

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
March 11, 2024

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: Dave Renken, Sherri Kayser, Roger DeKok, Matt Geidel, and Austin Kayser. Absent was David Anderson. City employees present were: Maintenance Officer Ryan Stahl and Finance Officer Laura Mayclin. Present for public participation was: Darcy Deinert, representing the Baseball Association and Sheriff Steve Harr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.

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

Sheriff Harr gave an update on a recent issue involving a reported aggressive dog. The deputy issued a citation and the attorney is prosecuting the case. Motion by D. Renken, second by R. DeKok to declare the dog in question a nuisance.

Darcy Deinert reported that Mt. Vernon will have school sponsored softball this year. She will provide a schedule for the city. The first game in Mt. Vernon will be mid-April, and they will utilize the small field. They are looking into options for bathroom facilities.

Motion by R. DeKok, second by A. Kayser to approve the following consent items for February: 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>Desc</u>
Weston Frank	170.85				wages
David Anderson	60.03				wages
Austin Kayser	60.03				wages
Dave Renken	60.03				wages
Sherri Kayser	60.03				wages
Roger DeKok	60.03				wages
Matt Geidel	60.03				wages
Ardis Overweg	614.46				wages
Ryan Stahl	3,552.47				wages
Laura Mayclin	1,249.16				wages
Davison Rural Water		8,096.80			water
SD Retirement	556.50				retire
Verizon	61.26				util
Santel	246.05			46.24	util
Northwestern Energy	2,588.48	372.26	36.35	220.31	util
Davison Co Sheriff	1,800.00				fees
Forum Communication	137.91				publ
L&L	5,151.00				Garb
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	314.88				sales tax
SD Dept of Health		15.00			Lab Fees
CorTrust	1,728.29	38.26			941
CorTrust Visa	204.30				supplies

US Bank	16,346.28		Project
Menards	538.06		supplies
MVG&O	203.97		Fuel
J&W Marketing	160.00		Mgmt
Davison Co Hwy	55.00		Maint
Mustang Welding	304.53		supplies
Ryan Stahl - exp	28.00		Expense
McLeod's	179.90		Supplies
Kalissa Mayclin	50.00		Maint
Hohbach Electric		994.52	Maint
SDRS	27.61		Maint
Dakota Pump		780.00	Maint
Cortrust Lock Box	5.00		Lock Box

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Hall door lock will be looked into for need of new battery or other maintenance. The projector screen will be properly reinstalled, as it was recently pulled down.
2. Council is still looking into options for code enforcement, including a part-time retired Mitchell police officer.
3. The Parks Department will be holding their first meeting March 20, 2024.
4. We will not require an election, as all open positions have exactly one petition.
5. The Railroad Street project will be bid out for completion date 2025, while offering incentive to complete in 2024. The contract will be awarded in May or June.
6. We have received several complaints from residents regarding garbage service, saying L&L Sanitation failed to pick up their garbage. Motion by D. Renken, second by R. DeKok to write notice to L&L. Frank reported he has researched the purchase of new dumpsters for the city. The total would be \$22,000 and would come from machinery and equipment. Motion by A. Kayser, seconded by M. Geidel to purchase the dumpsters.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Stahl purchased a golf cart from Federal Surplus for \$650, which he quickly made operable. This will allow him to make repairs around town and spray with ease. He will add the 4-wheeler to our list of items to surplus. Stahl will also contact DANR to ask about taking iron, steel, and aluminum to the dump site.
2. Mayclin reported an estimate from Hohbach Electric to replace the existing service panel in the new city building and updating the 200 amp outside meter socket. The estimate is for \$1,852.27. Council approved the estimate.
3. When the fire department moved to their new building, they left the siren switch at our building, so Hohbach Electric will be providing an estimate for making the fire department siren accessible from the new fire department.
4. Citywide cleanup is scheduled for May 11, 2024. We will be putting notices up with all the details.
5. Council appointed Roger DeKok to the Davison County Equalization Board.
6. Frank will be contacting the city attorney regarding an encroachment on 6th Ave. to see how we need to proceed. There are currently two properties that have been built on property owned by the city that represents the extension of 6th Ave between Main

Street and N. Lindman.

7. There are new FEMA maps, showing flood zones in Mt. Vernon. Frank will post details on Facebook for residents.
8. Motion by A. Kayser, seconded by S. Kayser to approve the resolution changing the name of Northwestern Energy.
9. Frank reported that the CRUSH program is looking for a location for their collection center. As it is a school program, Frank will advise them to contact the school board.
10. No executive session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3 was required.

Motion by DeKok, second by A. Kayser to adjourn at 10:00 pm.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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