

The Mount Vernon City Council met January 18, 2023, at City Hall, 213 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW. 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: 850 3433 6027, Password: 828849. If assistance was needed before the meeting, they could contact City Administrator Chris Nosbisch at 319-359-8613. The following Council members were present: Rose, West and Engel. Tuerler present via Zoom. Herrmann absent.

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

**Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval.** Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve the Agenda. Herrmann absent. Motion carries.

**Consent Agenda.** Motion made by West, seconded by Engel to approve the Consent Agenda. Herrmann absent. Motion carries.

Approval of City Council Minutes – January 4, 2023 Regular Council Meeting  
Appoint Michelle Omar - LMVAS Board

### **Resolutions for Approval**

Resolution #1-18-2023A: Ordering Construction of Certain Public Improvements, Approving Preliminary Plans, and Fixing a Date for Hearing Thereon and Taking of Bids Therefore for Improvements Known as the Palisades Road Overlay Project. This resolution sets the public hearing date for February 6, 2023, bid opening date for February 16, 2023 and consideration of bids at the February, 22, 2023 meeting. February 20, 2023 is a staff holiday so that meeting will be moved to February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve Resolution #1-18-2023A. Roll call all yes. Herrmann absent.

Resolution #1-18-2023B: Ordering Construction of Certain Public Improvements, Approving Preliminary Plans, and Fixing a Date for Hearing Thereon and Taking of Bids Therefore for Improvements Known as the Davis Park Improvement Project. This resolution sets the public hearing date for February 6, 2023, bid opening date for February 28, 2023 and consideration of bids at the March 6, 2023 meeting. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution #1-18-2023B. Roll call all yes. Herrmann absent.

Resolution #1-18-2023C: Approving the Disposal of City Owned Property. This resolution approves the disposal of old and excess furnishings from City Hall as well as one Police vehicle. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #1-18-2023C. Roll call all yes. Herrmann absent.

Resolution #1-18-2023D: Setting the Salaries for the Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Mt. Vernon for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. This resolution reflects a 3.25% increase across the board for non-union employees, except for the City Administrator. Mayor Wieseler noted that the City Administrator will receive an \$8,000 increase over the current salary in order to stay competitive with area communities. Motion made by West, seconded by Tuerler to approve Resolution #1-18-2023D. Roll call all yes. Herrmann absent.

Resolution #1-18-2023E: Scheduling a Public Hearing for the City of Mount Vernon FY 2023-2024 Maximum Property Tax Dollars. This resolution sets the first of two public hearings for the FY2024 budget for February 6, 2023. Nosbisch said the City has reached an inflection point with the budget and is proposing a tax increase over the next three years. Leaving the levy rate at \$12.99 will require the

reallocation of approximately \$170,000 to various enterprise funds and some equipment purchases will need to be cut. He is recommending a \$.15 increase for FY2024 with additional increases over the next two fiscal years. It was the consensus of Council that the levy rate be increased to the \$13.15 range for FY2024 and incrementally increased over the next two fiscal years after that to get to the \$13.50 range. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #1-18-2023E setting the public hearing for the Max Levy for February 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Roll call all yes. Herrmann absent.

### Mayoral Proclamation

Proclamation Establishing the Month of January as Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness Month.

### Motions for Approval

Consideration of Claims List – Motion to Approve. Motion made by West, seconded by Engel to approve the Claims list. Herrmann absent. Motion carries.

JASPER CONSTRUCTION	PAY APP #1-1ST STREET RR BRIDGE	172,776.50
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	94,324.35
PEAK CONSTRUCTION	PAY APP #1-PW COLD STORAGE	73,500.55
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW	21,437.65
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW	12,449.22
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT-ALL DEPTS	8,000.00
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	7,077.92
BRADY LANHAM	CITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS	6,665.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	5,903.58
UTILITY SERVICE INC	WATER TOWER MAINT	5,271.41
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PD	4,860.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	4,672.72
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	4,037.65
IOWA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	SGEI MEMBERSHIP-PW	3,889.66
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,709.50
GRONEWOLD, BELL, KYHNN & CO PC	FY22 AUDIT FEE-ALL DEPTS	2,626.75
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	2,467.25
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	12V JUMP PACK-RUT	2,401.70
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	2,226.23
WOODWARD COMMUNITY MEDIA	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC,LBC	2,172.39
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	2,074.70
CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES INC	SUPPLIES-PD	1,754.87
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	1,461.28
PNP	FUEL-PD	1,445.00
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	1,385.19
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	EQUIPMENT-LBC	1,350.29
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD,RUT	1,178.92
BAUMAN AND COMPANY	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	1,159.79
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	1,062.38
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	1,060.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,040.52
MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECTURE	ENGINEERING-PD CONSTRUCTION	988.96
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES	GENERATOR-PD	949.39
MOTION FITNESS CO	IWALL SENSOR-LBC	945.00
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY	CYLINDER TESTING-FD	840.00
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	811.00
RC TECH	EQUIP RELOCATION TO CITY HALL	776.38

