

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: 819 6728 6055, Password: 055861. 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 was present via the Zoom option. 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 Tuerler, seconded by Rose. Motion carries. Vacancy-1.

**Consent Agenda.** Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by West, seconded by Herrmann. Motion carries. Vacancy-1.

Approval of City Council Minutes – January 17, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

Approval of Liquor License – Wilkie Liquors

Approval of Liquor License – Scorz Bar and Grill

Approval of Liquor License – Mt. Vernon Creates

### **Public Hearing**

Public Hearing for the Approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Maximum Property Tax Dollars for the City of Mt. Vernon. City Administrator Chris Nosbisch explained that the maximum levy rate increased to 7.97% due mainly to the increase in property valuations. Valuations increased about 11 million from the last fiscal year generating about \$130,000.00 more in property tax dollars. The overall property tax rate is not increasing and will remain at \$12.99 per thousand of valuation. Mayor Wieseler declared the Public Hearing open. Hearing no comments from the public Mayor Wieseler closed the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing for the Approval of Budget Amendment #1 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Nosbisch explained that budget amendments throughout the year are needed to account for new expenditures and revenues that occur within a fiscal year. This amendment has several adjustments but the largest expenditure will be for the new dump truck that was just received although it was ordered two years ago. On the revenue side, the first half of the American Rescue Funds was received. Mayor Wieseler declared the Public Hearing open. Hearing no comments from the public Mayor Wieseler closed the Public Hearing.

### **Resolutions for Approval**

Resolution #2-7-2022A: Approving the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Maximum Property Tax Dollars. Motion to approve Resolution #2-7-2022A made by Tuerler, seconded by West. Roll call vote. Motion carries. Vacancy-1.

Resolution #2-7-2022B: Approving Budget Amendment #1 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Motion to approve Resolution #2-7-2022B made by Rose, seconded by Herrmann. Roll call vote. Motion carries. Vacancy-1.

Resolution #2-7-2022C: Approving the Disposal of City Owned Property. Usually when equipment is purchased the old unit is traded in to offset the purchase price. A new skid loader will be ordered this year but staff would like to explore the possibility of selling the old S300 Bobcat Skid Loader outright on the Govdeals website. If the City does not receive an acceptable amount it will not be sold and will be traded in. Motion to approve Resolution #2-7-2022C, a resolution approving the disposal of City owned property made by Tuerler, seconded by West. 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 Rose, seconded by Herrmann. Motion carries. Vacancy-1.

AAA PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL-PD	55.00
AAA PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL-P&A	30.00
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	LEGAL FEES-P&A	78.00
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL FEE-PW	69.80
ALL SECURE	SECURITY SYST MONITORING-POOL	75.00
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	5,864.18
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	4,720.65
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	4,120.67
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	2,301.75
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-PD	2,124.80
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	2,033.50
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	958.18
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&A	605.11
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	326.74
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	137.81
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	95.45
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-EMA	45.42
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	22.13
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	20.38
ASCAP	MUSIC LICENSE FEE-LBC	390.00
BANKCARD 8076	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC	465.98
BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC	T-SHIRTS-LBC	59.00
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	833.90
CASSIDY OLBERDING	REFEREE-P&REC	40.00
CASSIDY OLBERDING	REFEREE-P&REC	50.00
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES	GENERATOR-PD	949.39
CAUSE TEAM	T-SHIRTS-K9	1,108.20
CAUSE TEAM	UNIFORMS-LBC	18.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-RUT	202.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	89.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-P&A	105.00
CHRIS NOSBISCH	MILEAGE-P&A	150.93
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	254.56
COGRAN SYSTEMS	ONLINE REGISTRATION FEES-P&REC	104.00
CR BALL CLUB	RENTAL DEPOSIT-P&REC	500.00
CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE	EQUIPMENT MAINT-WAT	1,306.84
DAN'S OVERHEAD DOORS 1	GARAGE DOOR MAINT-RUT	527.41
DE NOVO MARKETING	MONTHLY MAINT-LBC	300.00
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	1,634.82
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	2006 DUMP TRK/ELECT REPAIR-RUT	148.75
DINGES FIRE COMPANY	FIRE HOODS-FD	2,043.98
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	452.00

EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	421.00
EBS	ADMIN FEE-ALL DEPTS	333.00
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	7,023.26
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-PD	303.00
ELLEN BENTLEY	REFUND-LBC	96.30
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-LBC	173.07
GARY'S FOODS	MISC-PD	58.84
GORDON LUMBER COMPANY	BLDG SUPPLIES-RUT	97.60
GRADY OLBERDING	REFEREE-P&REC	80.00
GRADY OLBERDING	REFEREE-P&REC	100.00
GRAYBILL COMMUNICATIONS	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	632.10
HAWKEYE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS	FIRE ALARM INSPECTION-LBC	625.00
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY CORP	1ST AID SUPPLIES-PW	551.95
HILLYARD	CLEANER-LBC	161.40
HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK	QRTL Y EQUIPMENT LEASE-LBC	6,999.08
IIMC	MEMBERSHIP-ALL DEPTS	175.00
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER	BATTERIES-EMA	51.60
IOWA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	SGEI MEMBERSHIP-PW	3,794.74
IOWA D.A.R.E. ASSOCIATION	DARE-PD	100.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	66.60
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	SIGNS,HARDWARE-RUT	720.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	826.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PD	927.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMP MAINT-PD	652.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMP MAINT-P&A	507.50
JORDAN AXTELL	REFEREE-P&REC	80.00
JORDAN AXTELL	REFEREE-P&REC	100.00
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINTENANCE PLAN/COPIES-ALL DEPTS	229.35
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINTENANCE PLAN/COPIES-PD	205.31
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINTENANCE PLAN/COPIES-LBC	57.50
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINTENANCE PLAN/COPIES-LBC	46.51
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-PW	5,125.44
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	NOZZLE-RUT	94.01
LINN COUNTY SHERIFF	DISPATCH FEE-PD	22,003.58
LINN COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE	CITY PRIMARY ELECTION	3,393.68
LYNCH FORD	ENG LIGHT ON/DIAGNOSTIC TESTS	437.21
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	LEAF VAC MAINT-SW	1,040.98
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	PELICAN MAINT-SW	871.31
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	PELICAN MAINT-SW	496.14
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	LEAF VAC MAINT-SW	126.98
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	LEAF VAC MAINT-SW	123.25
MARY BATENHORST	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	54.00
MARY BATENHORST	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	36.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	849.30
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-P&A	350.51
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-RUT	251.20
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	488.27
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	277.68
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-P&REC	244.25
MENARDS	LED BULBS-PD	225.91
MENARDS	WALL BASE,ADHESIVE-P&A	91.34
MORTON SALT INC	SALT-RUT	8,365.39
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	780.37
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT	1,019.47

MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECKS-WAT	219.36
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-LBC	881.88
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC,LBC	671.54
MOUNT VERNON PHARMACY	SUPPLIES-P&A	14.34
MT VERNON CAR WASH	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	48.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING SERVICE	WATER/SALT-LBC	24.03
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING SERVICE	WATER/SALT-P&A	21.00
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	811.67
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	788.03
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-PD	779.08
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-PD	756.39
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	89,785.71
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE METER LEASE-ALL DEPTS	165.33
PNP	FUEL-PD	1,881.37
POSTMASTER	MARKETING MAIL-ALL DEPTS	265.00
PUSH-PEDAL-PULL	EQUIPMENT MAINT-LBC	275.00
PUSH-PEDAL-PULL	EQUIPMENT MAINT-LBC	177.55
PUSH-PEDAL-PULL	EQUIPMENT MAINT-LBC	110.00
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC PRODUCTION	89.17
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	DECALS-RUT	255.00
ROBERT BUSER	IEMSA DUES REIMB-EMA	30.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	AIR PACK FACE PIECES-FD	3,550.00
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	PAINT-P&A	188.72
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	PAINT-P&A	45.97
SIMMERING CORY IOWA CODIFICATION	CODE SUPPLEMENT-P&A	384.00
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	LEGAL FEES-P&A	480.00
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	LEGAL FEES-P&A	78.00
ST LUKE'S WORK WELL SOLUTIONS	DRUG TEST-PW	50.00
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	72.35
STARNET TECHNOLOGIES	PHONE ALARM SYSTEM-SEW	960.00
STATE CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS	SOAP,DISPENSER-RUT	237.32
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,555.50
STORM STEEL	FLAT IRON-SEW	14.18
STREICHERS	UNIFORMS-PD	287.99
SUN LIFE ASSUANCE COMPANY	INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	1,670.65
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	3,215.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	3,164.00
TWO STAR DETECTIVE AGENCY INC.	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW SW	471.71
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL	DRUG TESTING-WAT,SEW	42.00
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-ALL DEPTS	7,841.49
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-P&REC,WAT,SEW	162.52
USA BLUE BOOK	SUPPLIES-WAT	105.69
VAN METER INC	LED LIGHTING-PD	78.87
WAPSI WASTE SERVICE	GB,RECYL-SW	23,087.35
WELLMARK	INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	22,806.76
TOTAL		277,904.83
GENERAL FUND		72,007.84
LBC		22,380.30
LOST III COMMUNITY CENTER		300.00
PAYROLL		89,785.71
POLICE STATION CONSTRUCTION		949.39
ROAD USE TAX FUND		23,691.74

SEWER FUND	20,181.27
SOLID WASTE	30,552.56
STORM WATER FUND	1,065.23
WATER FUND	17,045.79
TOTAL	277,959.83

Discussion and Consideration of Covid Related Issues/Policies – Council Action as Needed. No changes were made to Covid related issues/policies.

Discussion and Consideration of Filling the City Council Vacancy by Appointment – Council Action as Needed. At the 1-17-2022 meeting Council decided to fill the vacant council seat by appointment. A public hearing notice was published in The Sun newspaper and staff received statements from Mark Andresen, Craig Engel and Mark Weldon expressing interest in the position. Each candidate was given time to express their views and answer questions. Tuerler motioned to appoint Craig Engel to fill the open council seat, seconded by West. Motion carries. Vacancy-1.

Discussion and Consideration of Moving the Monday, February 21, 2021 Council Meeting – Council Action as Needed. Motion to move the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in February (2-21-2022) to Tuesday, February 22, 2022 due to the Presidents Day Holiday made by Herrmann, seconded by Tuerler. Motion carries. Vacancy-1.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for March 7, 2022 to Consider the City of Mt. Vernon Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Proposed Budget – Council Action as Needed. Motion to set the Public Hearing date for March 7, 2022 to consider the City of Mount Vernon FY23 proposed budget made by Rose, seconded by Herrmann. Motion carries. Vacancy-1.

#### **Discussion Items (No Action)**

CIP/Budget Discussions. There were no new changes to the CIP.

Solar. Council was interested in staff exploring the possibility of adding solar to future projects. Staff suggested ground mounted units in front of buildings be avoided and recommended parking shades or roof mounted. Council agreed.

#### **Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator**

Mayor’s Report. Will meet with other County mayors at the end of this month. Will work at the Linn County Assessor’s office a few times each year in regards to assessed rates and valuations. Will be meeting quarterly with school Superintendent Batenhorst and asked to meet with Cornell President Brand.

Council Reports. West said she will be attending a CDG Board meeting Wednesday morning and gave Council an FYI that business owners are getting “geared up” for an outdoor seating proposal similar to last year’s. Herrmann said that the Main Street Conference will be held in May. The Housing Commission is putting together a proposal for down payment assistance.

City Administrator’s Report. The pool interview committee will meet February 10, 2022. Two firms for the City Attorney position will be interviewed on February 16 and February 23, 2022. The camera at the public works site is operational.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned the time being 8:11 p.m., February 7, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Ripke  
City Clerk