

**MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL**  
**Council Minutes**  
**August 16, 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, D. Maltzberger and K. Deinert. Also present: Maint. Officer G. Deinert and Fin. Officer L. Mayclin. Present for public participation: From Baseball Association: Deric Denning, Eric Denning, Becky Klooz, and Darcy Deinert; and Sheriff Steve Harr.

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.

For public participation, D. Deinert, D. Denning, E. Denning, and B. Klooz all attended to discuss a grant for improvements at the ballpark. The improvements will include moving the dugout in-ground to add to the viewing area. G. Deinert added that they would be able to use the dirt from the lagoon. One item discussed was the best way for which the grant and expenses to be accounted. Anderson suggested it could all go through the Mt. Vernon Economic Development Group. During the construction, we will need to close the passage to the west of the field. Anderson is looking to see if it has been officially abandoned, and if not, perhaps that will be a consideration. There was also a discussion about having some type of signage to designate donors for the park project. Council would like the baseball association to go ahead with the improvements, keeping Geno informed at every step of the project.

Motion by Anderson, second by Maltzberger to adjust the 2021 budget as follows. Whereas, the City Council has determined that the 2021 budget requires adjustment. NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Mt. Vernon hereby authorizes the following: Economic Development Department: Equipment (\$1,200.00); Part Area: Other Expenses \$1,200.00.

Motion by London, second by Powell to approve consent items for July. 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>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              |
| Kevin Deinert            | 60.03          |              |                 |              | wages              |
| Connor Powell            | 60.03          |              |                 |              | wages              |
| Darin Maltzberger        | 60.03          |              |                 |              | wages              |
| Ardis Overweg            | 543.76         |              |                 |              | wages              |
| Gene Deinert             | 3,163.34       | 230.87       |                 |              | wages              |
| Laura Mayclin            | 605.62         |              |                 |              | wages              |
| Chris Mayer              | 1,869.31       |              |                 |              | wages              |
| Glen Wentland            | 152.82         |              |                 |              | wages              |
| MV School                | 75.00          |              |                 |              | rent               |
| Davison Rural Water      |                | 9,960.00     |                 |              | water              |
| SD Retirement            | 533.30         |              |                 |              | retire             |
| Verizon                  | 61.93          |              |                 |              | util               |
| Santel                   | 226.45         |              |                 | 46.15        | util               |
| Northwestern Energy      | 1,403.37       | 360.09       | 48.77           | 113.24       | util               |
| Petrik                   | 3,420.49       |              |                 |              | garb               |
| Forum Communication      | 89.72          |              |                 |              | publ               |
| SD State Treasurer (DOR) | 203.88         |              |                 |              | sales tax          |
| CorTrust                 | 1,944.40       | 38.26        |                 |              | 941                |
| Menards                  | 547.37         |              |                 |              | supplies           |
| Westy's                  | 376.70         |              |                 |              | gas                |
| SD One Call-811          | 15.68          |              |                 |              | Locates            |

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| J&W Marketing        | 160.00    |          |          | mgmt           |
| SD DOH               |           | 15.00    |          | Lab            |
| Scott Supply         | 402.11    |          |          | supplies       |
| Jacey Jira           | 100.00    |          |          | Maint          |
| Ardis Overweg        | 351.08    |          |          | Books/Subs     |
| Mother Earth News    | 17.00     |          |          | Books/Subs     |
| Charles Rogers       | 18.00     |          |          | Books/Subs     |
| SDWWA                |           |          | 130.00   | Conference     |
| SDWWA Commercial Cte |           |          | 60.00    | Conference     |
| Brosz Engineering    | 500.00    |          |          | Maint          |
| 3E Engineering       |           |          | 7,352.88 | Repair         |
| Cortrust Visa        | 136.79    | 27.50    | 27.50    | supplies       |
| Runnings             | 95.43     | 74.58    |          | supplies       |
| Wilber Ellis         | 332.70    |          |          | Mosquito Contr |
| Van Diest            | 3,675.85  |          |          | Mosquito Contr |
| M&L Repair           | 55.98     |          |          | Maint          |
| MVG&O                | 283.70    |          |          | Fuel           |
| Morgan Theeler       | 146.44    |          |          | Legal          |
| Carquest             | 132.00    |          |          | supplies       |
| SDARWS               |           | 385.00   |          | Dues           |
| SDARWS               |           | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | Mapping        |
| Commercial Asphalt   | 19,733.91 |          |          | Street Maint   |

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Mayclin will begin sending invoices each month to indicate balance due for monthly tenants at The Hall. We had a short-term tenant for a couple of weeks, and now we have another looking at office space. We will be looking into more grants for extra tables, which we need for larger events. The fee for monthly office space may increase from \$60 a month to \$80 a month beginning January 2021. There are some community-sponsored events that we will not charge for using the space. However, events that are not community-sponsored we will charge a fee for use in order to cover our expenses.
2. We had a recent situation involving a child being bitten by a neighbor's dog, which was running at-large. We do not have a specific ordinance that addresses dog attacks, but it is a civil offense, which can be dealt with in court. According to Sheriff Harr, it would help law enforcement if we had specific amounts for fines in our ordinances. Council will be looking at doing this over the coming months. Mayclin will also add that we have adopted the International Building Code on the website.
3. The property line at The Hall has been indicated with yellow lines, indicating no parking. G. Deinert looking into a sign that says: "Do Not Block Driveway."
4. Council discussed the medical cannabis ordinance, having a first reading for the ordinance regulating same. They determined there would be a set distance from the school building to operate a dispensary, and they were unanimous in deciding to allow no other facilities (cultivation, manufacturing, etc.)

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Maintenance Officer report: G. Deinert says end of August to early September is the planned time to chip seal. He also plans to add center lines for recent work. Our pump at the well house recently locked up, and will cost almost \$2,000 to repair. There are some trees at the park that are looking very weak, and some even appear to be dead. He will be working to remove the dead ones. He will be gone August 26-27. We are having a problem with one of the alleys in town, and have sought information from the city attorney. Mayclin will send a copy of the attorney letter to residents that are on the alley.
2. Finance Officer report: Mayclin informed council of the Brosz Engineering Open House at the new Mitchell office on August 26. She also told of a SDPAA/Dakota State University cybersecurity team-up that cities can take advantage of. She is looking into that further. The new bank signature cards were signed by Frank, Anderson, and Mayclin. As the September council meeting would fall on Labor Day, it will be moved until the

following Monday, September 13, 2021.

3. Council had the first reading of the 2022 Budget.
4. Motion by Anderson, second by K. Deinert to approve the resolution for County Hazard Mitigation Plan as follows: **A resolution of the City Council of Mt. Vernon declaring its support for, and adoption of, the Davison County Multi-Jurisdiction Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. WHEREAS** a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for Davison County (the Plan) has been developed; and **WHEREAS** the City of Mt. Vernon participated in the development of the Plan; and **WHEREAS** the Plan will be used as a disaster mitigation planning tool as deemed appropriate by the Mt. Vernon City Council. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mt. Vernon City Council hereby adopts and supports the Plan, and will take action to ensure that the Plan is implemented successfully.
5. Mayclin is looking into what we can use the American Rescue Plan Funds for.
6. Anderson and Mayclin will be attending the District III meeting August 25.
7. A committee of three councilmen, Powell, Maltzberger, and London, was formed to address our ordinances.
8. Frank noted that within the next three years, many members of city administration will be leaving office. It is a good time to start searching for others in the city, who are interested in serving the community.
9. 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 10:05 p.m.

Weston Frank  
Mayor

Laura Mayclin  
Finance Officer

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