

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
August 10, 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. Maltsberger, and D. London. Also present: Maint. Officer G. Deinert, and Fin. Officer L. Mayclin. Present for public participation was: Justin and Kari Meyer.

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

The Meyers appeared at the meeting to discuss a mowing bill they received. Council determined that the ordinance is not clear enough and needs to be amended. Motion by Renken to dismiss the billing, seconded by Powell. During this time, council also discussed alleyways, which, by ordinance, cannot be blocked. Letters will be sent to violators.

Motion by Anderson, second by Maltsberger to approve a budget amendment for the parks department, increasing it by \$3,000 for lighting issues.

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

BILLS:

| | General | Water | Deposits | City Tax | Sewer | 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 | 1,088.21 | | | | | wages |
| Rylee Deinert | 1,824.23 | | | | | wages |
| Glen Wentland | 120.24 | | | | | wages |
| MV School | 75.00 | | | | | rent |
| Davison Rural Water | | 7,913.75 | | | | water |
| SD Retirement | 517.72 | | | | | retire |
| Verizon | 63.87 | | | | | util |
| Santel | 231.26 | | | | 45.62 | util |
| Northwestern Energy | 1,150.69 | 50.31 | | 28.68 | 154.77 | util |
| Petrik | 3,420.49 | | | | | garb |
| Daily Republic | 85.88 | | | | | publ |
| SD State Treasurer (DOR) | 206.30 | | | | | sales tax |
| CorTrust | 2,036.83 | 38.26 | | | | 941 |
| Menards | | 100.09 | | | | supplies |
| Westy's | 387.65 | | | | | gas |
| MVG&O | 427.16 | | | | | gas |
| SD One Call-811 | 10.08 | | | | | Locates |
| J&W Marketing | 160.00 | | | | | mgmt |
| SD DOR | 2,127.11 | | | | | Refund Overage |
| SD Fed Property | 111.00 | | | | | supplies |
| CarQuest | 63.64 | | | | | supplies |

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|------------------------|----------|--------|-----------|
| SDARWS | 370.00 | | dues |
| Hohbach Electric | 563.14 | | maint |
| Dakota Pump | | 350.00 | repair |
| Scott Supply | 276.61 | | supplies |
| Firesteel Services | 123.20 | | maint |
| Mitchell Iron & Supply | 217.50 | | maint |
| Jones Supplies | 36.58 | | supplies |
| Northwest Pipe | | 298.95 | supplies |
| Jeremy Goldthwaite | | 2.12 | Refund |
| Mitchell Power Eq | 26.60 | | supplies |
| SDPAA | 9,100.83 | | Insurance |
| Gene Deinert | 501.66 | | wages |
| Runnings | 174.95 | | supplies |
| Wilbur-Ellis | | 314.22 | maint |

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Hall is having a couple of rentals a month. A claim has been filed for hail damage to the roof. The Legion is still using it for their meetings, and that use is being donated by the city. The Legion is also interested in a place on Main Street to place a monument. The Fire Department is still trying to procure funding for a new facility, and they have given the city an appraisal of \$150,000 on their existing building, which the city is looking to possibly purchase. The city and The Legion own the lots on which the Fire Department wants to build. Motion by London, second by Hohbach to continue working with the Fire Department and Legion on properties.
2. Anderson will be participating in a webinar with people from Ohio to discuss economic development. Mt. Vernon Economic Development Group has gained notoriety by how well they are doing here.
3. Powell will be writing an ordinance for fencing requirements for swimming pools.
4. Covid-19 numbers have been holding steady, but some estimate that numbers may increase some this fall.
5. The first Mt. Vernon Summer Classic was a success. About 2,000 people attended, which was probably a little lower than it would have been if it hadn't been so hot. Our Fire Department raised approximately \$10,000, and several other charities benefitted as well. Plans are already beginning to hold it again next year, though some things will likely change. The entire council, as well as Deinert and Mayclin congratulate Frank on the successful event.
6. Main Street paving is complete, and now there are signs, indicating that no trucks are allowed to drive on that portion. London and Deinert are looking for barriers to keep trucks from turning at that area, because it will tear up the road.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Deinert report: Deinert will be meeting tomorrow with a realtor and possible buyer of a property in town to discuss the sewer system, which is non-functional. Vacation rate for customers does not have a reconnection fee. The fee only applies to properties that we have disconnected for nonpayment. However, to qualify for vacation rate, the water has to be off for the entire month. If water is on for any period during the month, the customer is billed for an entire month. Deinert will be gone from the 26th to the 30th.
2. Mayclin report: Mayclin was unable to close the Centennial account, which was set up for the Centennial celebration. It has to be done by Darcy Larsch, as she is the only person on the account. Since the state has requested that the account be removed from the city's account, we will continue to try to contact her to close the account. Funds from this account will be going to the museum's account. Anderson and Mayclin will be working together on the Covid Recovery Fund, where the city is eligible for reimbursements for certain expenses.
3. Council had the first reading of the 2021 Budget. Mayclin will be working on a statement to show accumulations set aside for large purchases (example: tractor.) Powell's brother will be attending the next meeting for discussion on streets.
4. Motion by Hohbach, second by London to change the date for the September meeting, due to the Labor Day

holiday. The meeting will be held on September 14, 2020.

5. The boundary for the Census Bureau is incorrect, and Mayclin will advise them.
6. Motion by Maltberger, second by London for the first reading of amended ordinance Section 4.1.9.
7. Anderson will attend the District III meeting August 26.
8. Joel, code enforcement officer, is looking to attend the September meeting.

Motion by London second by Renken to adjourn at 11:00 p.m.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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