

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
July 8, 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. Renken C. Powell, D. Maltzberger, and D. London. Also present: Maint. Officer G. Deinert, and Fin. Officer L. Mayclin. Present for public participation was: Cory J. Cumings.

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

Cumings appeared at the meeting to discuss details for the upcoming Mt. Vernon Summer Classic, which is scheduled for the weekend of July 24-26. Weston Frank, acting as a citizen, not in his mayoral capacity, joined the conversation as well. Frank and Cumings have been working together to be certain of the safety of attendees, by providing shuttle service to/from the event, notification of the Sheriff's Department, and considering Covid-19 safety measures. Frank presented temporary liquor licenses for approval, with a motion made by Anderson and seconded by Maltzberger to approve and waive the fee for the first-time event, which benefits the city. Liquor licenses were approved for Wermer's Lounge, Westy's, and the Fire Department. Parking areas will be provided to help keep less traffic and blocked roads in town. Various charities will be benefitting from the event, with the charity raising the most money getting proceeds from the street dance. The fireworks will be set off at the little league baseball field, with the Fire Department on alert.

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

BILLS:

	General	Water	Water Deposits	City Tax	Sewer	Sewer Surcharge	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 Maltzberger	60.03						wages
Ardis Overweg	527.10						wages
Gene Deinert	3,117.32	230.87					wages
Laura Mayclin	707.50						wages
Rylee Deinert	2,121.42						wages
MV School	75.00						rent
Davison Rural Water		7,082.50					water
SD Retirement	517.72						retire
Verizon	63.82						util
Santel	227.63				46.12		util
Northwestern Energy	1,021.04	79.75		28.84	263.55		util
Petrik	4,451.01						garb
Daily Republic	270.43						publ
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	205.37						sales tax
SD DOH		15.00					Lab
SD Unempl Ins	1.50						Unempl
CorTrust	1,915.27	38.26					941
Menards	385.55						supplies

Westy's	39.10		gas
SD One Call	10.08		Locates
USBank		16,346.28	Project
Scott Supply	2,492.94		Repairs
Jones Supply	168.76		Maint
Dakota Pump		618.62	Repairs
Blue Tarp Financial		372.74	Equip
Benders		451.00	Repairs
Runnings	355.24		Maint
TK Electric	721.94		Repairs
Hohbach Electric	1,367.35		Maint
M&L Repair	164.18		Repairs
Carquest	395.04		supplies
Morgan Theeler	521.85		Legal
Denny Kiner	504.00		Cleanup
Wheelco	87.14		Parts
J&W Mktg	160.00		Mgmt
Reagan Foote		10.00	Refund

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Hall is procuring a new cleaning service, as our current person has resigned. Our tables will be rented out for the upcoming event.
2. Covid-19 Update: The cases have been continuing to look good, and the weekly meetings have ceased.
3. The recent survey on chickens in town came back as 59% for and 41% against. Since it wasn't a blowout in either direction, the council will not be deciding this. A petition will be necessary to move forward.
4. Motion by Anderson, second by Maltsberger to accept the second reading of the following amendment.
WHEREAS, the City Council of Mt. Vernon, South Dakota deems it necessary to amend the Mt. Vernon Ordinance TITLE IV – MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AND SERVICES, CHAPTER 2 SEWER Section entitled Sump Pump Discharge. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: Between April 1 and October 31 of the calendar year, or should an emergency of any kind so require, by declaration of the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon, no person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, spring water, ground water, subsurface drainage, building foundation drainage and/or basement drainage into sanitary sewer system by means of connecting a sump pump discharge pipe or outlet to pump or drain into sewer system. Any person who discharges or causes to be discharged any storm water, surface water, spring water, ground water, subsurface drainage (building foundation drainage and/or basement drainage) into the sanitary sewer system by connecting a sump pump discharge pipe or drain to pump or drain into the sanitary sewer system shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a summary offense, punishable of a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation, per day.
5. Motion by Anderson, second by Hohbach to accept the second reading of the following amendment.
WHEREAS, the City Council of Mt. Vernon, South Dakota deems it necessary to amend the Mt. Vernon Ordinance TITLE VI – OFFENSES, CHAPTER 4 OFFENSES AS TO PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OR PROPERTY Section entitled Fences. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: No person, firm or corporation shall hereafter construct, erect, or maintain or cause to be constructed, erected, or maintained in the City of Mount Vernon, any fence of any character or material, exceeding seven feet in height, above the sidewalk or the surface of any lot or parcel of land, provided, that any such fence so constructed, erected, or maintained, shall not exceed six feet in height when the same is within forty feet of the street line; and provided further that no fence or any part thereof shall be constructed

of barbed wire.

6. Council determined no ordinance specific to tires is necessary, as it falls under the definition of “vehicle parts” in ordinance Title 6 Chapter 7.
7. Motion by Anderson, second by Powell to approve the following resolution of local commitment to continue working with District III: **Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon has identified the need to make improvements to Railroad Street; and **Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon is eligible for Department of Transportation Community Access Program funds; and **Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon does not have adequate funding available to complete the project without assistance; **Therefore Be It Resolved** that the City of Mount Vernon will seek assistance through the South Dakota Department of Transportation Community Access Program in accordance with all program requirements; **Be It Further Resolved** that the City of Mount Vernon will be responsible for all engineering expenses associated with the project, and a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of all construction costs; **And Be It Further Resolved** that the City of Mount Vernon will be responsible for all maintenance and repairs to the route after the construction of the project; **And Be It Further Resolved** that the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon be authorized to execute the Community Access Program application.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Deinert report: Deinert and Hohbach are working to repair the scoreboard at the ball field as budget allows. Letters from smoke testing will be sent out soon. No more dumping should be taken to the school parking lot. All new branches at this point should be taken to the dump. Glen Wentland will be helping with the opening/closing of the dump. County is still scheduled to work on Main Street, though we may have to buy gravel. Maintenance is needed at 4th street culvert, and he’ll be looking into that. He will also be dredging the creek near Duvall property. There is a problem with thistles at the Lagoon that he is tending to.
2. Mayclin report: Covid Relief Fund has been set up, and Mayclin is getting Mt. Vernon added.
3. Motion by Maltsberger, second by Anderson to approve the Internal Control Review for publication.
4. Council is interested in having the Code Enforcement Officer attend a meeting. London will be addressing with him.
5. Council discussed pools in town, and whether fencing is necessary for them. Mayclin will be checking with SDML to see how other cities handle this.

Motion by Hohbach, second by Renken to adjourn at 10:18 p.m.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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