

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL

Council Minutes

August 12, 2024

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: Dave Renken, Sherri Kayser, Roger DeKok, Cameron Deinert, Matt Geidel and Austin Kayser. City employee present: Maintenance Officer Ryan Stahl. Present for public participation was Jacob Sonne from SPN.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.

Motion by Renken, seconded by A. Kayser, to approve the agenda.

Motion by Deinert, seconded by DeKok to approve the following consent items for July: 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
Cameron Deinert	60.03					wages
Austin Kayser	60.03					wages
Dave Renken	60.03					wages
Sherri Kayser	60.03					wages
Roger DeKok	60.03					wages
Matt Geidel	60.03					wages
Ardis Overweg	614.46					wages
Ryan Stahl	4,270.46	230.87				wages
Laura Mayclin	1,066.66					wages
Glen Wentland	200.53					wages
Kalissa Mayclin	50.00					Maint
Davison Rural Water		8,804.65				water
SD Retirement	713.10					retire
Verizon	62.71					util
Santel	241.65				46.97	util
Northwestern Energy	1,763.58	162.31		12.00	463.74	util
City of Mitchell	1,119.84					garb
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	304.32					sales tax
SD DOH		15.00				Lab
CorTrust	2,083.11	38.26				941
Menards	494.73				62.46	supplies
MVG&O	1,167.04					Fuel
SD 811	16.80					Locates
Miedema	3,168.16					Flood Cleanup
Dakota Pump					572.50	Repair
Udrive Technology	50.00					Tech Svc
Mustang Welding	49.76					Repair
A&G Diesel	219.54					Repair
Cortrust Visa	537.24					supplies
Runnings					44.99	supplies
Davison County Hwy	204.00					Street
SDARWS		410.00				Dues
Bender					528.00	Maint
SD Fed Prop	51.00					Maint
J&W Marketing	170.00					Mgmt

Jennifer Thompson		100.00	Deposit Refund
Demco	108.32		supplies
SPN	4,125.00		Survey
Morgan Theeler	69.00		Legal
Clark Paving	13,897.87		Street
Camden Stahl	150.00		Mowing
Westy's	434.42		Fuel
Laura Mayclin	20.97		supplies
Team Lab	282.00	383.00	Maint
Olson Sod	3,192.00		Park Board Project
Steve's Welding	600.00		Park Board Project
Eric Denning	1,021.25		Park Board Project
MV School	193.35		Park Board Project

OLD BUSINESS

1. It has been reported that the common space at The Hall has been used by one of the monthly tenants, without payment being made for usage. The tenant has been notified and will be billed for the extra usage. The Hall will be used as an alternate venue in case of rain for the August 24th Citywide Gathering.
2. We have received several complaints in regards to alleyways being blocked by various equipment (trailers, RVs, etc.) Alleyways need to be kept clear for public access in case of emergency.
3. The Park Department met July 23, 2024, reviewing bills for payment by the city. These bills are included in the July payment of bills, which was approved by council. Geidel asked about the possibility of a wind break and cement pad for the grill at the park. The Park Board will discuss this at a future meeting.
4. We received the bill for the survey for the 6th Avenue encroachment on city property. Morgan Theeler has conflicted out of representing either party, as they represent both parties. Frank is contacting other attorneys to seek legal counsel on this, and he also asked council members for suggestions on how to proceed with the issue. Renken suggested we could force the removal of the building, as it was built on city property. Geidel suggested the city could sell the property to the three parties that abut to it. The property that has been already built on could be sold to Baker and the remaining portion could remain the city's. Deinert asked what would be a fair price. These are possible values council came up with: A. Kayser and C. Deinert: \$40,000; R. DeKok and Matt Geidel: \$50,000; S. Kayser: \$80,000; and D. Renken: \$150,000. The average of those values is \$68,333. Council believes all legal and professional fees for dealing with this issue should be passed on to Baker.
5. Sonne brought revisions for the Railroad Street Project to the meeting. The price of the construction project out for bids is \$725,839.83, which is higher than originally estimated. The state portion of the entire project is \$538,300, and the city's portion will be \$340,439.83. The cost of more gravel and a heavier underlayment is the reason for the added costs. The completion date estimate is 2026. Motion by Renken, seconded by Geidel to approve bidding with a 2026 completion date.
6. Building permit discussion has been tabled until next month.
7. Motion by Deinert, seconded by DeKok to approve the estimate for the Wallace Street project presented by Clark Paving for \$19,864.80.
8. The Citywide Gathering on August 24, 2024 will include food, a movie and giveaways. S. Kayser is heading up the event for the city.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Maintenance Officer Stahl reported that the estimate for the new city truck has increased by \$2,000. He is looking at the possibility of using drain tiles in the city to help with drainage issues. He will look into doing this for next summer. Stahl also mentioned that it would be better if dumpsters were on concrete. The Citywide Cleanup is scheduled for October 5.

2. West Nile Virus report was observed by council.
3. Motion by Geidel, seconded by Renken to approve monthly direct deposit for the maintenance officer salary and finance officer salary.
4. Council had the 1st reading of the 2025 Budget.
5. Council went into executive session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3 at 9:31pm with motion by Renken, seconded by A. Kayser. Executive session ended with motion by Renken, seconded by Deinert at 10:27pm.

Motion by Renken, seconded by Geidel to adjourn at 10:30 pm.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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