

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
December 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Mt. Vernon City Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Tom Koch, with the following council members present: D. Anderson, D. London, B. Hohbach, D. Renken and D. Maltzberger. Also present: Maint. Officer Gene Deinert, Fin. Officer L. Mayclin, Robert Hoffman, Jaylon Tollefson and Herbert Tollefson.

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

Public Participation – Hoffman, J. Tollefson and H. Tollefson expressed concerns regarding the handling of code enforcement. The main concern was that the council had not notified them prior to the code enforcement officer, Mike Olson, sending a letter. Council understands their concerns, and assured them that code enforcement for all residents is handled by the same officer in the same manner. Council has been discussing issues with code enforcement for decades and this council has decided to do what many other cities in South Dakota have chosen to do by hiring an outside officer to handle code enforcement. Having the same standards and enforcement for every resident seems the fairest way to handle it. Mayclin read a letter from Larry and Sherri Kayser also referencing code enforcement. The main concern mentioned was the timing of the letter, with weather making it difficult to comply in a timely manner. Council acknowledged the timing definitely could have been better, and assures all residents that Olson will be willing to work with them if they call the number given on the letters. Also mentioned in the letter was an open basement at a MTEDG building site near the school. Anderson says he will address the open basement situation. Mayclin read a letter from Council President Frank, also referencing the timing of code enforcement letters.

Motion by Renken, second by London to approve the November financial statement.

Motion by Maltzberger, second by Anderson to approve the minutes of the November 2018 meeting.

Motion by Anderson, second by Hohbach to approve the November General Fund Balances.

Motion by Renken, second by Hohbach to approve November credits report.

Motion by London, second by Hohbach to approve payment of the following bills:

	General	Water	Garbage	City Tax	Sewer	Debt	Description
Tom Koch	170.85						Nov wage
Dan London	60.03						Nov wage
David Anderson	60.03						Nov wage
Dave Renken	60.03						Nov wage
Brett Hohbach	60.03						Nov wage
Weston Frank	60.03						Nov wage
Darin Maltzberger	60.03						Nov wage
Ardis Overweg	495.78						Nov wage
Gene Deinert	2,791.70	230.87					Nov wage
Laura Mayclin	896.13						Nov wage
MV School	300.00						rent/libr software
Davison Rural Water		5,321.95					water
SD Retirement	488.00						retire
Verizon	63.68						util
Santel	156.93			85.50	45.11		util
Northwestern Energy	879.59	161.00		197.50	159.95		util
Petrik			2,832.30				garb
Daily Republic	133.43						publ
Dept of Revenue			190.90				sales tax
CorTrust	1,422.75	38.26					941
Menards	103.88	100.70		62.82			supplies
SD Dept of Health		15.00					lab fees
SD One Call	8.96						locates

Westy's	271.81				Fuel
Davison Co Sheriff Dept	1,800.00				Police
Ardis Overweg	161.95				Books
Schoenfelder		1,190.00			Repairs
SD Municipal League	532.77				Dues
SD F/O Assoc	40.00				Dues
SD Street Maint Assoc	35.00				Dues
Morgan Theeler	663.21				Legal Fee
USPS	133.50	77.50	77.50	77.50	Postage
US Bank				16,346.28	Project
CorTrust	977.15			14,155.45	Project
Carquest	117.89				Repairs
Eternal Security Products				177.67	Equip
Van Diest Supply	2,810.80				supplies
OCCS	860.20				Code Enf
SPN	7,000.00				Design
Metering & Technology	6,129.42				Equip

OLD BUSINESS

1. We had a good turnout for the Old Fashioned Community Christmas at The Hall.
2. We did not get the grant for Railroad Street Improvements, so we will apply again next year.
3. The Economic Development Group has brought in a new resident at 600 N. Tibbets.
4. London has been in contact with Olson on all code enforcement letters, and will continue to do so.
5. The Old Café property has real estate taxes due, so whoever purchases the property will have to pay them. We will be advertising for bids on demolition of the building soon.
6. Council will be addressing concerns over barking dogs in town and making certain alleyways are clear.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Deinert is getting pricing for upgrade to city maintenance building. He is also working with Petrik to dispose of pallets at landfill.
2. Mayclin noted the City Office will be closed the week of December 24 for Christmas holiday. Also noted: there will be a letter included with the January billing, outlining a rate increase, which has been necessitated by an increase from Davison Rural Water. Finally, Mayclin stated that Westy's is interested in opening a bar, so procedures will be started in January to do so, beginning with a public hearing directly before the next regularly scheduled council meeting.
3. Anderson reported he will be attending a retail data report at the Sherman Center tomorrow. He also said he would like to see the council put together a 5-year plan for upcoming expenses and revenues. Anderson then mentioned that he had spoken with several Main Street businesses about snow removal, stating they are interested in the city using the skid loader to clean the gutters good, after the businesses have removed snow from sidewalks.
4. Motion by London, second by Maltzberger to designate official city newspaper as The Daily Republic.
5. Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to approve the following resolution: **RESOLUTION NO. 12-10-2018A.WHEREAS, SDCL, 9-21-14.1** authorizes municipalities to accumulate funds for a period longer than one year for specific capital outlay purposes. Capital outlay purposes mean purposes which result in the acquisition of or additions to plant, or equipment, including but not limited to expenditures for land, existing facilities, improvement of grounds construction of facilities, additions to facilities, remodeling of facilities, or for the purchase of equipment. WHEREAS, the maximum capital outlay accumulation shall be as follows: (3) In third-class municipalities, the amount of the accumulation may never exceed one hundred twenty-five thousand (\$125,000) dollars. NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon hereby authorizes the accumulation of funds within the: General Fund for the purpose of improvements for Railroad Street --\$70,000.

6. Motion by London, second by Renken to approve Wermers Lounge opening Super Bowl Sunday.
7. At 8:45 p.m. entered into executive session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3.

Executive session ended at 9:38 and motion by Anderson to adjourn meeting at 9:44.

Tom Koch
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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