

**MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL**

**Council Minutes**

**April 12, 2021**

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, C. Powell, D. Renken, D. London and D. Maltzberger. Also present: Maint. Officer G. Deinert. Present for public participation: Tracy Bork, Darcy Deinert, Becky Klooz, Michael Churchill, Skyler Peterson, Jeff McCormick, Jennifer Booth, Eric Denning, and Justin Meyer.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited to begin the meeting. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated. D. Deinert and Klooz attended the meeting to discuss Baseball Association items. There are some items that need attention at the field, including the concession stand door, serving window and back stop. The Association would like to help with repairs/improvements. Denning questioned who to work with at the City to approve changes. Councilman Powell is Park Council Representative, so he will be the person to approve the work. G. Deinert, City Maintenance Officer, will work with them regarding equipment. The plan is to complete the changes in phases, with phase one addressing dugouts and concrete work. The road west of the baseball field was abandoned by a previous council, and it is being considered to replace the gravel with dirt and plant grass in the area west of the field.

Booth mentioned that the Pink Ladies would like to host a beanbag tournament on the City lot between the old gym and Senior Building. She inquired about the process for doing so, and was informed L. Mayclin would assist her in acquiring insurance, and she will be on the agenda at the next meeting for approval. A tentative date for the event is September 11, 2021. The Fire Department is looking into special permit to serve beer. Booth also asked about dust control on Haynes. G. Deinert will let her know when dust control is scheduled.

Meyer discussed his plan to extend his driveway this summer, and the need to have a sign moved, in order to do so. G. Deinert will work with the county to get the sign relocated. Council informed Meyer that he does not need a building permit to install a concrete slab.

Motion by Renken, second by London to approve consent items for March: 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>Description</u>
Weston Frank	217.02				wages
Dan London	106.20				wages
David Anderson	106.20				wages
Dave Renken	106.20				wages
Brett Hohbach	106.20				wages
Connor Powell	106.20				wages
Darin Maltzberger	106.20				wages
Ardis Overweg	543.76				wages
Gene Deinert	3,163.34	230.87			wages
Laura Mayclin	958.90				wages
MV School	75.00				rent
Davison Rural Water		5,930.00			water
SD Retirement	533.30				retire
Verizon	57.99				util
Santel	226.51			45.70	util
Northwestern Energy		296.13	45.56	143.88	util
Petrik	6,840.98				garb
Forum Communication	169.52				publ
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	210.65				sales tax
CorTrust	1,642.14	38.26			941
SD DOL	3.67				Unempl Ins
Menards	142.31				supplies
Westy's	105.80				gas

MVG&O	81.14			gas
Ardis Overweg	210.34			supplies
Morgan Theeler	175.73			Legal
J&W Marketing	163.00			Mgmt
Newman Signs	231.74			Repairs
SD DOH		15.00		Lab
Runnings Supply	46.96			supplies
USTI - United Systems	401.34	401.34	401.35	Annual Fee
Erickson Tree Svc	2,500.00			Maint
Davison County	206.63			Signs
Cortrust Visa	18.25			supplies

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Usage of The Hall is growing. Jacey Jira has been acquired to clean it. The floor needs to be stripped and polished – Renken is looking into that. The table and chair storage is still being researched, in case we rent the space to another tenant. Council is considering keeping a deposit on file for repeat renters.
2. Motion by Anderson, second by Powell for our Code Enforcement Officer to move forward with sending letters and abatement as noted on his list. Code Enforcement does not require council approval in the future before sending out letters. Powell, London, and Frank are interested in attending the upcoming code enforcement meeting in Pierre. Council also discussed Davison County giving tickets for code violations.
3. Council discussed the Northeast Development. Jeff McCormick, with SPN, gave an estimate of \$182,000 for infrastructure for the 6 lots. The cost per lot, according to McCormick, is in line with the same in other places. The timing of the project would be likely spring of 2022, as contractors are already booked this year. One possible method of recovering cost that some cities are using is a connection fee to connect to the water and sanitary sewer. Methods of financing and grants were discussed, including the USDA Rural Development. The City and Mt. Vernon Economic Development Group will work together to come up with a plan.
4. Garbage bids from Petrik and L&L were opened. Motion by Renken, second by Maltsberger to accept Petrik as the lowest bidder.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Maintenance Officer report: Deinert brought up chip, fog seal bid and paving. Council discussed costs and the need to amend the budget to include additional costs. Deinert will contact the engineering company to include paving repairs as well as chip seal and fog seal. Deinert will be at wastewater conference April 27-29. Council discussed emergency snow removal.
2. The Mt. Vernon Economic Development Group is looking into housing development possibilities, with a desire to provide 20 1-acre lots. MVEDG is contacting adjacent property owners to see if anyone is willing to sell property for a housing development. MVEDG is also looking at building a business incubator on Main Street.
3. McCormick and council discussed drainage improvement for Mt. Vernon, relating to Hazard Mitigation. McCormick said SPN is open to engineering drainage in Mt. Vernon. Council discussed tiling, which does not improve flooding, but improves areas that are constantly wet. Frank and McCormick will get together to get estimates on cost of planning.
4. Motion by London, second by Renken to approve Resolution for LWCF grant application.
5. Spring Clean Up is set for May 22<sup>nd</sup> with the rain date of June 12<sup>th</sup>. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon. No tires will be accepted.
6. Motion by Anderson, second by Renken for the city to donate \$1,000 each to MV Baseball Association, Senior Citizens and American Legion.
7. Councilman Hohbach submitted his resignation to the City Council. A replacement will be appointed at the May meeting.
8. No Executive Session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3 was needed.

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

Weston Frank  
Mayor

Laura Mayclin  
Finance Officer

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