

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
December 8, 2020

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, B. Hohbach, C. Powell, D. Renken and D. London. Also present: Maint. Officer G. Deinert, and Fin. Officer L. Mayclin. Present for public participation were Alan Birmeier (L&L Sanitation) and Blake Harms (Brosz Engineering.)

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

Alan Birmeier requested we move the bidding process up in 2021, because it takes 4-6 weeks to get new totes and dumpsters that would be required if he wins the contract. Council set to change advertising bids in March and rewarding contract in April at the January meeting.

Blake Harms presented Brosz' proposal for work to be done on streets. Brosz has assessed the current condition of our streets, noting what routine maintenance will be needed. Harms says they will assist in various grants. The council will come up with a concrete plan for budgeting maintenance.

Motion by Anderson, second by Powell to approve a budget resolution for General Fund, increasing Garbage Collection fees by \$7,500 and reducing Machinery and Equipment by \$7,500.

Motion by London, second by Anderson to approve consent items for November: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, Credits Report/Bank Statement and Payment of Bills.

BILLS:

	General	Water	City Tax	Sewer	Surcharge	Debt	Description
Weston Frank	170.85						wages
Dan London	60.03						wages
David Anderson	60.03						wages
Dave Renken	60.03						wages
Brett Hohbach	60.03						wages
Connor Powell	60.03						wages
Darin Maltsberger	60.03						wages
Ardis Overweg	527.10						wages
Gene Deinert	3,117.32	230.87					wages
Laura Mayclin	954.76						wages
MV School	75.00						rent
Davison Rural Water		6,061.25					water
SD Retirement	517.72						retire
Verizon	57.92						util
Santel	227.59				45.33		util
Northwestern Energy	924.76	144.75	57.77	127.76			util
Davison Co Sheriff	1,800.00						fees
Petrik	3,420.49						garb
Daily Republic	100.16						publ
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	209.22						sales tax
CorTrust	1,421.79	38.26					941
Menards	154.86	15.27			15.26		supplies
Westy's	120.49						gas
MVG&O	190.41						gas
SD DOH		15.00					Lab
Ardis Overweg	355.69						books
National Geographic	39.00						subscription
Consumer Reports	30.00						subscription

SDWWA		10.00	Dues
J&W Marketing	167.50		mgmt
Mitchell Iron & Supply	23.70		Repairs
Runnings	37.54		supplies
DeVries		1,929.01	Repairs
SD Fed Prop Agency	161.00		supplies
Davison Co.	45.90		Repairs
Wheelco	63.07		Repairs
CarQuest	302.81		supplies
Hoffman Digging & Well		204.50	Repairs
Scott Supply	204.07		Repairs
SD Dept. of Legis Audit	2,502.50		Internal Review
SDML	565.73		Dues
CorTrust Visa	66.35		supplies
SD Gov Fin Offc	40.00		Dues
SD Street Maint Assoc	35.00		Dues
Brosz Engineering	2,375.00		Repairs
Firesteel Service	281.06		Repairs
US Bank		16,346.28	Project
CorTrust			15,132.61 Project

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Hall was rented for a Thanksgiving celebration, and one office is currently being used as office space with a monthly rental. Frank is requesting representatives from the fire department attend our January meeting to discuss future plans for fire station building.
2. Covid-19 cases are still on the rise in the area, but in good news, there are currently no active cases at the Mt. Vernon School.
3. Motion by Renken, second by Powell to accept the second reading of the following amended ordinance. WHEREAS, the City Council of Mt. Vernon, South Dakota deems it necessary to amend the Mt. Vernon Ordinance TITLE VI – OFFENSES, CHAPTER 4 OFFENSES AS TO PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OR PROPERTY Section titled Grass and Vegetation. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: No owner or occupant shall allow or permit grass, weeds, shrubs, bushes, trees or vegetation to grow, or to grow and die, into a state such that it constitutes a fire hazard, a harborage for insects, vermin or pests, or to otherwise be a hazard to public health, safety or welfare. All grass and other vegetation having reached a height of 8 inches are declared a nuisance and no owner of any lot, place or area within the city, or the agent of the owner or occupant of the lot, place or area, shall permit on the lot, place or area, or upon any sidewalk abutting the same, any grass and other vegetation having reached a height of 8 inches, or other noxious matter to grow, lie or be located thereon. The City Maintenance Supervisor is hereby authorized and empowered to notify in writing, or by public notice, each owner, occupant, or person in charge of any such lot, place or area, to cut, destroy or remove any such weeds, grass or harmful or unhealthful growths or other noxious matter found growing, lying, or located on such property or upon the sidewalk abutting same. Such notice shall be served to said owner, agent, or occupant at his last known address, on the door of the property in violation, or by publication in the official newspaper, and shall notify said owner, agent, or occupant to cut, destroy, or remove any such weeds, grass or harmful or unhealthful matter within 72 hours after the service of such notice. Upon failure, neglect or refusal of any owner, agent or occupant so notified to comply with said notice within 72 hours thereof, the City Maintenance Supervisor is hereby authorized and empowered to enter the property and provide for the cutting, destroying, or removal of such weeds,

grass or harmful, unhealthful growths or other noxious matter and to defray the cost of the destruction and the administrative costs by special assessment against the property as provided in the chapter. The fees to cover these costs will be determined by the City Council.

4. Per London, code enforcement officer will be making a run through town to make sure which properties have not corrected violation, and so need to be abated.
5. We are looking into purchasing the barricades we currently have on loan from Davison County.
6. It appears the Otterstrom mobile home will not be brought in, as there was a problem. The attorney bill will still be split between the city and Otterstrom.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Maintenance Officer report: Deinert received word that our streets will not be scheduled for work until spring. Powell expressed concern over the speed of traffic around the daycare center close to his home. He has seen a lot of excessive speeds in the area. He is looking into grants for rubber speed bumps to deter the speeding. He estimates them to cost about \$500 each. One nice thing about these is they can be moved from location to location, as needed. The idea of a coalition among a few towns for a police officer was discussed.
2. Finance Officer report: Mayclin received the report from SBI, and she and Deinert will work on items as indicated by the report.
3. Motion by Anderson, second by London to approve the first reading of amendment to ordinance 6.7.13 – Letters for Code Enforcement.
4. Motion by Hohbach, second by London to designate Mitchell Republic as official newspaper.
5. Motion by Anderson, second by Hohbach for the first reading of supplemental appropriations ordinance.
6. Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to approve the following resolution: RESOLUTION NO. 12-8-2020A. WHEREAS, SDCL, 9-21-14.1 authorizes municipalities to accumulate funds for a period longer than one year for specific capital outlay purposes. Capital outlay purposes mean purposes which result in the acquisition of or additions to plant, or equipment, including but not limited to expenditures for land, existing facilities, improvement of grounds construction of facilities, additions to facilities, remodeling of facilities, or for the purchase of equipment. WHEREAS, the maximum capital outlay accumulation shall be as follows: (3) In third-class municipalities, the amount of the accumulation may never exceed one hundred twenty-five thousand (\$125,000) dollars. NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon hereby authorizes the accumulation of funds within the: General Fund for the purpose of improvements for Railroad Street --\$80,000.

Motion by London, second by Hohbach to adjourn at 9:27 p.m.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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