

March 30, 2020
City Council Minutes
213 1st Street NW
Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314

The Mount Vernon City Council met remotely on March 30, 2020. The City Council meeting was brought to you by Zoom by calling 1-312-626-6799 and entering the meeting ID 736 290 562 and password 282198. The following members were remotely present: West, Wieseler, Herrmann and Rose. Absent: Roudabush.

Call to Order. At 5:36 p.m. Mayor Jamie Hampton called the meeting to order.

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Wieseler, seconded by West. Motion carries. Absent: Roudabush.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #3-30-2020A: Approving the Allocation of \$75,000 to the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Development Group for Economic Development Funding Assistance for the Mount Vernon Small Business Relief Program. City Administrator Chris Nosbisch explained that because the COVID pandemic economically hits the small businesses of our community, staff is proposing a program that would offer up to \$5,000.00 to eligible businesses, helping them offset the monies lost. Staff is recommending that \$75,000 from Franchise Fees be made available for this program. A review committee made up of 6 six members would oversee the allocations to the applicants. Those six members would be the Mayor, City Council member, City Administrator, Joe Jennison, CDG Chairperson and Dave Ryan. Grant amounts would be a competitive program based on need. Council was given two versions of a resolution; one allocated the disbursement funds to the MV-LCDG and the other would be controlled by the City. If the City were to be in control the application criteria would be much more cumbersome as it would have to follow Iowa Code 15A.1. Herrmann expressed a desire to make this application and granting process to the recipient as easy as possible. Council agreed. Herrmann motioned to approve Resolution #3-30-2020A which provides the \$75K from the Franchise Fees to the Mt Vernon-Lisbon Community Development Group for economic funding assistance, seconded by West. Roll call vote. Motion carries. Absent: Roudabush.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned the time being 6:07 p.m., March 30, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Ripke
City Clerk