BANKCARD 8076	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,P&REC	743.38
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	701.06
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&A	678.31
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	529.08
BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC	DARE SUPPLIES-PD	526.00
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	525.44
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	431.33
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-P&A	337.00
EBS	ADMIN FEE-ALL DEPTS	333.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-P&A	332.66
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	313.46
IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	ONLINE WARRANTS-PD	300.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	288.13
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	280.32
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-RUT	261.83
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	256.96
COPYWORKS	SUPPLIES-LBC	244.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	238.10
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-P&A,PW	229.35
GALLS INC	UNIFORMS-PD	216.86
BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC	SUPPLIES-LBC	210.50
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-PD	207.39
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-P&A	202.73
IOWA DARE ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP-PD	200.00
LINN COOPERATIVE OIL CO	LP-RUT	200.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	193.19
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	184.79
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	132.09
STREICHERS	EQUIPMENT-PD	125.00
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC	104.91
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	97.10
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD	92.77
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC PRODUCTION-P&A	82.19
KELLI MARIE KENNON-LANE	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	80.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-P&A	73.75
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL FEE-PW	72.01
LAURA ECKLES	INSURANCE CLAIM-ALL DEPTS	65.00
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-PD	64.13
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-P&A	62.27
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-EMA	45.70
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,P&A,WAT,SEW	43.40
SJ SMITH CO, INC	OXYGEN CYLINDER EXCHANGE-RUT	41.37
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER INC	EQUIP REPAIR-RUT	40.60
AAA PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL-P&A	40.00
JOE'S QUALITY WINDOW CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING-PD	40.00
PUSH-PEDAL-PULL	EQUIP REPAIR-LBC	40.00
TECHNICOM COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE MAINT-P&A	40.00
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-PD	39.87
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX-P&A	35.00
CR LC SOLID WASTE AGENCY	SERVICE-SW	21.10
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	20.38
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	10.00

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>470,428.21</b>
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	179,441.50
PAYROLL	94,324.35
PW COLD STORAGE	73,500.55
SOLID WASTE	36,675.11
GENERAL FUND	28,757.27
SEWER FUND	15,882.84
WATER FUND	14,837.48
ROAD USE TAX FUND	14,803.03
LBC	10,028.95
ARP POLICE STATION CONST	1,938.35
STORM WATER FUND	238.78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>470,428.21</b>
<b>FY23 DECEMBER REVENUE</b>	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	331,255.05
PUBLIC WORKS	258,813.48
CULTURE-RECREATION	40,219.95
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV	22,027.70
PUBLIC SAFETY	21,359.89
DEBT SERVICE	2,325.22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676,001.29</b>

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for an Ordinance Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code – Council Action as Needed. The City agreed to adopt the International Property Maintenance Code when it contracted with Linn County Planning and Development for nuisance enforcement. After the new code is adopted, the City will begin the process of repealing other nuisance related codes to avoid conflicts. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to set the public hearing for February 6, 2023. Herrmann absent. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Development Agreement Payment to Jude Smith and Gregory Raupp for the Former Sing a Long Building – Council Action as Needed. Gregory Raupp and Jude Smith have completed the asbestos removal and demotion of the two homes attached to the rear of 100 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE according to the terms of the development agreement. Copies of the invoices paid to contractors justifying the release of the \$50,000 TIF grant from the City were provided. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve the payment of \$50,000 to Gregory Raupp and Jude Smith. Herrmann absent. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Video Equipment Purchases – Mt. Vernon/Lisbon Police Department Construction Project – Council Action as Needed. Chief Shannon provided quotes for additional video equipment for two interview rooms, upgrades to the existing surveillance video system and adding to the current door system. These items are being bid separate from the construction contract to ensure consistency with current technologies, but are part of the overall project cost. Motion to approve the bids from Motorola Solutions for \$11,160 and Tri City Electric for \$49,119 made by Rose, seconded by West. Herrmann absent. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Contract Amendment with DeNovo Marketing – City Website Project – Council Action as Needed. Under the current contract, the City is responsible for writing the content for

individual department pages. Laura Eckles was the lead person for the website redevelopment project and had been working with each department head on content creation prior to her departure. In order to keep the project moving forward, Nosbisch asked DeNovo to quote the cost of writing the content on our behalf. They estimate an additional charge of \$5,500 to complete the entire site. Motion made by Engel, seconded by West to approve an additional \$5,500 for website development with DeNovo Marketing. Motion carries. Herrmann absent.

**Reports to be Received/Filed.** Full reports can be viewed on the City website in the January 18, 2023 council packet.

Mt. Vernon/Lisbon Police Report

Mt. Vernon Public Works Report

Mt. Vernon Parks and Rec Report

**Discussion Items (No Action)**

CIP- Council received and discussed an updated version of the CIP plan for the next three fiscal years.

**Reports of Mayor/Council/Administratord**

Mayor's Report. Wieseler volunteered Mt Vernon City Hall for potential Linn County Supervisors meetings, attended a three-hour Disaster Emergency Economic Recovery meeting and noted that Linn County Sustainability would like to host a meeting in Mount Vernon in April.

City Administrator's Report. Interviews for the Assistant City Administrator position will take place next week. Full report can be viewed on the City website in the January 18, 2023 council packet.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned the time being 7:25 p.m., January 18, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Dewell  
City Clerk