

Motion by D. Renken, second by A. Kayser to approve the agenda.

Motion by D. Anderson, second by S. Kayser to approve the following budget resolution: Whereas, the City Council has determined that the 2023 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 Gov't Buildings Department:

Supplies/Materials \$3,600.00; General Fund: Health & Welfare: Library Dept: Salaries \$100.00; General Fund: Public Works: Highways & Streets Dept: Drainage (\$3,700.00)

Motion by D. Anderson, second by A. Kayser to approve the following consent items for December: 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
Austin Kayser	60.03				wages
Dave Renken	60.03				wages
Sherri Kayser	60.03				wages
Roger DeKok	60.03				wages
Ardis Overweg	589.79				wages
Ryan Stahl	3,229.42	230.87			wages
Laura Mayclin	1,084.00				wages
MV School	75.00				rent
Davison Rural Water		6,184.70			water
SD Retirement	536.60				retire
Verizon	61.26				util
Santel	323.44			46.24	util
Northwestern Energy	1,447.27	282.35	30.53	170.09	util
L&L	5,151.00				garb
Forum Comm	59.37				publ
Dept of Revenue	289.29				sales tax
CorTrust	1,587.11	38.26			941
CorTrust Visa	853.96				Charges
District III Planning	867.00				dues
SD Unemployment Ins	31.77				Unempl

SD Fed Prop Ag	312.00		Supplies
Carquest	141.99		Supplies
SD - DOH		15.00	Lab
Fire Department	30,000.00		Building Purch
Badger Meter		10.92	Meters
J&W	160.00		Mgmt
Davison Co	204.00		Blading
Menards	1,083.43		Supplies
The Library Store	247.46		Supplies
National Geographic	54.00		Supplies
Ardis Overweg	34.34		Supplies
SD 811	9.45		Locates

OLD BUSINESS

1. Local Law Enforcement utilized The Hall recently for their Joint Task Force meeting.
2. The City has moved into our new space at the former fire department building. We will be having the Beacon meter reading equipment moved as soon as we can. Until that time, we will be having estimated billing for water usage. We will also be having some construction to transform the space into our new meeting area for council meetings. The council discussed the generator at our new building, noting the fire department would like to move it to their new space. Council would like the fire department to come to our next meeting to discuss this, as the city did not see anything in the contract for sale that notes this.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Stahl mentioned we haven't had a very good response to the Lead Pipe surveys. He asked if we could offer an incentive for completing the survey as some other cities have done. Council agreed that a bill credit for those who submit their surveys might help. Frank will make a video Facebook post to demonstrate the ease of the survey. Stahl will be picking up the new mower soon and placing the two old mowers for sale in the spring. He will look through all equipment and supplies to see what else might need to be put on auction. He mentioned that snow removal has gone well so far, but he had a mechanical problem with the skid loader so he was unable to do radiuses. He is troubleshooting that issue at this time.
2. Mayclin reported District III meeting will be January 31, 2024, 3 p.m. in Mitchell. She read a thank you card from a citizen who told how appreciative she was for the city taking the time to do the recent parade and celebration. Mayclin discussed the recent issue with too much garbage being dropped off at the city dumpsters, leaving no room for the city's own garbage. We will be looking into surveillance for the city office and shop for additional security.
3. Motion by D. Anderson, second by S. Kayser to designate the Mitchell Republic as the city's official newspaper.
4. Motion by D. Anderson, second by D. Renken to appoint Matt Geidel as Council Member for Ward I.
5. Geidel took the oath of office.
6. Council selected April 9, 2024 as the date for election, if needed. Mayclin will be

- posting a Notice of Vacancy in the paper over the next two weeks.
7. Motion by D. Renken, second by A. Kayser to approve the 2024 Wage Adoption Resolution as follows: Ryan Stahl, Maintenance Supervisor 4,637.50/month; Ardis Overweg, librarian 694.59/month; Laura Mayclin, Finance Officer 19.70/hour; Summer/garbage help 15.51/hour; Council members 65.00/month; and Mayor 185.00/month.
 8. Motion by S. Kayser, second by D. Anderson to appoint D. Renken as Vice President of council.
 9. Council discussed the future for our garbage collection, which comes up for bids this year. Stahl is interested in taking on the task himself. When we were forced to change garbage collection companies last year, the city purchased the totes, eliminating additional expense for this if we transition to doing garbage ourselves. Frank has spent some time looking into the cost of purchasing a garbage truck. He has found several options, all of which council believes will save the city money over the coming years. We currently pay \$5,151.00 per month for the service, so over time council believes the truck would pay for itself. The city has been putting away funds for the purchase of large equipment for many years, so this would be a good use of those funds. Motion by D. Anderson, second by D. Renken to pay up to \$50,000.00 for a garbage truck.
 10. Brosz Engineering has asked if we will join the Community Chip Seal Program this year. We currently have one city block that we need sealed. Mayclin will get back to Brosz with this information.
 11. We recently received an 80/20 grant for \$672,875 for drainage work on Railroad Street. The city's portion will be \$134,575. SPN will attend our February meeting to discuss plans. Council plans to keep the Elevator and Baseball Association informed of all plans. District III will help with the organization and managing the grant process.
 12. D. Anderson is interested in continuing the community activities into the summer. He suggests block parties and movie nights and any other fun activities that council suggests. D. Anderson will head up the "Movies on Main," which he is currently acquiring licensing for, and S. Kayser will head up the block parties.
 13. No executive session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3 was required.

Motion by M. Geidel, second by A. Kayser to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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