

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: 872 5675 7290, Password: 376918. If assistance was needed before the meeting they could contact City Administrator Chris Nosbisch at 319-359-8613. The following Council members were present: Roudabush, West, Wieseler, Herrmann and Rose.

Call to Order. At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Jamie Hampton called the meeting to order.

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. Motion made by Wieseler, seconded by Herrmann to approve the Agenda. Motion carries.

Consent Agenda. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Wieseler, seconded by Herrmann. Motion carries.

Approval of City Council Minutes – October 4, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
Approval of Liquor License – Mt. Vernon Pizza Palace

Ordinance Approval/Amendment

Ordinance #10-4-2021A: Providing that General Property Taxes Levied and Collected Each Year on Certain Property Located within the Spring Meadow Heights Urban Renewal Area, in the City of Mount Vernon, County of Linn, State of Iowa, by and for the Benefit of the State of Iowa, City of Mount Vernon, County of Linn, Mount Vernon Community School District, and Other Taxing Districts, to be Paid to a Special Fund for Payment of Principal and Interest on Loans, Monies Advanced to and Indebtedness, Including Bonds Issued or to be Issued, Incurred by the City in Connection with the Spring Meadow Heights Urban Renewal Area (Phase 2 Parcels). City Administrator Nosbisch stated that staff has not received any written or verbal communication since the first reading regarding this ordinance. Motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance #10-4-2021A made by Wieseler, seconded by Rose. Roll call vote. Motion carries.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #10-18-2021A: Approving the Street Light Locations for 17th Ave SW (Stonebrook 9th Addition). Three street light locations are being proposed; two are at intersections and the third is at the beginning of the curve. Motion to approve Resolution #10-18-2021A made by West, seconded by Rose. Roll call vote. Motion carries.

Motions for Approval

Consideration of Claims List – Motion to Approve. Motion to approve the Claims List made by Wieseler, seconded by West. Motion carries.

AAA PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL-PD	55.00
AAA PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL-P&A	30.00
ABT CONSTRUCTION	CONCRETE PATH FOR INSTRUMENTS	3,470.86
AIRGAS	CYLINDER RENTAL-PW	68.06

ALL SECURE	SECURITY SYST MONITORING-POOL	75.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	675.47
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	84.14
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	64.13
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	10,096.37
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	4,201.74
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	3,370.10
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	709.52
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-PD	552.61
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	473.20
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	425.40
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	365.89
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&A	188.80
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-PD,RUT	176.12
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	106.61
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,P&A,WAT,SEW	82.95
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-EMA	44.74
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	19.73
AMERICAN RED CROSS	TRAINING-LBC	288.00
APPARATUS TESTING SERVICE	FIRE PUMP CERT TEST-FD	892.50
B4 BRANDS	SUPPLIES-LBC	126.80
BALTAZAR MOSQUEDA LARA	REFEREE-P&REC	60.00
BON APPETIT	INTERVIEW LUNCH-PD	113.96
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-RUT,P&A,WAT,SEW	1,600.00
BRIAN JOHNS	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	52.71
BROWN SUPPLY COMPANY	MANHOLE FRAME,GRATE-RUT	536.00
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERV	GENERATOR-PD	949.39
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	176.00
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-PD	75.29
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-P&A	56.64
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	251.76
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	251.76
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-P&A	56.64
COMPASS BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	UTIL BILLS-WAT,SEW,SW	943.51
COMPASS BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	REMINDERS-WAT,SEW,SW	127.08
CUSTOM HOSE & SUPPLIES	SUPPLIES-WAT	24.51
D & K PRODUCTS INC	SEED-P&REC	500.00
DE NOVO	MONTHLY MAINT-LBC	300.00
DENISE BROTHERTON	ASSESSOR/SERGEANT-PD	425.20
EQUIPMENT MGMT COMPANY	EXTRICATION TOOL REPAIR-FD	750.00
EVIDENT INC	SUPPLIES-PD	79.14
GABRIEL FAIRCHILD	REFEREE-P&REC	60.00
HAWKEYE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS	FIRE ALARM MONITORING-LBC	135.00
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY CORP	COMPRESSED GAS-FD	24.00
INTERNATIONAL CITY COUNTY MGMT	MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL-ALL DEPTS	896.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	96.30
IOWA SOLUTIONS	DOMAIN MGMT-ALL DEPTS	802.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS	MAINTENANCE-PD	362.50
JACKSON JASPERS	REFEREE-P&REC	60.00
JACOB BUSTER	REIMB-FD	801.00
JASE R JASPERS	REFEREE-P&REC	60.00
JEREMY LOGAN	ASSESSOR/SERGEANT-PD	478.40
JORDAN AXTELL	REFEREE-P&REC	60.00
KONICA MINOLTA	MAINTENANCE PLAN/COPIES-LBC	57.50

KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINTENANCE PLAN/COPIES-P&A	229.35
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINTENANCE PLAN/COPIES-PD	146.87
LAURA ECKLES	MILEAGE-P&A	154.56
LAURA WERKMAN	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	203.42
LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	ANNUAL INSPECTION-POOL	270.00
LISBON, CITY OF	AMB DIRECTOR CONTRACTED SALARY	1,275.71
LOU'S GLOVES	GLOVES-SEW	219.00
LYNCH FORD CHEVY	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	961.55
MATT SIDERS	MILEAGE-P&REC	89.60
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	479.94
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	246.79
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	1,621.59
MENARDS	SUPPLIES-P&REC	160.94
MIDWEST WHEEL	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	93.97
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-KMVL,P&A,WAT	828.95
MT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	625.06
MT VERNON CAR WASH	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	64.00
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	2,364.09
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-PD	2,269.17
OLIVER HINRICHS	REFEREE-P&REC	60.00
P&K MIDWEST	FILTERS-RUT	86.97
P&K MIDWEST	EQUIP REPAIR-P&REC	75.92
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP REPAIR-WAT	68.06
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	88,663.58
PETER KREMBLE	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	62.41
PNP	FUEL-PD	1,955.69
PUSH-PEDAL-PULL	REPLACE HANDLES-LBC	60.00
RC TECH	CAMERA SYSTEM PYMT	1,168.55
REC DESK LLC	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION-LBC	6,500.00
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC PRODUCTION-P&A	273.65
ROTO ROOTER	VAC/JET LIFT STATIONS-SEW	2,700.00
SOIL CONCEPTS INC	NEW ELLIOTT PARK AREA-P&REC	3,700.00
STAPLES	SUPPLIES-P&A	53.39
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-P&A	137.41
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,424.00
TASHA WHITMAN	MILEAGE-PD	159.04
TIERNAN BOOTS	REFEREE-P&REC	60.00
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL	DRUG TESTING-RUT	42.00
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL	DRUG TESTING-WAT,SEW	42.00
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	275.32
UTILITY SERVICE COMPANY	WATER TOWER MAINT	5,271.41
WOODWARD COMMUNITY MEDIA	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-POOL,LBC	1,168.40
TOTAL		165,178.89
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS		1,168.55
GENERAL FUND		24,980.93
LBC		10,619.79
LOST III COMM CENTER		3,770.86
PAYROLL		88,663.58
POLICE STATION CONSTRUCTION		949.39
ROAD USE TAX FUND		6,865.46
SEWER FUND		17,355.75

SOLID WASTE	516.33
WATER FUND	10,288.25
TOTAL	165,178.89

REVENUE - SEPTEMBER 2022

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	145,439.82
PUBLIC SAFETY	8,321.00
PUBLIC WORKS	330,246.63
CULTURE-RECREATION	26,428.31
DEBT SERVICE	1,742.19
TOTAL	512,177.95

Discussion and Consideration of Covid Related Issues/Policies – Council Action as Needed. Nosbisch reported that the Covid positive cases have increased slightly this past week but recommended not mandating a mask requirement for 6th graders and below at the LBC until the MVCSD makes such a request. Council agreed; no changes were made to Covid related issues/policies.

