

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL

Council Minutes

February 10, 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. Present for public participation were: Skyler Peterson (Petrik Sanitation,) Alan & Jamie Birmeier (L&L Sanitation,) and residents Tom Koch, and Loren Brech. Pledge of Allegiance was recited to begin the meeting. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated. Motion by Anderson, second by Maltsberger to approve the agenda.

All present for public participation were interested in the garbage rate increase. Frank plans to attend an upcoming council meeting in Mitchell to discuss the increase and how it affects surrounding small towns. Peterson brought the new rate information for the council to discuss. The increase to the City is basically the same amount Petrik is being increased by the City of Mitchell. Frank asked for him to send a formal proposal for our city records. There was a brief discussion about benefits and costs of recycling, noting that we may visit that subject again in the future. Koch noted that Petrik has never raised rates since we have been using his service. Birmeier spoke about the possibility of bidding at this time, noting he would need approximately two weeks to acquire totes. Council discussed options. Motion by Anderson to amend contract and accept the rate increase, with second by Maltsberger. All voted yes, except Powell, who voted no. The details of the increase are: all garbage services will be billed at our cost plus 9.5%, rounded to the nearest \$0.50. So, the increase on the normal residential bill will be \$1, meaning the normal residential bill for water, sewer and garbage will go from \$89 to \$90 per month. Those residents and businesses with dumpsters will see an increase as well, but the amount will be determined by the size of the dumpster, still calculated at 9.5% over our cost. Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to approve the following consent items for January: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, Credits Report/Bank Statement, and Payment of bills as listed below.

BILLS:

	General	Water	Water Deposits	City Tax	Sewer	Description
Weston Frank	170.85					Jan wages
Dan London	160.03					Jan wages
David Anderson	60.03					Jan wages
Dave Renken	60.03					Jan wages
Brett Hohbach	60.03					Jan wages
Connor Powell	60.03					Jan wages
Darin Maltsberger	60.03					Jan wages
Ardis Overweg	527.10					Jan wages
Gene Deinert	2,987.63	230.87				Jan wages
Laura Mayclin	1,137.77					Jan wages
MV School	75.00					rent
Davison Rural Water		5,733.50				water
SD Retirement	517.72					retire
Verizon	63.99					util
Santel	234.98				44.61	util
Northwestern Energy	1,619.55	344.49		40.07	195.22	util
Petrik	3,420.49					garb
Daily Republic	164.56					publ
Dept of Revenue	190.79					sales tax
SD Dept of Health		45.00				Lab Fees
CorTrust	1,556.05	38.26				941
Menards	68.14	25.98				supplies
Westy's	168.22					gas

U. S. Postal Service	64.00			rent
Ardis Overweg	113.54			books
MVG&O	483.43			Legal
SD One Call	2.24			Locates
CarQuest	59.98			Repairs
Runnings	8.75			supplies
Mustang Welding	21.84			Repairs
Brady Hastings			21.62	Dep Refund
United Systems	39.33	39.33		supplies
J&W Marketing	167.50		39.34	Mktg

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Hall is still having a lot of rentals. Hohbach will be getting pricing for a programmable lock for the facility.
2. There is no news for the Mt. Vernon Economic Development Group.
3. There are no updates on zoning.
4. Two of the three claims through FEMA are completed, just awaiting payment determination. The third is currently being looked at for insurance coverage, then FEMA will look at it.
5. Generator for The Hall will be installed when time and weather allow.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Deinert report: The lift station is now connected to mobile devices, for ease of use and convenience of ability to keep up with and adjust from anywhere. SD Rural Water will be doing a “smoke test” to check our lines for any sewer line leaks. After we get the report from that, we will determine the next step, if necessary. Mayclin will be setting up an account with Northern Tool to purchase pump for \$340, as discussed at previous meetings. Tom Koch will be covering for Deinert while he is away from February 15-26.
2. Mayclin report: Mayclin inquired whether Deinert was eligible for overtime pay for hours worked over 40 in a week, or if he was required to take comp time off. Council said he can choose whichever he prefers. Deinert will turn in any overtime hours to Mayclin. This is retroactive to January. Mayclin noted that the Financial Statement now reflects Garbage included in the General Fund, as was suggested by the state. The City received a tax bill for the Old Café property for the first four months of last year (prior to City owning it.) Mayclin is filling out paperwork for an abatement of taxes for future.
3. In order to join the health pool, council has determined that new hires will be eligible as of their date of hire. There will be no limit on the number of hours an employee works. All employees are eligible.
4. Frank will be getting Mayclin set up so she can see the Google calendar of upcoming reservations at The Hall.
5. The City will not be participating in Paint South Dakota.
6. There are no road changes to report to District III.
7. The Small Community Transportation Planning Program was discussed.
8. Anderson gave a report on the recent District III meeting. He says they are looking at possibly helping cities with ordinances during times when they are not busy. He also gave a report on the County Flood Risk meeting. He had a sample map that showed possible flood plains within the city. Having just experienced flooding in 2019, he had some insight to the actual areas that flooded. He noted their map didn’t show the areas the city has water diverted, which helped tremendously in the flooding last year. He says he believes these meetings are helpful to attend.
9. No executive session was necessary.

Motion by London, second by Hohbach to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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