

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
May 11, 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: D. Anderson, 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: Jane and Emily Maltsberger, Darcy Deinert, Becky Klooz, David Kluth, Angela Klumb, Matt Geidel, and Weston Frank. Pledge of Allegiance was recited to begin the meeting. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated. Motion by Maltsberger, second by Powell to approve the agenda, adding 2 new items: West Nile Grant and Main Street County Proposal.

D. Deinert and B. Klooz were in attendance representing the Mt. Vernon Little League. They wanted to know how the council felt about holding baseball this summer. They wanted to be certain they were able to keep the kids safe and shared supplies/equipment clean. They were also concerned about liability, and whether their insurance policy would adequately cover this. They discussed the possibility of having a waiver for parents to sign off for kids to participate. They were going to check with the insurance company further on this. Council was concerned about how difficult it would be to social distance with kids. One possible option was allowing our kids to hold practices, but not host other teams, since it would be tough to be certain those from other towns were adhering to the same rules that our kids are. Council discussed all of this with them, and a final decision was to allow whatever baseball D. Deinert and B. Klooz were comfortable with, noting that the city might be able to get cleaning supplies to help with sanitation of supplies/equipment.

D. Kluth and M. Geidel were representing the Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department. The fire department would like to build a new station, as they are quite crowded in their current station, which was built about 27 years ago, and the equipment has gotten much larger. In order to get funding, they have to have a location to build it, and they are interested in acquiring the lots on Main Street, just south of their current location. One of those lots is owned by the city (where the Old Café was demolished,) and the other four are owned by the American Legion. They were thinking they could possibly incorporate some area in the building that the Legion could utilize. Hohbach suggested possibly doing some kind of trade, where the city purchases the existing station to be used for a proper City Hall and shop, as it sits directly next to the city's current shop. In this scenario, the Legion could continue to use The Hall for their events and meetings. The fire department is currently having the building assessed, so they will know what it is worth. They will get that information back to the city for consideration of a purchase agreement.

W. Frank presented a proposal to hold the Mount Vernon Summer Classic, presented by Mitchell Roofing. It would be a weekend event held this summer and include some of the following: golf tournament, 5k run, bike race and parade for kids, car/truck/tractor show, live music, bingo, lawn mower poker run, BBQ contest, corn hole tournament, street dance, and fireworks. Shuttles will run to provide a safe ride. Council liked the idea, so long as safety for the pandemic allows. A. Klumb asked if it might be possible to check, in advance of the event, with someone of medical authority to be certain he/she feels it is okay to proceed. She suggested Hillary Rockwell might be a good person to contact for this, to be certain the hospital will be able to handle the number of people who could be affected. Frank and Council determined it might be even better to get opinions from several experts in the field prior to the event. Motion by Maltsberger, second by Renken for Frank to tentatively go ahead with the planning of the event, knowing that it would have to be cancelled if the experts find it unsafe to go through with it at the time. Frank abstained from his mayoral duties during the discussion.

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:

	General	Water	City Tax	Sewer	Sewer Surcharge	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	527.10			wages
Gene Deinert	3,117.32	230.87		wages
Laura Mayclin	888.04			wages
Rylee Deinert	383.33			wages
Tom Koch	24.73			wages
MV School	75.00			rent
Davison Rural Water		5,857.00		water
SD Retirement	517.72			retire
Verizon	63.82			util
Santel	225.81		44.66	util
Northwestern Energy	1,402.71	221.07	29.44	util
Petrik	3,420.49			garb
Daily Republic	167.52			publ
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	216.01			sales tax
SD Unemployment Ins	3.92			Unempl
CorTrust	1,474.25	38.26		941
US Bank			16,346.28	Project
SD DOH		15.00		Lab
Menards	455.83			supplies
Westy's	41.28			gas
Ardis Overweg	169.08			books
The Library Store	133.54			books
SD One Call	35.84			Locates
J&W Marketing	160.00			mgmt
DENR		6.00		Certification
Carquest	150.81			Repairs
M&L Repair	61.28			Repairs
A-OX Welding	107.99			Repairs
Scott Supply	69.75			Repairs
Runnings	42.97			Repairs
Henke Tractor Repair	184.90			Repairs
American Legion	1,000.00			Repairs
MV Youth Football	1,000.00			supplies
MV Baseball Assoc	1,000.00			Refund
Senior Citizens	1,000.00			Maint

OLD BUSINESS

1. Hohbach will be installing the new smart lock at The Hall next week. The generator will cost \$200 more than the original quote, but it is being tabled until after we know what happens with the fire department building.
2. The Mt. Vernon Economic Development Group would like to transfer ownership of the new north end of Cotton St. to the city. The City Attorney is looking into it. The cost of his time will be the cost of transferring it. This cost could be split ½ each for city and MVEDG.
3. The AEDs will be placed as follows: one in The Hall, and one at Westy's, per agreement with Barb.
4. Council discussed various costs for upcoming Citywide Cleanup, which is now scheduled for June 13. We will be putting out flyers with details, as usual, throughout the city. London will be contacting code enforcement officer to come for his initial assessment for the year as soon as he can, to notify residents what items they are out of compliance on.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Deinert report: The crew working on the overpass is purchasing water from us. Most roads will have to be redone this year. The city may need a new lawnmower soon, as one of ours is in need of repair often.
2. Mayclin report: Northwestern Energy is currently looking to update street lights to LED and have inquired about ordinance. Mayclin will relay information to them – no ordinance on this for street lighting. Should we be currently monitoring the meter at The Hall? It is installed, but has never been monitored for use. In the event of a leak, having it monitored would show. Council agreed that it should be monitored.
3. Newly re-elected officials were given the oath of office.
4. Motion by London, second by Renken to have elected officials remain the same.
5. Appointment of chairman for council committees is as follows:
London: Streets, Code Enforcement
Anderson: Water Department
Hohbach: Lights/Electricity, Streets
Powell: Parks Department
Maltsberger: Garbage Department
Renken: Sewer Department
Frank: The Hall, Website
6. Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to approve the Annual Report, as prepared by Mayclin
7. Bids for street work was tabled, pending upcoming discussions.
8. Anderson will be calling The Daily Republic re: their status as a “daily paper.” If it is not a daily paper, the charge to print for the City should be less.
9. Council discussed the possibility of allowing chickens within the city limits, and determined that if it is something a large number of people want to see, they need to come to a council meeting to discuss, and they would consider it at that time.
10. Motion by Anderson, second by Hohbach to approve the outdoor prom on May 30.
11. According to councilman Renken, some people in town have approached him about a pistol range. The logistics of having one at the dump or other area were discussed including: insurance, range officer, litter control, access control, safety, and DENR requirements. Powell asked if the city should be involved at all in it, or if a resident would just want to do this as a personal business. Renken is doing more research, including insurance and DENR requirements.
12. Frank noted the various licenses that are listed in our ordinance, which do not actually exist. He and Mayclin will plan to address the issue.
13. Anderson addressed a concern that our sump pump ordinance needs to be updated. This ordinance will be updated at the next meeting.
14. Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to approve renewal of Westy’s liquor license.
15. Council is not applying for West Nile grant this year, as we have sufficient supplies.
16. The city is currently negotiating with the county on maintaining a portion of Main Street, which would require that we kick in \$15,000 for a 3 inch mat, instead of only 2 inch. Motion by Renken, second by Powell to pay \$15,000 to the County to assist in maintaining the portion of Main Street.
17. No executive session was necessary.

Motion by Anderson, second by London to adjourn at 11:34 p.m.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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