

**MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL**

**Council Minutes**

**September 14, 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. Maltzberger, and D. London. Also present: Maint. Officer G. Deinert, and Fin. Officer L. Mayclin. Present for public participation was: Nick Gillen and Blake Harms of Brosz Engineering.

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

Gillen and Harms, representing Brosz Engineering, attended the meeting to discuss our streets. They drove the city and looked at the streets, saying they appear to be in fairly good condition, but definitely in need of maintenance. They offered to provide us with an inventory and surface evaluation for the city and make a 10-year maintenance plan for improvements. This would allow us to budget for improvements over the next 10 years. They work with several other cities, and are prepared to assist with grants. The maximum cost for the initial evaluation would be \$10,000, but probably closer to \$8,500. It would require about 1.5 days in town, and they would provide a map, showing needed maintenance. The city sets aside money in the budget each year, and they estimate that they would be able to do the work for that budgeted amount. The work includes fog sealing, which improves the appearance of streets. Council will look into all options and consider our needs and make a decision at the next meeting.

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

**BILLS:**

	<b>General</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>City Tax</b>	<b>Sewer</b>	<b>Description</b>
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 Maltzberger	60.03				wages
Ardis Overweg	527.10				wages
Gene Deinert	3,117.32	230.87			wages
Laura Mayclin	1,009.71				wages
Rylee Deinert	315.33				wages
Glen Wentland	85.88				wages
MV School	75.00				rent
Davison Rural Water	8,849.50				water
SD Retirement	517.72				retire
Verizon	57.90				util
Santel	229.66			45.25	util
Northwestern Energy	1,125.29	174.10	29.86	110.09	util
Davison Co Sheriff	1,800.00				fees
Petrik	3,420.49				garb
Forum Communications	75.37				publ
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	207.17				sales tax
CorTrust	1,497.37	38.26			941
Westy's	118.28				gas
MVG&O	155.34				gas
Ardis Overweg	528.46				books
Mt. Vernon School	225.00				Book Syst

Good Housekeeping	15.97			Books
Country Woman	29.98			Books
SD 811 - One Call	14.56			Locates
SD-DOH		30.00		Lab
Scott Supply	1,311.63			Repairs
Schoenfelder	3,612.25			Maint
Runnings	234.74			Maint
Davison County	20,557.08			Street Maint
SDARWS		325.00		Smoke Test
J&W Marketing	167.50			mgmt
3E			49.00	Repairs
Wilbur Ellis			427.28	Maint
Mitchell Iron & Supply	22.96			Maint
M&L Repair	43.22			Repairs
CarQuest	136.96			Supplies
Hohbach	55.00			Repairs
Laura Mayclin - Exp	1,578.50	35.00	35.00	Supplies
Morgan Theeler	78.28			Legal
John Deere Financial	8,741.90			Lease

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. There is no news on The Hall this month.
2. The road transfer will be done this week from the Economic Development Group. There are no new home sales to report.
3. There is no change in Covid-19 news.
4. Frank will be preparing a new lawn mowing ordinance for a first reading at the October meeting.
5. Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to accept the second reading of the following amendment.  
WHEREAS, the City Council of Mt. Vernon, South Dakota deems it necessary to amend the Mt. Vernon Ordinance TITLE IV – MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AND SERVICES, CHAPTER 1 WATER Section entitled Turning on Water. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: Any person who shall turn on the supply of water to a service pipe from which the same has been turned off by the City on account of non-payment of water rates, or for any other reason without having first obtained a permit to do so, or who shall have turned on such water without having first obtained a permit from the proper city officials as in this ordinance provided, shall be subject to a penalty identified within Title I. Any person who shall turn on the water in any hydrant, or from any part of the waterworks plant except at public drinking fountains, and except in the case of fire, without permission of the person in charge of the system, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; and any person who shall climb on the water tower or on the ladder thereon, without the permission of the person in charge of the waterworks system, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, in either case, subject to the penalties identified in Title I.
6. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of 2021 budget with motion to approve by Anderson, seconded by Maltsberger.
7. Motion by London, second by Hohbach for the first reading of the Swimming Pool Ordinance.
8. The code enforcement officer will attend the October meeting.
9. Barriers are in place on Main Street to keep trucks from driving in prohibited areas.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Maintenance Officer report: Deinert received an estimate to repair the skid loader for \$11,000. He is also getting estimates for replacing the equipment from some sources. The county will be patching the road north of the school this week. The scoreboard repair is estimated at \$900. We are having issues with alleyways being blocked. London and Renken will be addressing issues with two residents blocking alleys in town.

2. Finance Officer report: Centennial Account is closed.
3. There has been some confusion about the amount to pay for dump site employee. Motion by Anderson, second by Powell to pay same as summer help.
4. Motion by Anderson, second by Hohbach to approve the credit card application for the city. It was signed and will be turned in to CorTrust by Mayclin.
5. Mayclin presented a rough draft for a safety manual for the city. Anderson and Deinert will look it over and adapt it for presenting at council's next meeting.
6. Motion by Renken, second by Anderson to approve the CARES resolution.
7. Fall cleanup has been scheduled for October 10, 2020. We will be posting details around the city as usual. We will not be accepting tires for the cleanup.
8. Powell advised the council of a case in town of a resident recently turning on their water illegally, and receiving a ticket from the sheriff's department for \$250.

Motion by London second by Renken to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

Weston Frank  
Mayor

Laura Mayclin  
Finance Officer

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