

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
September 9, 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. Maltzberger, 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 Renken, second by Maltzberger to approve the agenda with addition of New Business Item 7) Public Safety. The following people were in attendance for public participation: Glen Wentland of the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church. Wentland needed documents signed for ownership change of church from the city to the church. Documents signed by Frank and Mayclin.

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

BILLS:

	General	Water	Garbage	City Tax	Sewer	Debt	Description
Weston Frank	170.85						Aug wages
Dan London	60.03						Aug wages
David Anderson	60.03						Aug wages
Dave Renken	60.03						Aug wages
Brett Hohbach	60.03						Aug wages
Connor Powell	60.03						Aug wages
Darin Maltzberger	60.03						Aug wages
Ardis Overweg	510.98						Aug wages
Gene Deinert	2,879.12	230.87					Aug wages
Laura Mayclin	1,056.24						Aug wages
Tom Koch	462.21						Aug wages
MV School	75.00						rent
Davison Rural Water		7,176.50					water
SD Retirement	502.66						retire
Verizon	64.25						util
Santel	240.54					45.12	util
Northwestern Energy	1,001.33	101.50		26.57	144.44		util
Petrik			2,649.30				garb
Daily Republic	213.48						publ
Dept of Revenue	192.72						sales tax
CorTrust	1,585.69	38.26					941
Menards	280.65						supplies
One call	49.28						locates
Sheriff services	1,800.00						3rd qtr
Westy's	74.53						gas
Consumer Reports	31.35						Subsc
Ardis Overweg	393.20						Books
SDPAA	8,163.34						insurance
Aaron Baker	19.13						Maint
OCCS	601.00						Code Enf
Gene Deinert	25.85						postage
SD DOH		15.00					Maint
Scott Supply	278.01						Maint
A-OX Welding	15.67						Repairs

TMA	78.50	Repairs
CarQuest	88.00	Maint
Campbell Supply	10.60	Maint
J&W Marketing	160.00	Mktg
MVG&O	238.95	gas
Jones Supply	33.91	Maint
Van Diest Supply	2,944.90	Mosquito
US Post Office	175.00	postage

OLD BUSINESS

1. Frank says the Elevator will be holding their annual meeting on September 11. Council discussed options for repair of furnace. We may need to file an insurance claim for the repair. Mayclin looking into insurance claim. The fall vendor fair is upcoming, and a date will be announced soon. Trunk or Treat will be on Main Street again this year.
2. Still waiting for news on the grant for Railroad Street. The application has been submitted, and we will know some time in the fall if we get it. Work will begin Wednesday on two bad spots on Railroad Street.
3. According to Anderson, the recent fundraiser at the Youth Football tournament was a success. The Mt. Vernon High School Volleyball team worked concessions and donated their portion (\$1,000) to the family of a recently deceased Parkston teen. The Cotton St. extension is started and MVEDG will be working to get it completed. At the recent District III meeting, Anderson learned that there is money available for grants. The fire department could benefit from this.
4. Zoning is still in discussion. Frank asked everyone to come up with possible solutions for permitting, enforcement, etc. for implementation.
5. The response to code enforcement so far has been very positive. Several requests regarding alleys have come up recently, and as such, Mayclin will be compiling an official list of abandoned alleyways. London will be contacting code enforcement officer about current code enforcement questions.
6. Per Hohbach, the radar speed signs have been ordered, and they will be here as soon as next week.
7. Motion by Renken and second by Maltsberger to approve the second reading of the budget.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Deinert brought up Fall-Cleanup and a date of September 28 was agreed to. Rain date will be October 5. We will not be accepting tires at the cleanup. At the August meeting, residents brought concerns about an alleyway in the city. Council members involved will attend meeting with residents when the date is determined by the residents. Another alley in town is becoming damaged by the trash truck, as it passes by in both directions to collect garbage. Deinert will be speaking with Petrik for a solution. Deinert is concerned about the Haynes house, which was destroyed by a fire in December. They have not cleaned up all the debris, and it poses safety issues. Council discussed disposition of the payloader, looking at several options.
2. Mayclin inquired about placing mowing charges on water bill for ease of tracking – approved by council. Mayclin brought several past due accounts for discussion - Council advised to send for collections. There was a discussion on water to fire department.
3. Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to approve the following wages for city employees for 2020: Gene Deinert: \$51,773 annual; Ardis Overweg: \$7,194 annual; Laura Mayclin: \$17.00 hour; Summer help: \$13.39; Council members: \$65 month; Mayor: \$185 month.
4. Council approved upcoming West 2nd street closure in front of the United Methodist Church for September 21, 2019 for a public auction.
5. Renken brought a discussion of a splash park for Mt. Vernon. Some residents have shown interest in it. Council advises the residents to put together a planning committee to determine various costs: maintenance, insurance, etc., along with fundraising that will be necessary for the project.
6. No executive session was needed.
7. Frank noted the recent vandalism in town as a public safety concern. Council discussed the possibility of splitting a full-time police officer (50/50) with Ethan. More research will be done on this matter.

Motion by Hohbach, second by Anderson to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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