

The Mount Vernon City Council met February 22, 2023, via Zoom. The following information was needed for the Zoom option: Telephone #: 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 857 4219 3340, Password: 083577. 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, Tuerler, Herrmann and Engel.

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

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

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – February 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

Approval of Liquor License – Scorz Bar & Grill

Approval of Liquor License – Yock’s Landing LLC

Appoint Ben Brannaman and Greg Papin to Parks and Rec Board

### **Resolutions for Approval**

Resolution #2-22-2023A: Approving a Bad Debt Policy for the City of Mount Vernon. Due to the lack of a written policy, staff must try and collect on past due utility bills regardless of age or circumstance. Some of those efforts have been occurring for more than ten years on bills where we know the individual is deceased. With this policy in place, staff can certify the removal of “Bad Debt” from the City’s accounts receivable ledger. A listing of “Bad Debt” would be subject to review by the City Auditor based upon the criteria in the listed policy. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Herrmann to approve Resolution #2-22-2023A. Roll call all yes.

Resolution #2-22-2023B: Making Award of the Construction Bid for the Site Improvements for the Palisades Road Overlay Project. One bid was received for this project from L.L. Pelling Company. The engineers original estimate was \$290,000.00 and the bid from L.L. Pelling Company was \$386,769.00. The amount that was set aside for the project was \$450,000.00, so this is still within the budgeted amount. With the current bid climate for small to mid-sized asphalt projects in eastern Iowa, rebidding the project in hopes of attracting additional bidders does not seem like the best option. Further delays in repairing the road could lead to further deterioration, which could result in increased cost. Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. is recommending the award of the bid to L.L. Pelling Company in the amount of \$386,769.00. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Tuerler to approve Resolution #2-22-2023B. Roll call all yes.

### **Motions for Approval**

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	178,476.12
WELLMARK	INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	22,179.30
LINN COUNTY SHERIFF	EMPLOYEE CONTRACT BUYOUT-PD	20,696.33
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW	13,204.18
MIDWEST STORAGE SOLUTIONS	LOCKER DEPOSIT-PD CONSTRUCTION	10,507.18

VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PALISADES ROAD OVERLAY	8,874.63
MED COMPASS	HAZMAT PHYSICALS-FD	4,745.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	4,632.82
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	EMT CERTIFICATION-FD	4,619.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	4,523.13
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USATE-LBC	4,353.42
MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECTURE	DESIGN DEVELOPMENT-PD CONST	4,307.33
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPT	3,395.00
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	EMT CERTIFICATION-FD	2,309.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	2,297.42
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	2,176.64
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,074.00
WATERS EDGE AQUATIC DESIGN LLC	FEASIBILITY STUDY-POOL	2,000.00
BRADY LANHAM	STOPLIGHT TRANSFER SWITCHES	1,740.00
PNP	FUEL-PD	1,734.14
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	1,524.39
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,515.29
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	1,494.26
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	1,493.94
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	1,273.38
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,238.16
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,112.55
WENDLING QUARRIES	ROCK/SAND-RUT	1,095.42
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,017.36
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY	AIR PACK TESTING-FD	1,008.75
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD,RUT	925.89
DINGES FIRE COMPANY	GLOVES-FD	917.39
BANKCARD 8076	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,P&REC	887.97
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	876.17
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	860.50
MIDWEST STORAGE SOLUTIONS	SHELVING-LBC	793.26
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO OF IOWA	SERVICES-LBC	693.00
WOODWARD COMMUNITY MEDIA	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-LBC	602.82
P&K MIDWEST INC	JD ENDLOADER HOSES-PW	556.71
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&A	515.61
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	512.82
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMP MAINT-PD	465.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	431.49
STREICHERS	UNIFORMS-PD	400.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-P&A	362.57
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	327.09
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	308.00
EBS	ADMIN FEE-ALL DEPTS	308.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-PW	307.00
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	280.32
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	276.02
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-RUT	261.83
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	256.96
TASC	FSA ADMIN FEE-ALL DEPTS	248.94
DE NOVO MARKETING	LOGO STICKERS-LBC	239.96
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-P&A	229.35
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	CITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS	225.82
GALLS INC	UNIFORMS-PD	216.59

KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-PD	207.31
BAUMAN AND COMPANY	UNIFORMS-PD	204.00
LEIGH BRADBURY	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	200.00
LORI BOREN	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	200.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	177.82
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,P&A,WAT,SEW	122.32
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	84.12
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT	83.40
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	80.73
BRADY WEAVER	REFEREE-P&REC	75.00
CAEL FOREMAN	REFEREE-P&REC	75.00
GARET SWARTZENDRUBER	REFEREE-P&REC	75.00
IOWA DEPT AGRICULTURE & LAND	DOG KENNEL LICENSE	75.00
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL FEE-PW	72.01
ARAMARK	RUGS,SERVICES-FD	70.97
PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	65.27
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	65.18
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-PD	64.13
NATHANIEL LEWIS	REFEREE-P&REC	62.50
ORKIN	PEST CONTROL-PD	60.00
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC	57.50
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-P&A	56.64
ECHECK.NET FUNDING	REFUND-LBC	52.97
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	TRAINING-FD	50.00
IMFOA	ANNUAL DUES-P&A	50.00
MARCUS MCANDREW	REFEREE-P&REC	50.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-EMA	42.20
AAA PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL-P&A	40.00
JOE'S QUALITY WINDOW CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING-PD	40.00
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	LECTERN LOGO-P&A	40.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	33.16
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SW	25.77
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	21.53
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	20.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	19.07
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>327,624.32</b>

