

**MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL**

**Council Minutes**

**January 16, 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: D. Anderson, D. Renken, C. Powell, S. Kayser, and D. Moke. Also present: Maint. Officers G. Deinert and R. Stahl, and Fin. Officer L. Mayclin.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited to begin the meeting. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.

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

Motion by Anderson, second by Moke to adjust the 2022 budget as follows. Whereas, the City Council has determined that the 2022 budget requires adjustment. NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Mt. Vernon hereby authorizes the following budget amendment:

General Govt. Buildings Dept: Insurance 2,000.00 Highway: Repairs & Maintenance 7,600.00 Financial Administration: Salaries (2,000.00) Unencumbered Cash 7,600.00.

Motion by Renken, second by Moke to approve the following consent items for December: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, and Credits Report/Bank Statement.

Motion by Renken, second by Anderson to approve the following consent item: 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	566.06				wages
Gene Deinert	5,209.16	230.87			wages
Ryan Stahl	3,628.67				wages
Laura Mayclin	907.25				wages
MV School	75.00				rent
Davison Rural Water		5,962.40			water
SD Retirement	820.62				retire
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Verizon	61.15				util
Santel	235.93			45.55	util
Northwestern Energy	1,658.82	369.20	26.44	156.95	util
Petrik	3,505.49				garb
Forum Comm	55.54				publ
Dept of Revenue	236.61				sales tax
CorTrust	3,079.97	38.26			941
CorTrust Visa	123.38	88.00		88.00	Charges
MVG&O	532.32				gas
Westy's	150.25				gas
SD DANR				450.00	dues
Ardis Overweg	246.17				books
District III Planning	841.00				dues
Morgan Theeler	1,230.25				legal

SD Unemployment Ins	30.54		Unempl
SD Fed Prop Ag	44.00		Supplies
C&B	76.96		Maint
Consumer Reports	30.00		Subs
Carquest	335.34		Supplies
AutoValue	27.62		Maint
Runnings	565.42		Supplies
SD - DOH	15.00		Lab
Mustang Welding	529.52		Repairs
Dakota Pump		780.00	Repairs/dues
Ryan Stahl	949.99		Supplies
Ray Stahl	100.00		Snow Removal
Frank Welding	1,028.46		Repairs
Fire Department	30,000.00		Building Purch

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Council discussed the necessity to move the tower and hardware for meter reading when we move the office to the new building. Council also discussed options for handling The Hall after we move to our new facilities.
2. Motion by Anderson to approve the contract for code enforcement for CES. With lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion died.
3. Frank looked over animal ordinances and fines and found that there is no leash law and a graduated scale for fines exists. We will be working with law enforcement to enforce these.
4. The Community Access Grant was denied. Anderson is looking at the scoring details.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Deinert says he was told by DANR that since we haven't discharged in several years, we may not need to be in that program going forward.
2. Mayclin will be publishing for council position opening this year.
3. Motion by Renken, second by Anderson to approve the wages for the city as follows: Gene Deinert, Maintenance Supervisor 5,123.32/month; Ryan Stahl, Maintenance Supervisor 4,166.67/month; Ardis Overweg, librarian 667.88/month; Laura Mayclin, Finance Officer 18.94/hour; Summer help 14.91/hour; Council members 65.00/month; and Mayor 185.00/month.
4. Date for election, if needed, will be April 11, 2023.
5. Water rates will increase, as we received an increase from Davison County Rural Water. The normal monthly total utility bill, including up to 5,000 gallons, will be \$94/month instead of \$92/month.
6. Deinert will be contacting the Conservation District about replacing the 20 trees we lost in the park. We will update the insurance company with the cost details for replacing them.
7. As planned, we are making the 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of \$30,000 on the purchase of the fire department building with tonight's bills.
8. Executive Session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3 was not necessary.

Motion by Kayser, second by Moke to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Weston Frank  
Mayor

Laura Mayclin  
Finance Officer

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