

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
May 6, 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 Ray Hanson there for public participation. Pledge of Allegiance was recited to begin the meeting. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated. Motion by Renken, second by Maltsberger to approve the agenda.

Ray Hanson brought to the council's attention a drainage problem that also poses problems for mowing. Deinert will be planning to mow the ditch when possible, as it is considered right of way. The drainage issue is being monitored. Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to approve consent items for April: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, Credits Report/Bank Statement, and payment of the following bills:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Garbage</u>	<u>City Tax</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Debt</u>	<u>Description</u>
Weston Frank	217.02						Apr wage/mtg
Dan London	106.20						Apr wages
Darin Maltsberger	106.20						Apr wages
David Anderson	106.20						Apr wages
Dave Renken	106.20						Apr wages
Brett Hohbach	106.20						Apr wages
Ardis Overweg	510.98						Apr wages
Gene Deinert	2,879.12	230.87					Apr wages
Laura Mayclin	1,076.61						Apr wages
MV School	75.00						rent
Davison Rural Water		5,649.65					water
SD Retirement	502.66						retire
Verizon	63.63						util
Santel	239.43				46.64		util
Northwestern Energy	951.62	212.26		29.29	367.76		util
Petrik			2,649.30				garb
Daily Republic	247.58						publ
Dept of Revenue			188.52				sales tax
CorTrust	1,551.40	38.26					941
Menards	176.90						supplies
SD Dept of Health		15.00					lab fees
Westy's	173.93						gas
MVG&O	534.15						gas
Ardis Overweg	216.69						books
Readers Den	59.88						books
MV Youth Football	1,000.00						Donation
MV Baseball Assoc	1,000.00						Donation
Senior Citizens	1,000.00						Donation
Schoenfelder	1,122.45						Maint
Carquest	86.00						Maint
Firesteel Service	50.79						Maint
SD One Call	2.10						Locates
Campbell Supply	1,041.94						Repair
Hohbach Electric	756.12						Repair
Morgan Theeler	921.19						Legal

J&W Mktg	281.50	Mktg
Harris Greenscape	2,500.00	Equip
Ramkota	121.90	Travel
Gene Deinert	59.99	Travel
Amazon	40.20	supplies

OLD BUSINESS

1. Frank gave an update on The Hall, mentioning the upcoming rental for graduation. The Legion will be hanging a sign outside The Hall to mark their location.
2. Frank gave update on Railroad Street, which was bladed today. He is hopeful that this will bring some relief from all the recent water.
3. Anderson says the two Mt. Vernon Economic Development properties are still coming along and available for sale. They are also looking into other types of housing from Custom Touch in Madison, so people can have other options.
4. Anderson is now on the County Board of Planning and Zoning, and the board is working on zoning Mt. Vernon. Zoning will eventually be the same as Mitchell and other cities in Davison County. The County Commissioners will have final say in zoning decisions, taking advisement from our representative.
5. Anderson motion, second by Renken to apply and approve tax abatements for the Old Café.
6. Motion by Renken, second by Hohbach to approve the 2nd reading of amended Mt. Vernon ordinance. WHEREAS, the City Council of Mt. Vernon deems it necessary to amend the Mt. Vernon Ordinance TITLE V – LICENSES, CHAPTER 4 ANIMALS Section 5.4.4 entitled Fees Paid Upon Release for Impoundment and Keeping of Animals. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: When the owner or claimant of any impounded animal shall desire to reclaim such animal, such animal may be released upon payment of fine and boarding costs to Mt. Vernon City Official, with the sum of each offense determined by the City Council. The owner will also be required to show current proof of vaccinations. No previous offense occurring more than two years prior to the date of the offense being charged shall be used to determine that the offense being charged is a second or third subsequent offense. Motion by Anderson, second by Hohbach to approve fees for offenses as follows: 1st Offense: \$75, 2nd Offense: \$125, 3rd Offense: \$200. The council is also doing an analysis of hiring a part-time police officer.
7. We received a proposal from Topkote for chip sealing the roads. Council approved the price of \$1.35 per sq. yd. for Chip Seal and \$1.065 per sq. yd for Fog Seal, but the work will have to be done after repairs are made on our roads. Deinert will discuss this with Topkote. We agree to use budgeted funds of \$40,000 each year (2019 and 2020) with the work being done when roads are repaired and ready.
8. Anderson submitted the information for declaring state of emergency to Bathke, with Mt. Vernon’s total amount of damage being estimated at over \$39,000.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Deinert says he sincerely appreciates all the help from the Mt. Vernon grades 6 – 12 students, who helped gather limbs all around town, moving them to the curb of properties. Council approved getting ice cream sandwiches for the students to thank them for their hard work. Deinert is working on getting estimates for renting a chipper to handle all the gathered limbs. As the city clears the branches, there will likely be small twigs left behind for property owners to handle. Deinert just wants to make sure everyone is aware that we will not be raking up the small twigs, but removing the large branches for chipping. Deinert has also looked into getting a counter to monitor traffic in the city. He requested that if he is unable to take his vacation each year, can he be paid for it, and the council approved.
2. Mayclin noted that the Financial Statements were restated to show expenses for The Hall being moved to the General Fund. She also reported that there are no special rules for moving money from one bank account to another. She will be looking into the best account to hold cash for longer terms, still keeping the money liquid.
3. Connor Powell was sworn in as council member district II, for the term ending May 2020.
4. Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to approve annual malt beverage license for Westy’s One Stop.

5. Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Olson, says he is pleased with the amount of compliance so far. He says 60% of residents who received a letter have already brought their properties within compliance. He will be sending out follow-ups by certified letters to those who have not become compliant.

Motion by Hohbach, second by Anderson to adjourn meeting at 9:35.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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