PAYROLL	178,476.12
GENERAL FUND	65,461.48
ARP POLICE STATION CONST	14,814.51
SOLID WASTE	14,631.09
ROAD USE TAX FUND	13,292.28
SEWER FUND	12,190.17
WATER FUND	9,967.05
LBC	8,973.91
PALISADES ROAD OVERLAY	8,874.63
STORM WATER FUND	717.26
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	225.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>327,624.32</b>

Discussion and Consideration of Johnson County Board of Supervisors Request for the Water Withdrawal Study from the Silurian Aquifer – Council Action as Needed. Johnson County is working with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to study the effects of water withdrawals from the Silurina Aquifer, which covers a large section of Eastern Iowa, including Mt. Vernon. Based on our population, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors is asking the City of Mount Vernon to contribute \$1,753.00 to the study. Although this is within the purchasing limit for City staff, Nobsch wanted Council to be aware of Mount Vernon's inclusion in the study. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Herrmann to approve \$1,753.00 to the Johnson County Board of Supervisors for the Ground Water Model Study. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for March 20, 2023, to Consider the City of Mt. Vernon Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Budget – Council Action as Needed. Council has already set a public hearing date once for the FY2024 budget but in light of some of the changes that are occurring at the State, staff is asking to set a new date for March 20, 2023, with the understanding that this may not be the last time Council sets a new date. The Governor signed the bill correcting the State's oversight on the rollback, which will be 54% as opposed to 56%. Once the new valuation figures are received, we will have a better idea of where we are with the budget and how to move forward. The state did approve an extension for certifying the FY2024 budget to May 1, 2023. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Herrmann to set a public hearing date for March 20, 2023 for the FY2024 budget. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for the Amendment to Chapter 70 Traffic Code Enforcement Procedures to the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code – Council Action as Needed. Chief Shannon is asking Council to consider changes to the traffic code ordinance, Chapter 70, as it relates to parking violations. The increase in fines will allow for consistency in parking enforcement between Mount Vernon and Lisbon. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to set a public hearing date for March 20, 2023 to amend Chapter 70, Traffic Code Enforcement Procedures. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Purchasing a 2022 John Deere Gator – Council Action as Needed. At the last meeting, Council approved the disposal of two JD Gator's that are almost twenty years old and have become safety concerns for the City. Staff is seeking to replace the two current Gator's with one newer model. P&K provided quotes for two different units. Staff is recommending the purchase of the 2022 model listed at \$17,623.98. The 2023 models would not be available until July and staff would prefer not to have to use the existing units for the first three months of the season. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve the purchase of a 2022 John Deere Gator in the amount of \$17,623.98.

Discussion and Consideration of Purchasing Council Chamber Furnishings – Council Action as Needed. Staff received a quote from Pigott for furnishings for Council chambers that include chairs, desks and new cabinets for the kitchen area. The large room divider was quoted at \$40,000 alone so staff is asking for permission to remove it altogether. Additional space will be made available to election poll workers when needed. Staff is recommending moving forward with this purchase, not to exceed \$50,000.00. There was a question on the beverage center included in the quote. Nobsch explained that this was originally planned when the renovations were made upstairs in City Hall. Other groups that utilize the facility will be able to use this without opening the kitchen downstairs. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to approve the furniture budget for completion of City Hall Council Chambers, not to exceed \$50,000.00. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #2 for the Police Station Renovations – Septagon Construction – Council Action as Needed. This is actually the first pay application for the Police Station renovation project for \$38,475.00. Motion to approve Pay Application #2 to Septagon Construction made by Herrmann, seconded by West. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Historic Preservation Commission Correspondence with Shane Amundson Regarding 724 5<sup>th</sup> NW – Council Action as Needed. No discussion. This item will be added to a future Council agenda.

**Reports to be Received/Filed.** Full reports can be viewed on the City website in the February 22, 2023 council packet.

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

**Discussion Items (No Action)**

CIP/Budget. Parks and Recreation is looking at fee increases as part of the budget process, including the LBC and pool. Staff is currently looking into different insurance brokers in order to keep more consistent health insurance increases per year.

**Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator**

Mayor's Report. When Main Street renovations begin, staff and Council will want to manage how to keep businesses and festivals going on as best as possible. Wieseler has a call in to Jack Cochran to have involvement with the Heritage Days Parade. He was involved in a Zoom meeting with Emergency Management and attended a legislative forum at the Marion Library.

Council Reports. Herrmann reported that the CDG is working on putting together a group Diversity, Equity and Inclusion statement and have asked for input from the school district, the City and Cornell. West reported there is one opening on the CDG executive committee as treasurer and March 1, 2023 is the goal date for the launch of their new website. West also reported that the community curbside parking group is meeting again. Rose reported there is an Iowa water quality meeting on Saturday at the LBC.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City Website in the February 22, 2023 Council packet.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned the time being 7:36 p.m., February 22, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Dewell  
City Clerk