

**MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL**

**Council Minutes**

**August 12, 2019**

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: B. Hohbach, D. Anderson, D. Renken, D. Maltsberger, C. Powell and D. London. Also present: Maint. Officer G. Deinert, and Fin. Officer L. Mayclin.

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.

The following people were in attendance for public participation: Mike Kluth, Bob Stoltz, Deb Stoltz and Matt Geidel. Kluth began by voicing concerns over the alley behind his home. With the recent rains, traffic is causing ruts in the alley. Kluth brought in and placed rock directly behind his house to help the situation, but the area past the rock area is still a problem. The Stoltz' are also affected by the ruts in the alley, so they voiced their concerns as well. Alleys are considered unimproved right of ways, so if the city maintains it, an assessment would be necessary for properties that abut the alley. London is getting an estimate for adding rock to the alley, and he and Deinert will have a meeting with the residents who would be affected by any improvements. Geidel also had a concern about the alley behind his home, wondering if it was supposed to be an open alley. The council advised him that it is an open alleyway and suggested he speak to his neighbor to request that he move some items from the alley, so Geidel can enter his property from the alley. Kluth was also wondering when the items that are behind the Fire Department will be removed. Deinert is looking into it.

Motion by Renken, second by Anderson to approve the following consent items as is for July: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, Credits Report/Bank Statement, and Payment of bills as listed below.

**BILLS:**

	<b>General</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Garbage</b>	<b>City Tax</b>	<b>Sewer</b>	<b>Debt</b>	<b>Description</b>
Weston Frank	170.85						July wages
Dan London	60.03						July wages
David Anderson	60.03						July wages
Dave Renken	60.03						July wages
Brett Hohbach	60.03						July wages
Connor Powell	60.03						July wages
Darin Maltsberger	60.03						July wages
Ardis Overweg	510.98						July wages
Gene Deinert	7,621.31						July wages
Laura Mayclin	1,107.19						July wages
Dylan Reimnitz	1,466.24						July wages
MV School	75.00						rent
Davison Rural Water		7,985.60					water
SD Retirement	966.72						retire
Verizon	64.25						util
Santel	240.00				45.12		util
Northwestern Energy	1,001.41	83.84		27.17	174.92		util
Petrik			2,649.30				garb
Daily Republic	169.01						publ
Dept of Revenue			193.74				sales tax
CorTrust	2,525.47	38.26					941
Menards	356.70						supplies
SD Dept of Health		15.00					lab fees
Westy's	466.19						gas
One call	97.44						locates

CarQuest	25.35		repairs
SDA Rural Water		370.00	dues
Good Housekeeping	10.97		books
Ardis Overweg	175.71		books
Campbell Supply	188.83		supplies
Scott Supply	230.61		repairs
A-OX Welding Supply	43.30		repairs
MVG&O	84.32		repairs
M&L Repair	15.50		repairs
J&W Marketing	160.00		Mktg
Custom Plus Collision	3,829.46		repairs
Avera	56.20		Medical
OCCS	1,025.45		Prof Svcs

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Frank says the Hall received water damage in the basement from a recent water leak. Depending on the amount of damage, a claim may be necessary. The water in the basement was noticed by Renken, who had rented the Hall for an event. He helped with clean up, and Frank gifted the rental fee for his trouble. The car show at the museum and Hall went great, and the organization is interested in doing it again next year.
2. The grant application for Railroad Street has been submitted, and we will know in the fall if we get it. There are two spots on Railroad Street that Deinert will be working on in the near future.
3. MVEDG still has two houses for sale.
4. The subject of zoning is still being discussed. One concern is the need to adopt and enforce the flood plain in order for residents to qualify for flood insurance if needed.
5. Removal of debris at the Old Café site will begin tomorrow.
6. Abatement of nuisance properties is scheduled to begin for those residents who are not in compliance. Council wants to be certain code enforcement officer is checking alleys for any violations moving forward.
7. Mayclin will proceed with moving \$300,000 into a 2 year CD.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Deinert discussed tractor lease options. Council decided to go with a 5 year lease for \$8,653 per year. Payment will be due in the spring. Deinert also advised that Tom Koch is assisting with mowing for the remainder of the season, as our prior summer help is no longer working. Koch is working at the summer help rate.
2. Mayclin advised that the state will be conducting an internal control review of the city, beginning August 20. She also confirmed that Deinert will be joining the Health Pool for a Health Savings Plan (HSP.) The amount will be deducted directly from his pay. Mayclin mentioned the upcoming SDML Annual Conference in October in Aberdeen and advised that it could really benefit anyone on the council or any city employee. If anyone is interested in going, they will let Mayclin know. Mayclin asked if we needed to adjust our return check fee, as we only charge \$4, while most other cities charge \$30-40. Council decided, unless it becomes a problem we will leave it as is.
3. The District III meeting will be in Mitchell on August 29. These meetings are a great source of information, and all council members are encouraged to attend if possible.
4. FEMA representative, Chris, visited with Mayclin and Deinert last week and let them know the city has submitted all necessary information at this time.
5. The City was given a grant for the West Nile Virus and needs to submit expense receipts for payment.
6. Hohbach advised council that the speed signs are available to the city at a cost of \$5,800 each pair. He also advised that he is looking into the ALM grant to see if we can get some assistance.
7. Council had the first reading of the 2020 budget.
8. Motion by Anderson, second by Maltsberger to approve the following resolution for Nuisance Abatements: WHEREAS, it was determined on the 8th day August, 2019, that a nuisance in violation of the City of Mt. Vernon Ordinances existed on several properties located within the City of Mt. Vernon, and WHEAREAS, residents of the aforementioned properties were served two notices to abate the nuisances on the properties; and WHEREAS, the Owners of Record failed to abate the nuisances within the time limit set in the notice,

which still existed on the Properties as of the date of the adoption of this Resolution; and NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Mt. Vernon, South Dakota as follows: 1. Abatement. Based upon the above findings it is ordered that the City of Mt Vernon Code Enforcement Officer proceed to abate the nuisance that exists on the Properties. 2. Assessment of Costs. The costs of abating the nuisance on the Properties when the abatement is completed shall be billed to the Owners of Record. If the Owners of Record do not pay the bills within thirty (45) days then the costs of abatement or any unpaid portion not paid by the Owners of Record shall be placed on the tax rolls to be collected by the County Treasurer and paid to the City of Mt. Vernon. ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mt. Vernon City Council on this 12th day of August, 2019.

Motion by Maltsberger, second by Anderson to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

Brett Hohbach  
Council President

Laura Mayclin  
Finance Officer

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