

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
December 13, 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, D. London, K. Deinert and D. Maltsberger. Also present: 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 Renken to approve the agenda.

Sheriff Harr was in attendance to discuss any public safety issues in the city.

Motion by Anderson, second by Maltsberger to adjust the 2021 budget as follows. Whereas, the City Council has determined that the 2021 budget requires adjustment. NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Mt. Vernon hereby authorizes the following: Parks Department \$2,600; The Hall Department (\$2,600.)

Motion by Anderson, second by Powell to approve consent items for November. 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>Sewer Surcharge</u>	<u>Water Deposits</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	962.49						wages
Glen Wentland	50.94						wages
MV School	75.00						rent
Davison Rural Water		6,620.00					water
SD Retirement	533.30						retire
Verizon	61.36						util
Santel	234.44			46.44			util
Northwestern Energy	1,157.95	127.88	41.08	140.97			util
Davison Co Sheriff	1,800.00						fees
Petrik	3,420.49						garb
Forum Communication	74.89						publ
SD State Treas(DOR)	205.37						sales tax
CorTrust	1,598.10	38.26					941
Menards	75.56						supplies
Westy's	310.59						gas
Ardis Overweg	26.54						books
National Geographic	67.00						subscription
J&W Marketing	165.50						mgmt
Badger Meter		1,200.12					Maint
CarQuest	373.88						supplies
SDML Workers Comp	3,031.00						Insurance
Scott Supply	124.64						Repairs
SDML	584.33						Dues

CorTrust Visa	95.84	66.67	66.66	supplies
SD Gov Fin Offc	40.00			Dues
SD Street Maint Assoc	35.00			Dues
Brosz Engineering	500.00			Repairs
SDPAA	10,198.86			Insurance
US Bank			16,346.28	Project
Jacey Jira	25.00			Maint
USPS	72.00			PO Box
Green Acres Equipment	2,925.00			Equip
Hohbach	6,514.52			Maint
Dakota Pump			834.15	Repairs
A&G Diesel	3,554.93			Repairs
Jacob Pohlen				9.00 Deposit

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Hall is still being utilized by the community for various events, including a museum open house and BINGO this week.
2. Code Enforcement is sending letters to two residents who are out of compliance. Another resident recently brought his home into compliance, and a few others are currently being looked at.
3. Motion by Anderson, second by K. Deinert to approve the 2nd reading of the following amendment to Ordinance TITLE 1 – ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 4, ELECTED OFFICIALS. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MT. VERNON TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: Section 1.4.2 Officials. The City Council of Mount Vernon shall consist of six (6) members and a mayor, each of whom shall be legally qualified electors thereof, and such members shall hold office for two (2) years. Such members shall qualify for office at the regular May meeting by filing an oath or affirmation of office with the Municipal Finance Officer. Minimum of 18 years of age.
4. Motion by Anderson, second by Maltsberger to approve the second reading of the revised plat: WHEREAS, IT APPEARS THAT THE OWNER THEREOF HAS CAUSED A PLAT TO BE MADE OF THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY: LOT 2 OF KROUPA’S FIRST ADDITION, IN LOT 18-2 OR THE W. ½ OF THE S.W.1/4 OF SECTION 22, T103N, R62W OF THE 5TH. P.M., DAVISON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND HAS SUBMITTED SUCH PLAT TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, SOUTH DAKOTA FOR APPROVAL; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT SUCH PLAT HAS BEEN EXECUTED ACCORDING TO THE LAW AND SAME IS HEREVY APPROVED. THE CITY FINANCE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO ENDORSE ON SUCH PLAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION AND CERTIFY THE SAME.
5. Council discussed the cost of special meetings and determined that costs should be paid by the party requesting a special meeting. If council calls for it, the city pays. If someone outside the city officials request a special meeting, they will be responsible to pay the cost of that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council discussed the recent snowstorm, with 8+ inches. We normally wait until the snow stops to plow, but in these extraordinary cases, it may be necessary to plow more than once to allow emergency vehicles to get through. Council also discussed the need to get a list of tasks and instructions that Geno is responsible for in case it is necessary to fill in for him at some point in the future when he is unavailable.
2. Finance Officer’s report: The claims adjuster for the tree claim informed Mayclin that he has found a clause that should cover the trees in the city policy. He asked that we submit expenses for removal and replacement. Westy’s is not planning to renew their liquor license, as they will be closing as of December 31, 2021.
3. Davison Rural Water will be increasing their rate by \$.20 per 1,000 gallons. Motion by Anderson, second by London to adjust the city billing. For our billing, that will show up as a \$1.00 increase on

the total utility bill, bringing the total from \$91.00 to \$92.00 per month. This includes water, garbage and sewer, with the water charge going from \$35 for 5,000 gallons to \$36 for the same.

4. Motion by Anderson, second by London to designate the official city paper as the Mitchell Republic.
5. Motion by Renken, second by Powell to approve the following resolution: 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 Equipment --\$10,000.
6. Congressman Dusty Johnson has submitted a bill which would allow municipalities to use ARPA funds on any expenses, without strings attached. We will watch as this bill goes forward. We were recently advised of a tree, grant and the information to submit would be due on the 17th of December. After looking over the required documents, it would not be possible to get it to them by the 17th.
7. Anderson reported that someone had contacted the Economic Development Group to move an office bldg. to a site in Mt. Vernon . They are interested in the city selling or donating the lot between the Senior Citizen Building and Old Gym. After discussion this would have to be done through the bidding process or through the Economic Development Group. The council also considered whether they would be willing to consider changing the recent cannabis ordinance to allow a cultivation plant. Council says if someone brings a serious, legitimate plan, they will discuss it.
8. Executive Session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3. was not necessary.

Motion by London, second by Renken to adjourn at 8:39 p.m.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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