

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
June 14, 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: D. Anderson, C. Powell, D. Renken, D. London and D. Maltsberger and K. Deinert. Also present: Maint. Officer G. Deinert and Fin. Officer L. Mayclin. Present for public participation: Buck Underwood - Military Order of the Purple Heart, Steve Harr - Davison County Sheriff, Clinton Powell – Brosz Engineering, Steve Hohbach, Melinda Grohs, and Derek Grohs.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited to begin the meeting. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated. Motion by Maltsberger, second by Renken to approve the agenda.

For public participation, Buck Underwood was in attendance to present the city with Purple Heart designation. Mt. Vernon will be included in the Purple Heart Trails Registry in Virginia.

The Grohs and Hohbach were in attendance to discuss the Northview East addition. G. Deinert received estimates from two companies to complete the work; one estimate - \$156,270 and the other - \$106,320. Both companies went off the spec sheet. We did not get any indication of when work could be complete. Given the cost estimates, this project would have to be bid. For the next meeting, Mayclin will research possibility for budgeting this. Maltsberger will check the possibility of a loan and terms.

C. Powell says Brosz is in the process of applying for a grant for the street maintenance, with a total project cost of \$600,000. C. Powell and the council discussed the various ways to pay for various projects, including grants, bonds, loans and special assessments, noting that many small towns go broke by paying for infrastructure and not charging residents anything for it.

Sheriff Harr was in attendance to stay informed of any safety issues for the city.

Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to approve consent items for May with this correction in May’s minutes – B. Hohbach was not in attendance. The following were approved: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, Credits Report/Bank Statement and Payment of Bills.

BILLS:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Deposits</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
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	850.75					wages
Christopher Mayer	394.79					wages
Glen Wentland	152.82					wages
MV School	75.00					rent
Davison Rural Water		7,025.00				water
SD Retirement	533.30					retire
Verizon	58.00					util
Santel	227.64				46.09	util
Northwestern Energy	1,176.73	176.83		46.33	161.76	util
Davison Co Sheriff	1,800.00					fees
Petrik	3,861.05					garb
Forum Communication	398.15					publ
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	212.66					sales tax
CorTrust	1,636.09	38.26				941
Menards	459.89					supplies

Westy's	215.01		gas
MVG&O	216.98		gas
Davison County	45.90		Maint
SD 811 One Call	4.48		Maint
Custom Plus Collision	159.32		Repairs
SD DOH	30.00		Lab
CarQuest	37.74		supplies
J&W Marketing	170.50		mgmt
Wheelco	71.46		Repairs
Runnings	384.71		Repairs
Code Enforcement Spec.	714.62		Code Enf
Morgan Theeler	615.05		Legal
Wilbur Ellis	2,974.92		Maint
Cortrust Visa	160.87	152.24	supplies
SDARWS		75.00	Conference
Gene Deinert		22.92	Travel
Brosz Engineering	3,500.00		Maint

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Hall rentals are continuing to be steady. Council approved installing a flagpole and flag in the front of the building.
2. Code Enforcement recently abated a property in town, which was not brought up to code. Bills for abatement go to the resident, and if not paid, will be assessed to taxes. If anyone has questions on letters received for code enforcement, please contact Joel, the Code Enforcement Officer, at 605-208-0786. Also, please be sure to have dogs properly secured at all times.
3. Anderson reports that if we get the grant for the playground equipment, we cannot spend the money until next year. He has also applied for a mosquito grant of \$1,400.
4. The Medical Marijuana ordinance will go into effect after the second reading at next month's meeting. Nothing can be brought in and sold – must be grown in South Dakota. Since the law goes into effect July 1, that is when it is legal to begin growing. Motion by Anderson, second by London to approve the first reading of Ordinance 5.1.13 – A Temporary Ordinance Regarding The Issuance Of Local Medical Cannabis Establishment Permits and/or Licenses.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Maintenance Officer report: G. Deinert has access to steel light poles for Main Street and will be bringing them to the city.
2. Finance Officer report: Mayclin will be attending the budget workshop in Sioux Falls in July.
3. Mayclin will have the link for the drinking water report in June's utility billing.
4. G. Deinert is looking into a request to wash school buses south of the lift station, making sure it won't pose any problems.
5. Council decided that in order to keep meetings moving along, there will be a time limit on public participation for future meetings. Each person will be given a maximum of 10 minutes to present information to the council.
6. Council gives a special thank you to Petrik Sanitation for donating \$230.25 from the recent Citywide Cleanup. Council looking at best place to use this donation.
7. Motion by Anderson, second by Powell to approve joining District III for 2022.
8. Frank announced that the sale of the Old Café' lot to the fire department is forthcoming.
9. Frank proposes to hold a "bike school" in Mt. Vernon. There have been some near misses with cars and bikes recently, and it would benefit the kids to learn the "rules of the road." More details to come.
10. Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to approve the fire department special event license for a \$25 fee.
11. Brosz is working on Community Access grant for the city.
12. Anderson mentioned the upcoming elected officials workshop, for anyone interested in attending.
13. Motion by Renken, second by Anderson to approve the annual lift station agreement.
14. Kevin Deinert was appointed as Councilperson for Ward II.

15. Motion by Maltzberger, second by Renken to elect Anderson as President of Council. Motion by London, second by Renken to elect Powell as Vice President of Council. K. Deinert will be over Parks department and Powell will be over Lights Department.
16. The Mitchell Roofing Event is still being planned and will include lots of fun activities for all ages. There will be blocked roads, as there were last year. The ability to have fireworks will depend on the Fire Department for safety reasons.
17. No Executive Session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3 was needed.

Motion by London, second by Renken to adjourn at 9:40 p.m.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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