

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
April 8, 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: D. Anderson, B. Hohbach, D. Renken, D. Maltsberger, and D. London. Also present: Maint. Officer Gene Deinert, and Fin. Officer L. Mayclin, with Darcy Deinert and Connor Powell for public participation.

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

Darcy Deinert attended the meeting to give an update on the Baseball Association. Connor Powell was there to observe and show interest in filling the open seat on the council.

Motion by Renken, second by Hohbach to approve consent items for March: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, Credits Report/Bank Statement, and payment of the following bills:

	General	Water	Garbage	City Tax	Sewer	Debt	Description
Tom Koch	98.82						Mar wages
Dan London	60.03						Mar wages
Darin Maltsberger	60.03						Mar wages
David Anderson	60.03						Mar wages
Dave Renken	60.03						Mar wages
Brett Hohbach	60.03						Mar wages
Weston Frank	132.06						Mar wages
Ardis Overweg	510.98						Mar wages
Gene Deinert	2,879.12	230.87					Mar wages
Laura Mayclin	944.14						Mar wages
MV School	75.00						rent
Davison Rural Water		5,114.60					water
SD Retirement	502.66						retire
Verizon	63.74						util
Santel	236.85				44.97		util
Northwestern Energy	1,335.02	300.46			218.99		util
Petrik			2,649.30				garb
Daily Republic	148.25						publ
Dept of Revenue			187.02				sales tax
CorTrust	1,474.65	38.26					941
Menards	134.16						supplies
SD Dept of Health		15.00					lab fees
Westy's	304.31						gas
MVG&O	66.00						gas
SDWWA		45.00			45.00		dues
SD unempl	29.33						1st qtr
The Library Store	220.40						books
Ardis Overweg	187.19						books
US Bank					16,346.28		Project
Postmaster	93.75	93.75	93.75		93.75		Postage
CorTrust	5.00						Rent
SD Govt Fin Offc Assoc	75.00						Dues
Schoenfelder	714.07						Maint
Campbell Supply	91.96						Repair

Hohbach Electric	243.80				Repair
Derek Devries	100.00				Maint
Sun Gold Sports	55.00				supplies
Wheelco	39.84				Maint
SDATAT	280.50				Dues
Central Square Technology		403.37	403.36	403.36	fees
J&W Mktg	340.00				Marketing
American Legion				1,000.00	Donation

OLD BUSINESS

1. Frank gave an update on The Hall, mentioning purchase of a new percolator. He says he is receiving increased calls for rentals as the weather improves. The American Legion is currently using one room in The Hall to store items that have recently been removed from their old building.
2. Frank has spoken with Lynn at the Elevator to discuss the state of Railroad Street. We are currently looking for new grants to assist with repairs and updates to drainage. Recent issues, causing damage to many streets in the city, will force the council to use funds for repairs in those areas. Gravel can be hauled into the city to help with gravel roads.
3. Anderson says there have been interested parties for the two available Economic Development homes, but they are both officially still available. He has heard several people comment on how nice Mt. Vernon looks, with all the cleaning people have done on their properties. Now that it is spring, the cleanup should continue.
4. The council is still working on zoning with Davison County.
5. We are approximately 30 days out on demolition of the Old Cafe, depending on the weather. According to Anderson, we now own the building and will proceed with demolition. We currently have two estimates for demolition, which both fall below the threshold requiring bids.
6. The Council will be placing a reminder in the minutes each spring for the public to nominate/apply for the Paint South Dakota program.
7. Connor Powell has indicated interest in the open council seat. Council will fill seat at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Deinert inquired about an adjustment for the streets budget, which council agrees will be necessary with the damage to streets after the snow has melted. The budget will be adjusted as needed, using what is currently budgeted then adding as needed for the major project needed. Deinert also mentioned the need to correct a culvert at W. 2nd Ave. Anderson will be speaking with the county commissioners regarding the state of disrepair of S. Main Street. For now, council has decided to temporarily close it to through traffic. Council determined rate for dumping concrete in Mount Vernon at \$40 per ton. Deinert will be gone to conferences May 1 & 2 and April 18 & 19.
2. We have received a quote from Topkote for sealing roads, which will be done after repairs are made.
3. Mayclin will be attending Finance Officer School in June. Mayclin, Frank, and Hohbach got proper documentation for CorTrust accounts.
4. Mayclin presented the 2018 Annual Report.
5. Citywide Cleanup will be held June 8, 2019. A notice will be sent to residents with more details.
6. The city has several problems with dogs running at large. The sheriff has been notified, and the council is currently changing fees for the offense. Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to approve first reading of amendment to existing ordinance: Fees Paid Upon Release for Impoundment and Keeping of Animals to reflect change in fees.
7. The recent damage to a culvert and stop sign, for which nobody has claimed responsibility, was discussed, and Mayclin will be looking into filing an insurance claim for both. When there is damage to city property at the hands of someone who fails to claim it, everyone pays in higher taxes. Another item for insurance claim is the water meter lost in a December house fire.
8. The city did not sustain substantial damage from the recent flooding, so it will not add to the estimate for cost for the incident period for the State Office of Emergency.
9. Anderson is interested in having organization of the recurring action items for ease of continuation of council upon change of council members.

10. Hohbach has looked at portable radar speed signs, which are easily moved about the city. He is getting pricing for next council meeting.

Motion by Hohbach, second by London to adjourn meeting at 10:02.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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