

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
April 6, 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 via ZOOM meeting: D. Anderson, B. Hohbach, D. London, D. Renken C. Powell and D. Maltsberger. Also present: Maint. Officer G. Deinert, and Fin. Officer L. Mayclin. Public participation was available through Facebook and ZOOM.

Though no one from the public spoke during time for public participation, Frank mentioned that the Giedds had approached him regarding the possibility of closing the alleyway by their home. Powell and Maltsberger will contact the Giedds to schedule a meeting to determine what needs to be done.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited to begin the meeting. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated. Motion by Maltsberger, second by Anderson to approve the agenda, adding 2 new items: Flood Insurance Meeting and Abatements.

Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to approve consent items for March: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, Credits Report/Bank Statement and Payment of Bills.

BILLS:

	General	Water	City Tax	Sewer	Debt	Description
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	543.22					wages
Gene Deinert	3,117.32	230.87				wages
Laura Mayclin	1,057.26					wages
MV School	75.00					rent
Davison Rural Water	5,933.00					water
SD Retirement	517.72					retire
Verizon	63.99					util
Santel	236.83				44.41	util
Northwestern Energy	1,279.08	177.66	33.83	243.64		util
Petrik	3,420.49					garb
Daily Republic	143.80					publ
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	208.69					sales tax
CorTrust	1,404.32	38.26				941
Menards	254.18					supplies
Westy's	106.58					gas
MVG&O	25.00					gas
Mitchell Iron & Supply	187.79					Repairs
SD One Call	1.12					Locates
J&W Marketing	160.00					Mgmt
CarQuest	181.53					Repairs
SD DOH		15.00				Lab
Runnings Supply	309.22					supplies

OLD BUSINESS

1. Per Frank, the Hall is still open, using CDC guidelines for use. Hohbach will be installing the keypad lock later this week and will be ready to install the generator soon too.
2. The Mt. Vernon Economic Development Group has a contract pending on one of their properties. Anderson says they had to agree to install a fence to sell the property, due to the large number of vehicles/equipment at the Brovold property next to them.
3. We received all the funds from our FEMA claims, equaling \$36,089.92.
4. Motion by Renken, second by Powell to approve the designation of Mt. Vernon as a Purple Heart Community. Frank will draw up the dedication.
5. Council discussed where the AEDs, which were recently donated by Davison County, should be placed. Under consideration is placing them at Westy's, The Hall, and the Senior Citizens Building. Frank will speak with Senior Citizens group and Westy's and report back to council with his recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Deinert report: We have 200 surgical masks at the shop if needed by someone. The landfill is open on nice days when possible to get to it. Deinert is concerned about some things being left behind the city shop. He doesn't know where it comes from, but sometimes people leave items there. He wondered if we should consider surveillance of some type there. Mayclin mentioned that there is quite a bit of expensive equipment at the shop, and surveillance might serve to protect it to some degree. Deinert will be looking at cost of new 4-wheeler, as ours is getting fairly old (2004 model.) Anderson wants to be certain we have a plan financially to replace this and other equipment. Deinert will be having an MRI on lower back tomorrow and will keep council informed. Possible help for city if needed would be: Tom Koch, Dan London, and Riley Deinert.
2. Mayclin report: Davison County is questioning 3 parcels of land south of Railroad St. Mayclin will get more information on the properties and contact London. We received abatement of taxes for 4 properties in town. Motion by Renken, second by London to abate taxes on MVEDG properties. Anderson abstained from vote. The final property is the city property, recently purchased on Main St. Motion by Renken, second by Anderson to abate the taxes for the city property.
3. Motion by Renken, second by Hohbach to approve \$1,000 donations for MV Baseball Association, MV Football Association, Senior Citizens, and American Legion.
4. Council discussed Citywide Cleanup. Powell suggested waiting to put up dumpster until the day of event, so people wouldn't begin using it early. Anderson suggested moving the event until June, so we would be less likely to be affected by COVID-19 restrictions. Council and Mayor agreed to plan to do this in June. Renken wondered if we'd be accepting tires again. Mayclin will look at invoice from last year and give to council for May meeting.
5. Frank gave statistical updates for COVID-19, and mentioned that school is officially out for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Frank will be discussing CDC guidelines with Senior Citizens to be sure they know how to comply. Anderson suggests going as a council to Westy's and Wermer's for a meal when all these restrictions are over.
6. No executive session was necessary.

Motion by London, second by Anderson to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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