

The City Council returned to in-person meetings held at the Police Station, 380 Lincoln Hwy. The Council asked that those in attendance wear a mask if unvaccinated and observe social distancing protocols. The public entrance to the police station is on the west side of the building. For those individuals that were unable to attend or did not feel comfortable with in-person meetings, the City provided a Zoom option. For those planning to attend via Zoom the following information was needed: Telephone #: 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 862 2677 7267, Password: 805865. If assistance was needed before the meeting they could contact City Administrator Chris Nosbisch at 319-359-8613. The following Council members were present: Tuerler, West and Rose. Herrmann attended via Zoom. Vacancy-1.

Call to Order. At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Thomas M. Wieseler called the meeting to order.

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Rose, seconded by West. Motion carries. Vacancy-1.

Consent Agenda. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose. Motion carries. Vacancy-1.

Approval of City Council Minutes – January 3, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

Approval of Liquor License – Chameleons

Appoint Scott Rose – Mayor Pro Tem

Appoint Paul Tuerler – Personnel Committee

Appoint Scott Rose – Safety Committee

Appoint Stephanie West – Finance Committee

Appoint Paul Tuerler – Infrastructure Committee

Appoint Deb Herrmann – Economic Development Committee

Appoint Scott Rose and Chris Nosbisch – Fire Department Advisory Board

Appoint Deb Herrmann – Liaison to Cole Public Library

Appoint Stephanie West – Liaison to Cornell College

Appoint Stephanie West – CDG

Appoint Doug Shannon, Derek Boren, Lori Lynch - LMVAS Board

Appoint Meredith Hoffman and Deb Herrmann - Housing Commission

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #1-17-2022A: Scheduling a Public Hearing for the City of Mount Vernon FY 2022-2023

Maximum Property Tax Dollars. Rose made a motion to approve Resolution #1-17-2022A, a resolution that sets the FY23 Maximum Property Tax Dollars Public Hearing for February 7, 2022, seconded by West. Roll call vote. Motion carries. Vacancy-1.

Resolution #1-17-2022B: Designating The Sun as the Official Newspaper for Publications for the City of Mount Vernon. Every two years The Sun is designated as the City's official newspaper for publications and notices. The City also uses The Gazette but only in emergency situations. Motion to approve Resolution #1-17-2022B made by West, seconded by Tuerler. Roll call vote. Motion carries. Vacancy-1.

Resolution #1-17-2022C: Approving Transfers for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The two largest transfers are for projects carried over from previous fiscal years that were funded by Business 30 and the Sewer Plant

Depreciation Fund. The others are cleanup transfers. Motion to approve Resolution #1-17-2022C made by Tuerler, seconded by Herrmann. Motion carries. Vacancy-1.

Resolution #1-17-2022D: Approving the Final Plat of Brannaman Acres First Addition to Linn County, Iowa. Brannaman Acres First Addition sits within two miles of the City limits and so it must be reviewed and approved by the City. Laura Eckles, City Planner presented to Planning and Zoning. P & Z approved the final plat on 1-12-2022. Motion to approve Resolution #1-17-2022D made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler. West said that she would abstain from voting because her employer is referenced in the documentation. Roll call vote. Motion carries. Vacancy-1.

Resolution #1-17-2022E: Establishing the City of Mount Vernon's Official Position on the Navigator Heartland Greenway CO₂ Pipeline. By approving this resolution the City of Mount Vernon opposes the Navigator Heartland Greenway CO₂ Pipeline and requests they abandon the project or seek an alternative route that does not pass near or through the City of Mount Vernon. Motion to approve Resolution #1-17-2022E made by West, seconded by Rose. Roll call vote. Motion carries. Vacancy-1.

Motions for Approval

Consideration of Claims List – Motion to Approve. Motion to approve the Claims List made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose. Motion carries. Vacancy-1.

