

The Mount Vernon City Council met March 20, 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: 823 0966 2724, Password: 037517. 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, Engel, Herrmann, and Tuerler (via Zoom).

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

**Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval.** Nosbisch noted that the approval date on the first resolution was corrected to today's date. Motion made by Herrmann, seconded by Rose to approve the agenda as noted. Motion carries.

**Consent Agenda.** Motion made by West, seconded by Herrmann to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carries.  
Approval of City Council Minutes – March 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting  
Approval of Liquor License – Kerr-Plunk, LLC (Kernoustie)  
Approval of Liquor License – Glyn Mawr Winery – The Local

### **Public Hearing**

A Public Hearing for the Consideration of Ordinance #3-20-2023A: Amending Chapter 70 Traffic Code Enforcement Procedures to the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code. Mayor Wieseler declared the Public Hearing open. Hearing no comments from the public, motion made by Engel, seconded by West to close the public hearing. Motion carries.

### **Ordinance Approval/Amendment**

Ordinance #3-20-2023A: Amending Chapter 70 Traffic Code Enforcement Procedures to the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code. This ordinance would increase parking fines found within Chapter 70 based upon comparable cities and creates continuity for the officers between Mount Vernon and Lisbon. Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #3-20-2023A made by Herrmann, seconded by Tuerler. Roll call all yes. Motion carries.

### **Resolutions for Approval**

Resolution #3-20-2023A: Approving the Amended and Restated Iowa Governmental Health and Related Benefits Program 28E Agreement. This resolution would approve a 28E agreement with the Iowa Governmental Health and Related Benefits Program for the employee health, dental and vision insurance programs. IGHCP represents 38 entities and over 9,700 members, giving them increased power to negotiate plan designs and renewal costs, which would allow for more predictability in annual premium increases. Since 2006, the average annual premium increase for IGHCP members has been 3.09%. Alera Group has done a great job with the City's benefits overall but if we continue with the current agreement, this year's increase would end up being 21.17%. The health coverage would remain with Wellmark/BCBS. Motion made by West, seconded by Herrmann to approve Resolution #3-20-2023A. Roll call all yes. Motion carries.

Resolution #3-20-3023B: Approving for New "No-Parking Zone" Designations Along A Ave SE Within the City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa. This resolution approves a "no-parking zone" on the east side of A Avenue SE from 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE. Motion made by Engel, seconded by West to approve Resolution #3-20-2023B. Roll call all yes. Motion carries.

Resolution #3-20-2023C: Approving for New “No-Parking Zone” Designations Along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE Within the City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa. This resolution approves a “no-parking zone” on the north side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE from Meadowlane Court to B Avenue SE. Motion made by Herrmann, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #3-20-2023C. Roll call all yes. Motion carries.

**Motions for Approval**

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	97,128.90
BRIDGEWATER STUDIO INC	WHALE SCULPTURE PIECE-LOST III COMM CENTER	7,492.50
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	3,485.00
CHRISTINE REBHUHN	WHALE ART-LOST III COMM CENTER	3,431.96
KONE INC	ELEVATOR MAINT CONTRACT-P&A	3,343.85
ALL MUSIC ALL ART	GRAND PIANO/WHALE ART-LOST III COMM CENTER	3,000.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-PD	2,730.00
THE COMPANY STORE	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-LBC	2,640.00
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	1,837.50
PNP	FUEL-PD	1,770.78
JOHNSON COUNTY AUDITOR	USGS STUDY-WAT	1,753.00
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,673.42
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	1,440.25
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	1,438.05
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,219.01
H & H FUN RIDES	MARKETING-LBC	1,155.00
RHINO INDUSTRIES INC	POLYMER-SEW	1,107.00
IOWA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	WATER MEMBER DUES-WAT	998.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	961.83
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES	GENERATOR-PD	949.39
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	933.34
BANKCARD 8076	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,P&REC	829.88
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	815.00
WOODWARD COMMUNITY MEDIA	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	799.08
POSTMASTER	NEWSLETTER MAILING-ALL DEPTS	564.66
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	EQUIPMENT-LBC	530.43
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING-PD	500.00
HDC PRINTED PRODUCTS	LASER CHECKS-ALL DEPTS	459.66
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE MAINT-SEW	360.93
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	343.50
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	288.80
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-P&A	276.02
EBS	ADMIN FEE-ALL DEPTS	267.00
UNITY POINT CLINIC	PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL-PW	263.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	256.96
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING-PD	250.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&A	239.04
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-P&A	229.35
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW	208.72
CUSTOM HOSE & SUPPLIES INC	HOSES-SEW	202.59
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL	DRUG TESTING-ALL DEPTS	168.00
ST LUKE'S WORK WELL SOLUTIONS	DRUG TESTING-PW	160.00
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-P&A	138.19

SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	PAINT-LBC	130.25
CEDAR VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY	ANIMAL CONTROL	130.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	127.04
PITNEY BOWES	MAILING SUPPLIES-P&A	120.33
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC PRODUCTION-P&A	117.42
STEVE MOEL	FITNESS MEMBERSHIP-PD	100.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	97.00
CEDAR RAPIDS, CITY OF	CRIME STOPPERS-PD	96.90
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC	89.35
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-P&A,RUT	84.02
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,P&A,WAT,SEW	76.28
SARAH HOMRIGHAUSEN	COMPLIANCE CHECKS-PD	75.00
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL FEE-PW	69.58
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-PD	64.13
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	63.20
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-P&A	56.64
KELLI MARIE KENNON-LANE	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	50.00
LINDSAY OLSON	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	50.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PD	48.45
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-EMA	46.73
AAA PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL-P&A	40.00
MOUNT VERNON CAR WASH	CAR WASH-PD	40.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE MAINT-WAT	36.75
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SW	26.64
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	21.04
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	20.00
AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>150,521.34</b>

PAYROLL		97,128.90
GENERAL FUND		17,695.30
LOST III COMMUNITY CENTER		13,924.46
LBC		6,652.93
SEWER FUND		5,519.70
WATER FUND		5,512.34
ROAD USE TAX FUND		1,815.49
SOLID WASTE		1,220.50
ARP POLICE STATION CONST		949.39
STORM WATER FUND		102.33
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>150,521.34</b>

**FY23 FEBRUARY REVENUE**

PUBLIC WORKS		235,905.74
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV		16,924.57
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		878,371.71
PUBLIC SAFETY		6,389.34
CULTURE-RECREATION		44,564.93
DEBT SERVICE		271.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,182,427.29</b>

Discussion and Consideration of Historic Preservation Commission Correspondence with Shane Amundson Regarding 724 5<sup>th</sup> NW – Council Action as Needed. No discussion or action. This item will be moved to the next meeting.

Discussion and Consideration of Bidding of Leased Cardio Equipment – Council Action as Needed. Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders, provided Council with price options for new leased cardio equipment for the LBC. The current equipment was leased in 2020 on a three year plan with Push Pedal Pull. The LBC currently owns five spin bikes and leases nine. At the end of the current lease they would be sending the nine bikes back and getting nine new ones. The negative to this is that for spin classes they need all 14 to be the same type of bike. If they were to get nine new bikes they would not match the five they have because the style has changed. Siders indicated that they would like to keep the five that are currently owned and purchase the nine currently leased at a discounted price. In doing this they will not need to purchase 14 new spin bikes. This would save roughly \$25,000 off the lease price. Quotes were received from two different companies and each provided two quotes. One quote from each company was with 14 new spin bikes being leased and that company purchasing the five bikes that are owned by the LBC. The other quote from each company did not include the spin bikes or their purchases. Siders is recommending the three year lease option with Johnson Fitness for a total price of roughly \$97,000.00. The LBC will keep the five bikes they currently own while purchasing the nine bikes from the leasing company. This lease would also include three year parts and labor warranty for anything that needs to have work done and it would include preventative maintenance for three years. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve the lease quote from Johnson Fitness that excluded the lease of spin bikes, not to exceed \$97,000.00. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Purchasing the chalk for the Chalk the Walk Festival – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Herrmann to approve the chalk purchase for Chalk the Walk, not to exceed \$6,000.00. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for Budget Amendment #1 to the FY 2022-2023 Budget. Motion to set a Public Hearing date for the FY23 Budget Amendment #1 for April 3, 2023 made by Rose, seconded by Herrmann. Motion carries.

**Reports to be Received/Filed.** Full reports can be viewed on the City website in the March 20, 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-The hearing date for the FY2024 budget is scheduled for April 17, 2023. There are currently two property tax bills being discussed at the State level that staff is monitoring.

**Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator**

Mayor's Report. The school district has put up new wayfinding signage near the LBC. Wieseler has reached out to CDG and Cornell regarding their Diversity, Equity and Inclusion statements. Wieseler asked whether the City should make a similar statement not only on this topic but also a statement of acceptance to the LGBTQ+ community. Nobsich recommended bringing in an outside source to start this process if Council feels this is a priority. Community childcare solutions will be meeting over the next week. The Linn County Sustainability Committee will be discussing social justice at an upcoming meeting.

Council Reports. West will be attending interviews for the CDG summer intern. Rose reported that the Fireman's breakfast and Easter egg hunt will be April 8<sup>th</sup>.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City Website in the March 20, 2023 Council packet.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned the time being 7:33 p.m., March 20, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Dewell  
City Clerk