

**MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL**

**Council Minutes**

**September 9, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Mt. Vernon City Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Council President Austin Kayser, with the following council members present: Dave Renken, Sherri Kayser, Roger DeKok, and Cameron Deinert. Absent from the meeting was: Mayor Weston Frank and councilman Matt Geidel. City employees present: Maintenance Officer Ryan Stahl and Finance Officer Laura Mayclin. Present for public participation was Janis London, Deb & Larry Cardassi, Sheriff Steve Harr, and Deputy Austin Van Horn.

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

Motion by DeKok, seconded by Renken, to approve the agenda.

Mr. and Ms. Cardassi attended the meeting to discuss a complaint involving juveniles. The complaint specifically describes, at all hours of the night, noise, items being thrown into their yard, items being burned in and around a fire pit, loud music, chopping wood, leaving the fire pit unattended, etc. She also mentioned it has gotten so bad that they have been sleeping in the living room, because their bedroom is positioned directly beside the area where all the activity occurs. They recently contacted the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Harr thanked them for contacting them and advised them and others in the area to please continue to contact the Sheriff's Office when the activity is occurring. He also said he will be speaking with the mother of the juveniles in question.

Sheriff Harr presented the 2025 contract for signature at our October meeting. He also introduced council to Austin Van Horn, Resource Officer for Mt. Vernon and Ethan schools. Mr. Van Horn personally knows the juveniles previously mentioned and is working with them through his position at the school. Harr also mentioned a recent dog attack in the city, where an owner's dog attacked the owner. He is watching that situation carefully.

Janis London attended the meeting seeking follow-up information on what the city is doing to improve the drainage. At this time, we are working on a federal grant for a hydrologic and hydraulic study of existing drainage paths through Mt. Vernon. With the grant, SPN would: 1. Collect Field Data, 2) Set up hydrologic and hydraulic modeling to evaluate the path 3) Evaluate Mitigation Alternatives 4) Present results to the city. The council plans to sign the grant contract at the next meeting.

Motion by Renken, seconded by S. Kayser to approve the following budget resolution: Whereas, the City Council has determined that the 2024 budget requires adjustment. NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Mt. Vernon hereby authorizes the following: General Fund: Contingency \$8,500.00; General Fund: Park Area: Park Board (\$8,500.00)

Motion by Deinert, seconded by S. Kayser to move \$200,000 from savings to an advertised Cortrust 5-month CD, with about 5% interest.

Motion by Renken, seconded by S. Kayser to approve the following consent items for August: 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
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	1,119.38				wages
Glen Wentland	171.88				wages
Davison Rural Water		12,809.75			water
City of Mitchell	840.48				garbage
SD Retirement	713.10				retire
Verizon	62.71				util
Santel	250.00			46.97	util
Northwestern Energy	1,772.91	298.52	18.92	199.69	util
Udrive Tech	50.00				Util
Davison Co Sheriff	1,800.00				fees
SDARWS				150.00	publ
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	293.32				sales tax
CorTrust	2,094.57	38.26			941
Ardis Overweg	375.35				books
Menards	172.93			62.46	Maint
John Deere Financial	56,930.57				Lease
SD DOH		30.00			Lab
Kalissa Mayclin	93.75				Maint
Runnings	37.98				Deposit Refund
SDPAA	14,679.52				Insurance
J&W Mktg	170.00				Mgmt
MVG&O	535.47				Fuel
Cortrust Visa	1,034.71				Maint
Davison County	153.00				Maint
ProGutters	1,580.00				Repairs
Doug's Custom Paint	75.00				Maint
SDRS	36.70				retire
Elfstrand's Ace Hardware	14.98				Maint
Rexwinkle Concrete	1,316.81				Park Board Project
Quality Wood Designs	1,113.24				Park Board Project
Mitchell Concrete	855.00				Park Board Project
Carquest	114.57				Maint
Mustang Welding	148.30				Maint
Dakota Pump				1,492.35	Repairs
A&G Diesel	98.67				Repairs

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Monthly tenants have agreed to pay for using the large meeting area. Mayclin noted there is evidence of bats on premises and water leak in the entry area ceiling.
2. Mayclin will be getting the new resident information to the council members this week.
3. Parks Department will be meeting next week.
4. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Encroachment will be looked at during the October meeting.
5. Building Permits will be looked at during the October meeting.
6. Citywide Cleanup will be on October 5, 2024. Stahl will put a reminder on Main Street as we get closer to the date.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Maintenance Officer Stahl reported that the lead surveys are done and turned in to the state. He will be getting an annual check up on the garbage truck through A&G. He will cancel having Zach Scott come for drainage work until we get results from the H&H Study. He plans to place another speed limit sign on Haynes to try to slow traffic in that area. He has looked into getting a pull-behind boom

lift, but the price is higher than expected, so he will have the tree trimming done by a contractor this year.

2. Finance Officer Mayclin gave the latest West Nile report. She also reported that the text alerts are ready. To sign up for text alerts, text "Vernon" to (605)550-8106. She will post this information on Facebook and the City Website.
3. Motion by S. Kayser, seconded by Deinert to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption of the 2025 Budget Ordinance.
4. Motion by Renken, seconded by S. Kayser to approve the Community Access Grant Resolution.
5. No executive session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3 was required.

Motion by DeKok, seconded by Renken to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

Weston Frank  
Mayor

Laura Mayclin  
Finance Officer

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