

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
May 10, 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. Maltsberger. Also present: Maint. Officer G. Deinert and Fin. Officer L. Mayclin. Present for public participation: April Kirkpatrick, Ryan Kirkpatrick, Dale Kroupa, Steve Hohbach, Melinda Grohs, Derek Grohs, Ashley Miller, Mike Denning, Jay Duvall, Jennifer Booth, LeAnne Hagemeyer and Tracy Bork.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited to begin the meeting. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated. For public participation, A. Kirkpatrick, R. Kirkpatrick, A. Miller, and M. Denning attended representing Mitchell Roofing to discuss details of the 2021 Celebration, which is currently scheduled for July 10. The council and Mitchell Roofing reps went over insurance requirements. Mayclin will help them with insurance. Motion by Renken, second by Powell to approve street closures and approve fireworks for the event. Council determined the liaison for the event will be Connor Powell, and the Mt. Vernon Fire Department, along with state authorities will determine if the fireworks show is safe to put on.

The Grohs, Hohbach, Kroupa, and Duvall were all in attendance to discuss the Northeast development, which has been estimated to cost \$182,000 by SPN. Kroupa shared his interest in donating to help with funding for the development, noting that he hopes it will encourage others to also donate for the project. Frank mentioned that the city's first concern at this time is infrastructure, so the city is looking at grants and fundraising to help with the Northeast Project. The Grohs would like the city to pay a large part of the cost for service hookups. Anderson mentioned that if the city was to pay the \$182,000, it would be virtually the same as having each household in Mt. Vernon pay \$900 each for the extension of service for the new development. He believes the seller and developer should pay the largest portion of the costs and pass some of that on to buyers. Hohbach mentioned that the current Northview development was paid for by the city. Anderson mentioned that he wasn't certain how that was handled, but noted that none of the current members of the council were on the City Council at the time that decision was made. Maltsberger mentioned that the city is looking at grants, but it takes time to procure these. Frank agreed that it takes a long time to receive grant money and shared his concern that it may not happen quickly enough for their needs. Anderson mentioned that the Mt. Vernon Economic Development Group is also looking for grants. Hohbach asked if the city could find a smaller contractor to do the job for less. Powell mentioned that he had spoken with someone about doing just this. London suggested we get prices from smaller contractors and then offered to take responsibility to get bids. Deinert offered to help London with same.

Hohbach also noted that he recently saw a truck driving in reverse on several roads in town. He contacted the Sheriff's Department, but the party wasn't caught in the act. There have also been reports of recent drag races on Tibbetts. Frank has discussed the possibility of seeking out footage from various cameras in the community to help catch some of these offenders. Note to Community: If anyone sees speeding or other traffic violations, please contact the non-emergency number for law officials: 605-995-8400.

Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to approve consent items for April: 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	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	543.76				wages
Gene Deinert	3,163.34	230.87			wages
Laura Mayclin	843.54				wages
MV School	75.00				rent

Davison Rural Water		6,440.00			water
SD Retirement	533.30				retire
Verizon	58.00				util
Santel	235.46			46.09	util
Northwestern Energy	1,247.60	259.84	48.43	188.04	util
Petrik	3,420.49				garb
Forum Communication	76.40				publ
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	215.30				sales tax
CorTrust	1,553.09	38.26			941
Menards	639.73			8.51	supplies
Westy's	34.08				gas
MVG&O	227.53				gas
Ardis Overweg	185.02				books
The Library Store	220.79				books
SD 811 One Call	4.48				Locates
J&W Marketing	178.00				mgmt
Carquest	119.98				Repairs
Scott Supply	1.38				Repairs
American Legion	1,000.00				Donation
MV Baseball Assoc	1,000.00				Donation
Senior Citizens	1,000.00				Donation
SoDACE	140.00				Conference
Newman Signs	192.01				Repairs
Cortrust Visa	117.56	58.75		58.75	Postage

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Hall rentals have begun increasing in the spring. Pricing on The Hall rental agreement is including sales tax, and tax is being collected and sent to the state each month. Deinert will be given a list of cleaning supplies that are needed.
2. Code Enforcement letters have been sent recently. We are beginning to see some lawn mowing violations. Mayclin will print out notices for Deinert to place on doors. Our current ordinance states that the mowing charges by the city are to be determined by council. These charges are currently set at \$125 per hour with a one hour minimum.
3. We are tabling the Pink Ladies Fundraiser until next month, while Booth does more work on the event.
4. Frank met with Jeff McCormick regarding hazard mitigation and the FEMA risk map being updated. Per Anderson, if a person is in a flood plain on the new flood map, they will need to get flood insurance. Frank said there are concerns about flooding in the future, and the maps could change with upcoming studies. Frank will be attending a meeting for this in the coming week.
5. The Citywide Cleanup flyers will be posted with details.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Maintenance Officer report: Deinert got a \$6,300 quote for dust control, for which budgeted funds will be used. Brosz rode with Deinert to determine which streets would be repaired this year. Chip seal will be necessary, so the budget will be amended. The water tower maintenance will be \$1,800. Motion by Anderson, second by London to approve the contract for maintaining the water tower.
2. Finance Officer report: Mayclin received information on the Mitchell Area Farmers to Families Food Box, which is a program to help people during the Covid-19 pandemic. Mayclin will be posting information for the program on the Facebook page.
3. Motion by Anderson, second by Maltberger to approve the 2020 Annual Report.
4. Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to approve the Westy's Liquor License.
5. Mayclin will be attending budget training in either Sioux Falls or Rapid City this summer.

6. Anderson is applying for the West Nile grant.
7. Motion by Anderson, second by Powell to approve the first reading of the Medical Marijuana ordinance. Renken was a “no” vote.
8. The appointment of a new councilperson will be tabled until next month.
9. The re-election of council members will be tabled until next month.
10. No Executive Session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3 was needed.

Motion by Renken, second by London to adjourn at 9:54 p.m.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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