

**MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL**

**Council Minutes**

**March 9, 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. London, D. Renken C. Powell and D. Maltsberger. Also present: Maint. Officer G. Deinert, and Fin. Officer L. Mayclin. Present for public participation was: Jerry Hemeyer from South Dakota Rural Water.

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, adding 3 new items: American Legion and Fire Department, SMS Alerts, and Nuisance Properties.

Jerry Hemeyer described various services provided by South Dakota Rural Water, including smoke testing and mapping, which council members felt would be a good idea to do. Smoke testing protects the health of the system and the citizens who use the system. Council determined smoke testing will be done later in the year, when it is warmer.

Motion to approve by Renken, seconded by Powell to also do mapping of sewer system, with various layers costing \$500 each. Exact layers necessary will be determined at a later date.

**BILLS:**

	<b>General</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>City Tax</b>	<b>Sewer</b>	<b>Description</b>
Weston Frank	170.85				wages
Dan London	60.03				wages
David Anderson	60.03				wages
Dave Renken	60.03				wages
Brett Hohbach	60.03				wages
Connor Powell	60.03				wages
Darin Maltsberger	60.03				wages
Ardis Overweg	527.10				wages
Gene Deinert	4,096.72	230.87			wages
Laura Mayclin	1,018.47				wages
MV School	75.00				rent
Davison Rural Water		5,880.75			water
SD Retirement	699.20				retire
Verizon	63.99				util
Santel	236.63			44.73	util
Northwestern Energy	1,415.97	230.81	30.84	186.28	util
Davison Co Sheriff	1,800.00				fees
Petrik	3,420.49				garb
Daily Republic	252.03				publ
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	205.27				sales tax
CorTrust	2,077.45	38.26			941
Menards	75.90				supplies
Westy's	92.16				gas
MVG&O	228.57				gas
Ardis Overweg	216.43				books
Mother Earth News	17.00				books
Book Systems, Inc.	295.00				supplies
SD One Call	2.24				Locates
Davison Co. Treasurer	138.60				taxes
SDWWA		90.00			seminar
J&W Marketing	172.50				Mgmt

3E			410.00	Repairs
C&B	401.12			Repairs
Laura Mayclin	25.79			supplies
Stan Starr	13.78	34.00	11.22	Refund
Julie Earl	191.75			Maint
Rain-Flo Irrigation			5,025.81	Equip

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Hohbach provided details for the lock at The Hall. Frank is looking into requirements for making the kitchen commercial for businesses that may be interested in using it. If the costs are less than the potential for income, council will consider making changes.
2. There is no news for the Mt. Vernon Economic Development Group.
3. We are still waiting on the finalization of payments for FEMA coverage on two claims, and we haven't heard back from insurance for coverage of the third claim.
4. The details from Petrik were the same as described in last month's garbage bill.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Deinert report: Roads will be repaired as soon as the construction company is available. We will be getting the pump from Rain-Flo to help in case of any insurgence of water. There have been several instances with loose dogs running around the city again. Hohbach suggested hiring a person to handle the dog-catching services, and using the fine for holding dogs as payment for their services.
2. Mayclin report: The price for sewer on city billing went down by \$.08 to account for the difference in sales tax, keeping the bottom line for bills at \$90 per month. There will be no election necessary, as all races were uncontested. The CD earnings for this quarter were \$1,506.25.
3. Council agreed to Dakota Pump Lift Station Annual Inspection Agreement at \$350 per year.
4. Davison County has gifted 2 defibrillators, (AEDs) to the city. Council will determine where to keep them.
5. Frank appointed Anderson as representative for Davison County Equalization Board.
6. Legion is interested in putting up a lit information sign at The Hall. Renken reminded council that Mt. Vernon will be designated as a Purple Heart Community in the coming months, and wants to get the council approval on April agenda. Frank mentioned that the Fire Department is interested in building a new station at the city property where the Old Café' once stood. The council will determine what would work to benefit both parties.
7. Frank got pricing on SMS messaging for city emergencies, which was \$50/month and \$0.16/message.
8. Mike Olson (Code Enforcement) recently came through town and found several properties that required notifications. He is working on bringing them all into compliance.
9. No executive session was necessary.

Motion by London, second by Renken to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Weston Frank  
Mayor

Laura Mayclin  
Finance Officer

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