

**MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL**  
**Council Minutes**  
**February 11, 2019**

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: W. Frank, D. Anderson, D. London, B. Hohbach, D. Renken and D. Maltsberger. Also present: Maint. Officer Gene Deinert, Fin. Officer L. Mayclin.

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.

Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to approve the January financial statement.

Motion by London, second by Frank to approve the minutes of the January 2019 meeting.

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

Motion by Anderson, second by Hohbach to approve January credits report and bank statement.

Motion by Maltsberger, second by Anderson to approve payment of the following bills:

Tom Koch	170.85					Jan wages
Dan London	60.03					Jan wages
David Anderson	60.03					Jan wages
Dave Renken	60.03					Jan wages
Brett Hohbach	60.03					Jan wages
Weston Frank	60.03					Jan wages
Darin Maltsberger	60.03					Jan wages
Ardis Overweg	510.98					Jan wages
Gene Deinert	2,879.12	230.87				Jan wages
Laura Mayclin	1,130.97					Jan wages
MV School	75.00					rent, equipment
Davison Rural Water	5,632.25					water
SD Retirement	502.66					retire
Verizon	63.75					util
Santel	153.39			85.50	44.56	util
Northwestern Energy	953.80	308.76		412.66	174.96	util
Petrik			2,649.30			garb
Daily Republic	164.56					publ
Dept of Revenue			189.54			sales tax
CorTrust	1,532.06	38.26				941
Menards	566.57					supplies
Westy's	336.28					gas
Post Office	64.00					rent
Ardis Overweg	247.66					books
Morgan Theeler	167.74					Legal
SD One Call	2.24					Locates
CarQuest	30.49					Repairs
Wheelco	56.47					Repairs
Campbell Supply	78.98					supplies
SD Fed Property Agency	109.00					supplies
Mustang Welding	129.72					Repairs
Ryan Baker	14,099.88					Maint
Walmart	60.42					supplies
Morris Custom Concepts				651.00		Maint
J&W Marketing				320.00		Mktg

Mother Earth News	17.00		Subscription
Saturday Evening Post	15.00		Subscription
Town of Ethan	500.00		Equip
Tom Starr		10.87	Dep Refund
SDLTAP	125.00		Conference

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Hall has several upcoming bookings. We still have an ice problem in front of the building, and the council is working on solution.
2. Anderson met with attorney regarding special assessments. Each property is assessed at whatever rate is appropriate – not all having same rate. Anderson and Frank will have meeting with the elevator to discuss cost of maintaining Railroad St.
3. Per Anderson, the 2<sup>nd</sup> house is in, and two garages are going up now. One is spoken for, and the other is available for purchase.
4. We have received a good response from residents who have complied with code enforcement and are glad to see the positive changes around town. People are looking forward to continued follow-up and further compliance throughout the city. The old Cooley Hardware Store on Main St. has been inspected and appears to be structurally sound. The owner is not interested in keeping it up, and would likely be interested in selling it.
5. Frank has spoken with Jeff Bathke about representing Mt. Vernon on the Zoning Board.
6. Anderson attended the Davison County Council Meeting – they have agreed to waive taxes if the city takes over the Old Café building for demolition. Frank is getting one more estimate for demolition of the building so we can be certain it is below the threshold of getting bids. Motion by Renken, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank for Anderson to follow up and complete purchase with Horn.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Deinert purchased street sweeper from City of Ethan. Mechanical shop has been completed and heater installed. Deinert will be attending two upcoming conferences.
2. Mayclin gave update on donation received from MV Historical Society, which the City appreciates.
3. Motion by Anderson second by Renken to approve Application for Abatement of taxes for Mathers Trust for portion of taxes assessed after building was removed.
4. Motion by Anderson second by Hohbach to approve opt-out of meter system with fees as followed: \$100 to switch out meter and \$20 extra per month for administration of reading and input of different meter. Hohbach following up with resident who inquired about changing from smart meter.
5. Deputy Moke called regarding the speed limit digital boards, quoting price of \$3,600 each and offering to assist with finding the proper funding for the project.

Motion by London, second by Frank to adjourn meeting at 8:38.

Tom Koch  
Mayor

Laura Mayclin  
Finance Officer

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