Discussion and Consideration of Solid Waste Requests for Proposals – Council Action as Needed. Council received a memo explaining the current solid waste program and why it was set up the way that it was, results of the RFP and what Council will need to consider if they decide to stay with Wapsi (the current contractor) or approve a new contractor/contract. Council person Roudabush suggested leaving things the way they are now even though Wapsi plans on selling out in 2-5 years. City Administrator Nosbisch stated that there are several reasons not to stay with Wapsi. Continuing, he said that even if Wapsi were to sign a five year contract extension the likelihood of them making it through that time period are pretty slim based on conversations with the owner. What would probably happen is that Wapsi would sell the route to another contractor and Mount Vernon would be subject to whomever bought the route. If there is only 2-3 years left in that contract how valuable would MV be at that point? Roudabush said that switching now will impact lower income residents. A point agreed by most was that it's time to make a long term decision. Motion to approve moving forward to negotiate with the staff recommended contractor Republic for a contract to be approved at a later date made by Herrmann, seconded by Wieseler. Ayes: West, Wieseler, Herrmann and Rose. Nays: Roudabush. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Travel/Inspection Vehicle Travel – Council Action as Needed. Staff asked Council to consider approving the purchase of a new or used vehicle which would be used for meeting/conference or inspection travels. Currently staff has been using a retired Police Explorer but has been advised to stay within a twenty mile radius. One or two vehicles would be traded in on this purchase and would be used by all staff. Rose motioned to approve exploring the purchase of a new vehicle for City use seconded by Wieseler. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Denying the Sunshade Bids for the LBC – Council Action as Needed. Because the bids came in well above what was expected the Park and Rec Board is recommending denying the submitted quotes and will instead work with staff to reduce the cost for future Council approval. Motion to deny the Sunshade Bids for the LBC made by Herrmann, seconded by West. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program – Council Action as Needed. Nosbisch explained that there is not a water and sewer, low income assistance program. The Federal Government is funding a two year pilot program that would assist low income households with their monthly water/sewer utility bills. Based on income the LIHWAP (Low Income Household Water Assistance

Program) could restore service to residents who have been disconnected or have a pending disconnection, pay past due amounts and any fees associated with the account. Motion to approve the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program and the City becoming a vendor made by West, seconded by Rose. Motion carries.

Reports to be Received/Filed Full reports can be viewed on the City website in the October 18, 2021 Council packet.

Mt. Vernon/Lisbon Police Report

Mt. Vernon Public Works Report

Mt. Vernon Parks and Rec Report

Discussion Items (No Action)

FYI – Proposed Snow Route Additions. With the addition of two new developments staff has been discussing adjusting the snow routes. Maps highlighting new routes were given to Council for review and future discussion.

FYI – Halloween Observance. There have been some resident requests to move Halloween trick or treating from Sunday, October 31st to Saturday, October 30th. Council agreed to change Trick or Treat to Saturday, October 30, 2021. (After the Council meeting on October 18, 2021, there was overwhelming sentiment from the community to leave Halloween festivities for Sunday. The City Council will recognize October 31, 2021 as the official date for trick or treating).

Illegal Dumping. Periodically items have been illegally dumped within the community. When this happens the items have been picked up and disposed of by public works staff. This was for discussion only. No decisions were made.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

City Administrator's Report. Laura attended the Iowa American Planning Association conference in Des Moines. Mount Vernon will be hosting City Managers from the Eastern Iowa Region on Friday, October 22, 2021. After a brief program they will tour the LBC. An all staff meeting is planned for Wednesday, October 20, 2021. Staff will be meeting with Cornell and MVCSD reps to discuss future infrastructure possibilities.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned the time being 7:43 p.m., October 18, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Ripke
City Clerk