

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL

Council Minutes

January 13, 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: B. Hohbach, D. Anderson, D. London, D. Renken C. Powell and D. Maltsberger. Also present: Maint. Officer Gene Deinert, and Fin. Officer L. Mayclin,.

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

There was no one present for public participation, but Frank took this time to express the city's appreciation for the recent assistance provided during the blizzard. He says we owe a debt of gratitude to both Dakota Fluid and Firesteel Services for their prompt help. He also sends a thank you out to all of our wonderful residents, who offered assistance to the city during the storm.

Motion by Maltsberger, second by Renken to approve the following consent items for December: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, Credits Report/Bank Statement, and Payment of bills as listed below.

BILLS:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Garbage</u>	<u>City Tax</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Debt</u>	<u>Description</u>
Weston Frank	170.85						Dec wages
Dan London	60.03						Dec wages
David Anderson	60.03						Dec wages
Dave Renken	60.03						Dec wages
Brett Hohbach	60.03						Dec wages
Connor Powell	60.03						Dec wages
Darin Maltsberger	60.03						Dec wages
Ardis Overweg	510.98						Dec wages
Gene Deinert	2,879.12	230.87					Dec wages
Laura Mayclin	913.56						Dec wages
MV School	75.00						rent
Davison Rural Water		5,558.30					water
SD Retirement	502.66						retire
Verizon	64.32						util
Santel	231.73				44.73		util
Northwestern Energy	1,486.65	268.31		37.72	199.56		util
Petrik			2,649.30				garb
Daily Republic	241.65						publ
Dept of Revenue			192.55				sales tax
CorTrust	1,465.28	38.26					941
SD Dept of Health		15.00					lab fees
MV Gas & Oil	131.69						gas
Westy's	218.00						gas
SD DENR					450.00		dues
Ardis Overweg	418.14						books
District III Planning	796.00						dues
Morgan Theeler	20.00						legal
SD Unemployment Ins	9.08						Unempl
Campbell Supply	153.84						supplies
Menards	135.11						supplies
Scott Supply	97.01						supplies
Weisser's Htg & AC	80.10						Maint

CarQuest	55.06	Repairs
M&L Repair	81.75	Repairs
Dakota Fluid Power	1,303.33	Repairs
Mustang Welding	1.95	Repairs
CES	1,500.00	Code Enf
J&W Mktg	359.50	Mgmt
Taste of Home	14.98	Books
Popular Science	19.97	Subscription
Laura Mayclin - Exp	182.18	Exp Reimb

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Hall came in quite handy as an emergency shelter during the storm. It is also seeing more steady reservations coming in. We do still have some maintenance that will be necessary to address, including a couple of places in the ceiling and the concrete out front, which still gets slick when icy.
2. There is no update on Railroad Street, and it will be removed from the agenda until we get anything further.
3. The Mt. Vernon Economic Development Group is currently closing on a loan for the two available houses, since they have been on the market for longer than they anticipated. This will allow the MVEDG to pay various contractors more quickly.
4. There are no updates on zoning.
5. Frank plans to make a Facebook post with information on how to get help from FEMA. Otherwise, the City has submitted all documents that were required for assistance through FEMA for City assets.
6. London says the city has not received anything more from the neighborhood group, so there is no update on the Alleyways discussion. It will be removed from subsequent agendas until there is an update.
7. After the recent storm, Council agrees that the standby generator for The Hall is needed. Deinert and Hohbach will continue working on this.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Deinert report: Wind during storms is causing the snow to move back in after it has been removed. He requests patience from residents when this happens. He will have the roads open as quickly as he can. Also noted, when no travel is advised, council asks that everyone please try to follow the advice of the highway safety professionals.
2. Mayclin report: The city received notice that, due to increases in fees to Petrik, our garbage rates may increase. We have not received any details on the increase. Mayclin will be contacting Petrik for more information. Mayclin received a request from a homeowner, whose tenant had vacated, owing for utilities. He requested that the council write off ½ of the tenant's amount owed. The city ordinance reads that the landlord is responsible for any debt that a tenant leaves unpaid. The council does not believe that the amount should be written off, saying this would basically mean that the other residents are in effect paying that tenant's bill. The insurance claims against the city, by various residents, for the flooding are still being processed. Almost all of the claims have been completed, with only one that has not at this time. The Library budget will be increased by \$350, which reflects a gift received by Donna Peterson of Plymouth, Minnesota, in honor of Charline Jordal Dittman, who was born and raised in Mt. Vernon. Mayclin brought up that city employees in South Dakota are not legally supposed to use debit cards, as this would be using bank funds, prior to approval of council. She has cancelled the debit card for Mt Vernon, and suggests council look into a credit card for future use.
3. Motion by Renken, second by Hohbach to approve the 2020 contract for code enforcement.
4. Anderson mentioned that the next District III meeting is January 29.
5. No executive session was necessary.

Motion by London, second by Powell to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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