

The Mount Vernon City Council met February 6, 2023, at City Hall, 213 1st 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: 858 0662 9085, Password: 177661. 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 Rose, seconded by West to approve the Agenda. Motion carries.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – January 18, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
Approval of Liquor License – Bigs BBQ and Brew Pub

Public Hearing

Public Hearing for the Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Maximum Property Tax Dollars for the City of Mt. Vernon. Mayor Wieseler declared the Public Hearing open. Hearing no comments from the public Mayor Wieseler closed the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing to Adopt Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of Costs for the Palisades Road Overlay Project. Mayor Wieseler declared the Public Hearing open. Hearing no comments from the public Mayor Wieseler closed the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing to Adopt Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of Costs for the Davis Park Improvement Project. Mayor Wieseler declared the Public Hearing open. Hearing no comments from the public Mayor Wieseler closed the Public Hearing.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #2-6-2023A: Approving the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Maximum Property Tax Dollars. The City is required to show the maximum property tax dollars and explain any growth greater than 102% of the maximum property tax dollars requested in fiscal year 2023 (current fiscal year). The levy rate for the city is proposed to increase to \$13.15 per thousand. Senate File 181 was introduced this year to correct a rollback calculation discovered this past year and may further affect the budget conversation. While the overall taxable valuation for Mount Vernon was reduced by approximately \$700,000 this year, the increased levy will equate to an additional \$70,624 in property tax collections. The new commercial property tax exemption was implemented this year in addition to the proposed changes to multifamily residential rollbacks. It is possible that more property tax reforms will be presented in this year's session. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve Resolution #2-6-2023A. Roll call all yes.

Resolution #2-6-2023B: Adopting Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of Costs for the Palisades Road Overlay Project. The engineers estimate for the Palisades Road overlay project is \$290,049.00. Plans, specifications and form of contract will be on file at City Hall for contractor review. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Tuerler to approve Resolution #2-6-2023B. Roll call all yes.

Resolution #2-6-2023C: Adopting Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of Costs for the Davis Park Improvement Project. The engineers estimate for the Davis Park Renovation project is \$590,000. This is approximately \$130,000 more than the original estimate, so the replacement of the back stop has become a bid alternate (estimated to be over \$80,000). Plans, specifications, and form of contract will be on file at City Hall for contractor review. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve Resolution #2-6-2023C. Roll call all yes.

Resolution #2-6-2023D: Approving the Disposal of City Owned Property. These are items that were excluded from the last disposal resolution. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #2-6-2023D. Roll call all yes.

Resolution #2-6-2023E: Approving the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Transfers. This transfer resolution includes transfers to capital projects funds, and the TIF grant reimbursement. Motion made by West, seconded by Herrmann to approve Resolution #2-6-2023E. Roll call all yes.

Mayoral Proclamation

Proclamation Establishing January 26, 2023 as Fred Lehman Day in the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa.

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	92,786.63
GREGORY B RAUPP	TIF GRANT-BLDG DEMOLITION	50,000.00
HYDRO KLEAN	SANITARY SEWER TELEVISION	47,931.14
WATERS EDGE AQUATIC DESIGN LLC	FEASIBILITY STUDY-POOL	28,150.00
ELECTRIC PUMP	UV DISINFECTION BULBS-SEW	26,062.77
WELLMARK	INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	25,330.27
LINN COUNTY SHERIFF	DISPATCH FEE-PD	22,003.58
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW	21,487.65
RC TECH	CITY HALL TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES COUNCIL	14,326.84
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	HWY 1 RAB IMPROVEMENTS	11,654.00
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	2022 GO CAPITAL LOAN NOTES	11,150.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PALISADES ROAD OVERLAY	7,172.82
RC TECH	SECURITY CAMERA/DOOR ACCESS-FD	6,807.24
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-ALL DEPT	6,780.19
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	2014 DUMP TRUCK REPAIRS	5,545.92
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	5,384.61
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	4,575.21
STATE CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS	CHEMICALS-P&REC, NATURE POND	4,379.05
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	3,796.81
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	2,924.33
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	DAVIS PARK IMPROVEMENTS	2,736.50
CR SIGNS & LIGHTING	LINCOLN HWY KIOSK-HIST PRES	2,500.00
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	2,491.96
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-PW	2,368.91
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	2,132.59
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO OF IOWA	DOOR ACCESS LICENSE-POOL, LBC, P&REC	1,908.00
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	1,719.87
FELD FIRE	HOSE/NOZZLE-FD	1,684.00
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	1,672.04
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-PD	1,604.90
MARTIN EQUIPMENT	JD524L 500 HOUR SERVICE	1,589.44

ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	1,579.08
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	INISURANCE-ALL DEPTS	1,394.18
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	1,362.50
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,106.47
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,077.30
ONE BEAT MEDICAL & TRAINING	MEDICAL EQUIP-PD	961.70
STARNET TECHNOLOGIES	LIFT STATION ALARM SERV-SEW	960.00
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES	GENERATOR-PD	949.39
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	1ST STREET W RR BRIDGE REPAIR	899.50
UNDER HILL TRUCK & AUTO REPAIR	ENGINE 215 REPAIRS-FD	892.86
AQUAFIX	CHEMICALS-SEW	833.28
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	779.31
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	762.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	746.85
HDC PRINTED PRODUCTS	ENVELOPES-ALL DEPTS	719.24
FUTURE LINE TRUCK EQUIPMENT	END LOADER MOUNTING BLOCK-PW	718.20
MUNICIPAL MGMT CORP.	ISOLATE EMERGENCY LEAK-WAT	700.00
REXCO EQUIPMENT INC	SKID LOADER FILTERS-PW	675.69
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	656.27
AMERICAN RED CROSS	TRAINING-POOL	650.00
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-PD	633.35
MT VERNON ROAD TIRE CO	EQUINOX TIRES-ALL DEPTS	619.20
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	520.32
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	520.03
IOWA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP-FD	510.00
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	503.73
ESRI INC	SOFTWARE MAINT AGREEMENT-SEW	500.00
GPM ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	FLOW METER CALIBRATION-SEW	463.50
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	433.47
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	NPDES COMPLIANCE STRATEGY	432.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	426.22
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	399.99
TRACTOR SUPPLY	GUN SAFE-AMERICAN LEGION	399.99
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WASTEWATER MISC ENGINEERING	398.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-P&A	362.57
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	ST WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT WWTP	350.00
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO OF IOWA	EQUIP REPAIR-PD	329.00
GALLS INC	UNIFORMS-PD	323.49
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	322.00
DE NOVO MARKETING	MONTHLY MAINT-LBC	300.00
POSTMASTER	MARKETING MAIL-ALL DEPTS	290.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	288.80
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	276.02
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	254.88
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	254.86
FUTURE LINE TRUCK EQUIPMENT	F550 FILTERS-PW	238.90
THOMAS M WIESELER	BEE CITY USA APP/MILEAGE-P&A	236.67
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2022 SANI SEWER INVESTIGATION	226.00
GORDON LUMBER COMPANY	SUPPLIES-CITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS	219.80
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	SUPPLIES-CITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS	208.89
RC TECH	CAMERA SERVICE-SW	186.50
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-P&REC,WAT,SEW	178.97
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	175.50
IOWA INSURANCE DIVISION	PERPETUAL CARE FILING FEE-CEM	171.00
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE METER LEASE-ALL DEPTS	165.33

BRADY LANHAM	ELECTRICAL REPAIRS-PW OFFICE	160.00
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL FEE-PW	155.73
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	154.98
IIMC	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP-ALL DEPTS	150.00
TECH SOLUTIONS	FIRE ALARM MONITORING-LBC	136.35
CHRISTOPHER BROWN	CLEANING SERVICES-FD	135.00
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-P&A	131.62
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MGM STORAGE LLC	STORAGE CONTAINER-PD	125.00
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	110.00
BUSINESS RADIO SALES & SERVICE	VHF BASE STATION ADJUST-FD	107.50
MATT SIDERS	MILEAGE-P&REC	104.80
MID STATES ORGANIZED CRIME	MEMBERSHIP-PD	100.00
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST	NSF CHECK-WAT	100.00
MARCUS MCANDREW	REFEREE-P&REC	100.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	97.00
KELLI MARIE KENNON-LANE	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	80.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	77.98
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PW STORAGE BUILDINGS	76.00
ALL SECURE	SECURITY SYST MONITORING-POOL	75.00
MARCUS MCANDREW	REFEREE-P&REC	75.00
STORM STEEL	VEHICLE MAINT-RUT	72.87
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST	NSF CHECK-WAT	70.75
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	69.87
MATT SIDERS	REFUND-LBC	68.75
PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	65.27
ARAMARK	RUGS,SERVICES-FD	64.52
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-P&A	61.30
MARKET STREET	WEB PAGE-MVHPC	60.00
KELLI MARIE KENNON-LANE	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	60.00
ORKIN	PEST CONTROL-PD	60.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-P&A	56.64
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-P&A	56.64
NATHANIEL LEWIS	REFEREE-P&REC	50.00
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL	DRUG TESTING-PW	42.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	40.47
MT VERNON CAR WASH	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	40.00
BATTERIES + BULBS	BATTERIES-PD	38.28
NATHANIEL LEWIS	REFEREE-P&REC	37.50
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PW	35.10
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC PRODUCTION-P&A	35.03
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	32.12
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SW	29.81
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	27.90
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	25.20
ST LUKE'S WORK WELL SOLUTIONS	DRUG TESTING-PW	25.00
SPRAY-LAND USA	GASKET-RUT	24.00
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	VEHICLE MAINT-RUT	23.34
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-P&A	23.00
LINDSAY OLSON	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	22.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-FD	19.98
AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	10.00
STANARD & ASSOCIATES	CERTIFICATES-PD	8.00
TOTAL		454,938.25