AIRIONA QUILLIN	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	51.91
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	3,823.76
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	3,418.91
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-FIRE DEPT	1,161.02
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-PD,RUT	882.99
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	263.53
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	134.09
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,P&A,WAT,SEW	86.80
ARAMARK	RUGS-FD	58.65
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AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC	UNIFORMS-LBC	457.00
BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC	UNIFORMS-LBC	116.00
BAUMAN AND COMPANY	UNIFORMS-WAT,SEW	79.98
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	380.00
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	248.93
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES	GENERATOR-PD	949.39
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	98.90
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-PD	61.69
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	254.56
CUSTOM HOSE & SUPPLIES INC	SUPPLIES-RUT	462.00
CYPRESS SOLUTIONS	EQUIPMENT-PD	1,034.59
DE NOVO MARKETING	MONTHLY MAINT-LBC	300.00
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	4,531.23
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,180.95
FELD FIRE	TOOLS-FD	4,950.00
FELD FIRE	BAR,CHAIN-FD	285.00
FOX APPARATUS REPAIR & MAINT	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	566.50
FUTURE LINE TRUCK EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT MAINT-RUT	462.97
FUTURE LINE TRUCK EQUIPMENT	PLOW MARKERS-RUT	144.72
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-PD,P&REC,LBC	132.06

GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-PD,P&A	47.78
HDC	2,750 LASER CHECKS-ALL DEPTS	382.03
HDC	EXTRA W2'S-P&A	14.50
HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC	LIGHT KIT-RUT	905.49
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMP MAINT-ALL DEPTS	3,546.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMP MAINT-PD	927.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMP MAINT-ALL DEPTS	834.25
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMP MAINT-PD	387.50
JOE'S QUALITY WINDOW CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING-PD	40.00
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINTENANCE PLAN/COPIES-LBC	57.50
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINTENANCE PLAN/COPIES-LBC	32.39
KRIS ENGINEERING INC	PLOW PARTS-RUT	1,364.88
LINDSAY OLSON	INSTRUCTOR-P&REC	18.00
LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	CONC STAND/FOOD SERVICE LICENSE	150.00
LISBON MT VERNON AMBULANCE	CPR CARDS-FD	56.00
LYNCH FORD	ALTERNATOR ASY-PD	792.70
MARY AKINS	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	14.82
MARY BATENHORST	REFEREE-P&REC	36.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	489.57
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	391.76
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	278.39
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	246.33
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	15.17
MEGAN RIFE	REFUND-LBC	35.31
MIDWEST SAFETY COUNSELOR	CALIBRATION-FD	90.00
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	PUMP,HOSE-RUT	705.24
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	PUMP-RUT	472.60
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	VEHICLE MAINT-RUT	47.08
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	BLDG MAINT-FD	35.98
MOUNT VERNON BANK	NSF CHECK-WAT	48.09
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	AUDIO TOUR SUPPORT-MVHPC	500.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING SERVICE	WATER/SALT-RUT,P&A	42.00
OFFICE EXPRESS	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	651.44
OFFICE EXPRESS	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	150.99
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIPMENT MAINT-RUT	1,642.28
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIPMENT MAINT-SEW	194.45
P&K MIDWEST INC	VEHICLE MAINT-RUT	2.09
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	97,207.73
PNP	FUEL-PD	1,798.81
PROFESSIONAL PLUMBING SERVICES	BLDG MAINT-FD	95.00
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC PRODUCTION-P&A	96.82
SHANE LUING	REIMB/MAIL CITY PLATES-PD	11.22
STAPLES INC	DESK CALENDER-P&A	44.66
STATE CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS	CHEMICALS-P&REC NATURE POND	4,251.50
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,156.00
STORM STEEL	SUPPLIES-RUT	502.96
STREICHERS	UNIFORMS-PD	230.00
STREICHERS	UNIFORMS-PD	160.00
STREICHERS	UNIFORMS-PD	160.00
STREICHERS	UNIFORMS-PD	50.00
STREICHERS	UNIFORMS-PD	44.00
SUE RIPKE	MILEAGE-P&A	17.92
THE FIRE STORE	TOOLS-FD	919.96
THE FIRE STORE	TOOLS-FD	198.94

TRUCK COUNTRY	2022 FREIGHTLINER-RUT	85,475.00
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA SURPLUS	TRAINING-PD	200.00
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	275.32
UTILITY SERVICE INC	WATER TOWER MAINT-WAT	5,271.41
TOTAL		241,513.79

GENERAL FUND		26,176.87
LBC		7,187.32
LOSR III COMMUNITY CENTER		300.00
PAYROLL		97,207.73
POLICE STATION CONSTRUCTION		949.39
ROAD USE TAX FUND		94,099.68
SEWER FUND		4,370.46
SOLID WASTE		481.90
STORM WATER FUND		165.66
WATER FUND		10,574.78
TOTAL		241,513.79

REVENUE FOR DECEMBER 2021

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		173,054.79
PUBLIC SAFETY		13,593.98
PUBLIC WORKS		273,522.42
CULTURE-RECREATION		34,685.68
COMMUNITY & ECON DEVELOPMENT		23,535.78
DEBT SERVICE		2,376.76
TOTAL		520,769.41

Discussion and Consideration of Covid Related Issues/Policies – Council Action as Needed. Although the seven day positivity rate is up staff has not received any requests from residents to implement Covid mitigation controls. No changes were made to Covid related issues/policies.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for Budget Amendment #1 to Fiscal Year 22 – Council Action as Needed. Motion to set the Public Hearing date for February 7, 2022 for Budget Amendment #1 made by Rose, seconded by Herrmann. Motion carries. Vacancy-1.

Discussion and Consideration of Filling the City Council Vacancy – Council Action as Needed. With Mayor Wieseler’s former council seat open Council will have to decide how they want to proceed to fill the vacancy. City Administrator Nosbisch explained one way to do that would be by appointment. In this situation a notice would be placed in the paper within 60 days of the vacancy. The other option would be for a special election whereas the Linn County Auditor’s office would be informed and an election date would be set. Tuerler made a motion to fill the vacancy by proceeding with the appointment process, seconded by Herrmann. Motion carries. Vacancy-1.

Discussion and Consideration of Police Officer Pay Adjustments – Council Action as Needed. Chief Doug Shannon explained that over the past several months other departments have been pursuing certified police officers from other departments by offering them higher pay, sign on bonuses, lower health insurance premiums and more. By doing this it threatens our ability to retain quality, well trained officers. Chief Shannon said that Mount Vernon’s police department has great officers committed to the communities but according to a recent Grinnell study their pay falls between the 50th and 75th percentiles

for patrol officers. In order to stay competitive with the other departments Chief Shannon asked for Council approval to increase salaries to four officers starting 1-10-2022. The new rate is on file at City Hall or can be viewed on the City's website in the January 17, 2022 Council packet. Motion to approve Chief Shannon's pay adjustment recommendation made by Tuerler, seconded by Herrmann. Motion carries. Vacancy-1

Reports to be Received/Filed. Full reports can be viewed on the City's website in the January 17, 2022 Council packet.

Mt. Vernon/Lisbon Police Report
Mt. Vernon Public Works Report
Mt. Vernon Parks and Rec Report

Discussion Items (No Action)

CIP/Budget Discussions. There were no new additions to the Capital Improvement Plan.

Declawing Ban. Council was given information regarding a ban on the practice of de-clawing cats. At this time, Council is not interested in pursuing a declaw ban.

Dog Park Review. The Park and Rec Board was asked to review concerns about aggressive dogs at the dog park. Having done that The Board decided that a separate park is not necessary but perhaps better signage, including a non-emergency phone number, inside and outside the park could help.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

City Administrator's Report. Mayor Wieseler and staff met with representatives from Greenlowa Americorps to discuss possible programs of interest to the community. The pool review committee has narrowed the list of potential candidates down from five to three. The new dump truck has been delivered.

Closed Session - Pursuant to Chapter 21.5 (1)J, the City Council may enter into closed session, "to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property." At 8:07 p.m. Rose made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by West. Motion carries. Vacancy-1. At 8:38 p.m. West motioned to come out of Closed Session seconded by Rose. Motion carries. Vacancy-1. No action was taken by Council.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned, the time being 8:39 p.m., January 17, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Ripke
City Clerk