GENERAL FUND	103,908.43
PAYROLL	92,786.63
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	65,655.03
ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	48,157.14
SEWER PLANT DEPRECIATION	26,062.77
SOLID WASTE	24,961.55
ROAD USE TAX FUND	19,903.23
WATER FUND	18,373.58
LBC	15,245.63
SEWER FUND	12,028.51
HWY 30 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS	11,654.00
DAVIS PARK IMPROVEMENTS	5,713.55
ARP POLICE STATION CONST	5,409.39
PW COLD STORAGE	2,306.00
4TH/5TH AVE SW WATER MAIN IMPR	1,482.95
STORM WATER FUND	1,289.86
TOTAL	454,938.25

FY23 JANUARY REVENUE

PUBLIC WORKS	256,737.51
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	117,363.47
PUBLIC SAFETY	89,898.85
CULTURE-RECREATION	52,790.13
DEBT SERVICE	265.27
TOTAL	517,055.23

Discussion and Consideration of Moving the Monday, February 20, 2023 Council Meeting – Council Action as Needed. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting falls on President’s Day, which is a staff holiday. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to move the next Council meeting to February 22, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Assistant City Administrator Appointment – Council Action as Needed. Nosbisch is recommending the appointment of Lori Boren as the Assistant City Administrator, with a salary of \$90,000.00. Boren will be given a bank of 120 hours of PTO and will accrue at 20 hours per month. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve the appointment of Lori Boren as the Assistant City Administrator. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for March 6, 2023, to Consider the City of Mt. Vernon Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Budget – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Engel to set the public hearing date for March 6, 2023 to consider the City of Mt. Vernon Fiscal Year 2023-2024 proposed budget. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Purchasing Lockers for the Police Department Renovations – Council Action as Needed. This is a planned purchase for the police station renovation project. Chief Shannon received quotes from two companies for new locker room equipment. He is recommending approval of the quote from Midwest Storage Solutions in the amount of \$42,028.75. There will be an added expense for the freight on the locker room benches once that is determined. The freight for the lockers is included in this quoted price. Installation of the lockers will be handled by the contractor for the project. Motion made by West, seconded by Rose to approve the quote from Midwest Storage Solutions in the amount of \$42,028.75. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Police Officer Contract Buyout with Linn County – Council Action as Needed. A preliminary offer of employment has been extended to Esteban Gutierrez. As part of the hire, the City will need to buy out the remainder of the employee's current agreement with the Linn County Sheriff's Department. Gutierrez is currently attending the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy for the Linn County Sheriff's Department. This agreement will allow him to stay in the academy and switch from being a county employee to a Mt Vernon-Lisbon employee. The portion to be paid for the contract buyout to Linn County will be \$20,696.33. The employee will then be under a four year contract with the City of Mt Vernon-Lisbon Police Department in the amount of \$34,801.98. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Engel to approve the Police Officer contract buyout as presented. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Nature Park Quarry Pond Treatment Quote – Council Action as Needed. This will be year three of the Nature Park Quarry restoration project. The price for the treatment products will decrease to \$18,041.72 this year (down from \$25,000). Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve the Nature Park Quarry Pond treatment quote from State Chemical Solutions in the amount of \$18,041.72. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of City Planner Appointment – City Council Action as Needed. Nobsich is recommending the appointment of Leigh Bradbury as the City Planner, with a salary of \$52,000.00, and a goal of getting to \$55,000 to \$56,000 within a year. Bradbury will be given a bank of 120 hours of PTO and will accrue at 20 hours per month. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve the appointment of Leigh Bradbury as the City Planner. Motion carries.

Discussion Items (No Action)

CIP/Budget. No discussion.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. Wieseler attended the Community Leader's breakfast last week at Cornell.

Council Reports. Council received an invitation from Marie DeVries for a water discussion at the end of the month at the LBC.

City Administrator's Report. Full report can be viewed on the City website in the February 6, 2023 council packet.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned the time being 7:30 p.m., February 6, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk