

The Mount Vernon City Council met April 17, 2023, at City Hall, 213 1st Street NW. For those planning to attend via Zoom the following information was provided: Telephone #: 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 881 4698 1275, Password: 352621. 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, and Herrmann (via Zoom). Engel absent.

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

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. Rose made a motion to move the reading of the Mayoral Proclamation “Velvet Curtain Dramatic Society Day” up to immediately after the Consent Agenda. Seconded by West. Motion carries. Engel absent.

Consent Agenda

Approval of City Council Minutes – April 3, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carries. Engel absent.

Mayoral Proclamation

Proclamation Recognizing June 21, 2023 as “Velvet Curtain Dramatic Society Day” in the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa. Mayor Wieseler read the proclamation for the record. The entire proclamation can be found on the City website under the April 17, 2023 Council packet or at City Hall.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing for the Consideration of the City of Mount Vernon Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Annual Budget. Mayor Wieseler declared the Public Hearing open. Hearing no comments from the public, motion made by Rose, seconded by Herrmann to close the public hearing. Motion carries. Engel absent.

Ordinance Approval/Amendment

Ordinance #3-20-2023A: Amending Chapter 70 Traffic Code Enforcement Procedures to the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code. Staff has not received any new oral or written communication regarding this ordinance since the second reading. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #3-20-2023A. Roll call all yes. Motion carries. Engel absent.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #4-17-2023A: Approving the City of Mount Vernon Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget. City Administrator Chris Nosbisch explained as stated many times over the past two months, the City’s levy rate is set to increase from \$12.99 to \$13.15 per thousand in fiscal year 2024. Council was given a budget power point presentation along with the official budget papers, which can be found on the City’s website. Motion to approve Resolution #4-17-2023A made by West, seconded by Tuerler. Roll call all yes. Motion carries. Engel absent.

Resolution #4-17-2023B: Approving the Vacation of Lot B, Stonebrook Fifth Addition to the City of Mt. Vernon. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted 6-0 in favor of recommending approval of the vacation of Lot B with the condition that the Mount Vernon Community School District maintain the bike trail located on the north side of the property. The city would retain an easement for the bike trail for public use.

Motion made by Herrmann, seconded by Tuerler to approve Resolution #4-17-2023B. Roll call all yes. Motion carries. Engel absent.

Resolution #4-17-2023C: Approving the Disposal of the Vacated Lot B, Stonebrook Fifth Addition to the City of Mt. Vernon. State law allows the City to sell property to another taxing authority for \$1.00, which is the recommended sale price of Lot B to the Mount Vernon Community School District. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #4-17-2023C. Roll call all yes. Motion carries. Engel absent.

Resolution #4-17-2023D: Approving Authorizing and Directing East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) to Submit Application and Associated Documents for Funding to the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Derecho Generator Program (CDBG-DR) to Iowa Economic Development Authority. The City had planned to allow Cornell College the opportunity to submit a CDBG Disaster Recovery Derecho Generator Program grant, however the cost of the generator needed for Thomas Commons was substantially more than the grant award. Since Cornell withdrew from the process, staff would recommend the submittal of the LBC generator project. This would provide the City of Mt. Vernon with a much larger shelter than is presently provided by City Hall during power loss situations. Any matching funds required for the grant application will come from existing LBC LOST allocations. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve Resolution #4-17-2023D. Roll call all yes. Motion carries. Engel absent.

Resolution #4-17-2023E: Approving the Preliminary Plat for Stonebrook 7th Addition Phase Two, the 10th Addition and 11th Addition to the City of Mt. Vernon. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended in favor of the revised plat 6-0 with three minor modifications (two regarding the bike trail width and the second is associated with a temporary turn around to accommodate construction and emergency vehicles). The modifications have been incorporated into the resolution of approval. Motion made by West, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #4-17-2023E. Roll call all yes. Motion carries. Engel absent.

Mayoral Proclamation

Proclamation Recognizing Friday, April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day within the City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa. The entire proclamation can be found on the City website under the April 17, 2023 Council packet or at City Hall.

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	127,001.02
PEAK CONSTRUCTION	PAY APP #2-PW COLD STORAGE	103,773.25
SEPTAGON CONSTRUCTION	PAY APP #3-PD CONSTRUCTION	58,011.75
WELLMARK	INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	35,663.09
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW RESIDENTIAL	21,487.65
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW COMMERCIAL	14,452.41
US BANK	CREDIT CARD CHARGES-ALL DEPTS	13,702.73
TURF TANK	GPS ROBOT AGRMT-P&REC,RUT	10,000.00
IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPEMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIM-PW	8,816.00
FELD FIRE	HELMETS-FD	8,347.00
LSC FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS	EQUIP LEASE-LBC	6,999.08
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	4,784.02
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	4,613.81
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	4,572.88

STATE CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS	CHEMICALS-P&REC	4,510.42
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	4,402.30
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES INC	SUMMER SERVICE AGREEMENT-POOL	4,200.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER EQUIP/MAINT-ALL DEPTS	4,008.00
IOWA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	SGEI MEMBERSHIP-PW	3,889.66
CEDAR RAPIDS METRO ECON ALLIANCE	MEMBERSHIP-ECON DEV	3,500.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	3,249.47
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT-ALL DEPTS	2,750.00
STAPLES INC	EQUIPMENT-PD	2,699.99
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	2,685.99
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	2,513.84
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPT	2,490.00
MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECTURE	CONSTRUCTION ADMIN-PD CONST	2,466.72
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,223.00
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	2,179.49
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,989.99
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,958.59
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	1,896.33
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	1,838.28
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	1,782.39
PNP	FUEL-PD	1,634.66
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-PW	1,623.55
BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC	T-SHIRTS-P&REC	1,620.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	FIREWALL RENEWAL-PD	1,547.10
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	1,340.18
KONE INC	ELEVATOR MAINT CONTRACT-LBC	1,214.04
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	1,145.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PD	1,033.50
COMPUTER PROJECTS OF IL	SOFTWARE-PD	1,010.00
BANKCARD 8076	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,P&REC	957.71
EBS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	906.54
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	884.87
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	872.25
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	787.18
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	773.99
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	772.50
ROTO-ROOTER	SERVICE-SEW	760.00
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	758.49
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD,RUT	743.66
WOODWARD COMMUNITY MEDIA	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	741.20
GARY CECIL	TREE MAINT-RUT	722.25
WOODWARD COMMUNITY MEDIA	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	702.27
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	657.63
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	614.57
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	520.32
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-POOL,LBC,P&REC	513.06
WATERS EDGE AQUATIC DESIGN LLC	FEASIBILITY STUDY-POOL	500.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	491.96
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	461.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD,RUT	444.18
GALLS INC	UNIFORMS-PD	443.57
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	429.66
EBS	ADMIN FEE-ALL DEPTS	412.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	408.45

VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PRE TREATMENT EVAL-US NAMEPLATE	398.00
METROPOLITAN COMPOUNDS	MARKING PAINT-RUT	384.02
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	SIGNS-PD CONSTRUCTION	370.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&A	358.29
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	349.55
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES-WAT	338.85
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	321.75
TORK AUTO LLC	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	313.95
DE NOVO MARKETING	MONTHLY MAINT-LBC	300.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-P&A	284.15
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-RUT	261.46
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	260.83
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	256.59
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	250.50
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-P&A	229.35
IOWA DIVISION OF LABOR	ELEVATOR PERMIT/INSPECTION-LBC	225.00
ECONO SIGNS	SIGNAGE-RUT	223.19
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	219.41
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-PD	217.68
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	213.18
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	205.28
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC PRODUCTION-P&A	201.75
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	199.00
RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS INC	EQUIPMENT-FD	194.64
RC TECH	CAMERA SERVICE-SW	186.50
CHRISTOPHER BROWN	CLEANING SERVICES-FD	165.00
MATT SIDERS	MILEAGE-P&REC	157.44
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	152.10
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	TRAINING-FD	144.00
CAUSE TEAM	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	144.00
ORKIN	PEST CONTROL-PD	140.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-PW,P&A	135.00
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	CITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS	133.71
JOE'S QUALITY WINDOW CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING-P&A	128.00
WENDLING QUARRIES	ROADSTONE-RUT	126.75
INTOXIMETERS	EQUIP REPAIR-PD	125.00
MGM STORAGE LLC	STORAGE CONTAINER-PD	125.00
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD	111.98
AMERICAN RED CROSS	TRAINING-LBC	108.00
NATHAN GOODLOVE	SUPPLIES-FD	106.86
MATT PLOTZ	UNIFORMS-PW	97.98
STAPLES INC	EQUIPMENT-PD	90.99
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	81.69
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	81.45
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC	80.43
STREICHERS	UNIFORMS-PD	80.00
ATLANTIC BOTTLING COMPANY	CONCESSIONS-LBC	76.89
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&A,RUT,WAT,SEW	76.28
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL FEE-PW	75.16
ALL SECURE	SECURITY SYST MONITORING-POOL	75.00
MOUNT VERNON CAR WASH	CAR WASH-PD	72.00
MERIDITH HOFFMAN	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	70.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-P&A	64.77
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-PD	63.77

STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-P&A,PD	58.36
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC	57.50
JOEL DENES	UNIFORMS-PW	49.99
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-LBC	48.34
POINTCORE GRAPHIC SOLUTIONS	NAMEPLATES-P&A	47.33
STAPLES INC	EQUIPMENT-PD	43.49
CR LC SOLID WASTE AGENCY	SERVICE-SW	23.94
AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
TOTAL		518,093.61

PAYROLL	127,001.02
PW COLD STORAGE	103,773.25
GENERAL FUND	82,035.84
ARP POLICE STATION CONST	60,848.47
SOLID WASTE	42,372.06
ROAD USE TAX FUND	31,543.14
WATER FUND	26,750.79
SEWER FUND	21,376.27
LBC	20,203.96
STORM WATER FUND	1,525.80
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	663.01
TOTAL	518,093.61

Discussion and Consideration of Creating a Mt. Vernon Fire Department Cadet Program – Council Action as Needed. The Mt. Vernon Fire Department would like to create a Cadet program for 16–18-year-old students. Council was given a description and the standard operating procedures that will be used to govern the cadet program. Chief Nate Goodlove was in attendance to answer questions. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve the adoption of the Mt. Vernon Fire Department Cadet Program. Motion carries. Engel absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #4 – Police Station Renovation – Council Action as Needed. There are two different numbers on the pay application for payment and staff will clarify the correct amount. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Herrmann to approve Pay Application #4 – Police Station Renovation, not to exceed \$124,474.25. Motion carries. Engel absent.

Discussion and Consideration of an Appeal of the Historic Preservation Commission Decision – 724 5th Ave NW – Council Action as Needed. The application for window replacement at 724 5th Ave NW was denied by Historic Preservation due to a lack of submitted information. Staff would recommend approval of overturning the HPC decision due to standing. HPC approved a similar application for vinyl windows in a downtown structure at the same meeting they considered Mr. Amundson's application originally. While Mr. Amundson was unable to attend the meeting, HPC did not differentiate as to why the additional cost to use materials other than vinyl at one location could not be considered at the second. If cost of materials has been accepted as a basis for approval for installation of vinyl windows, it cannot be limited to a single applicant.

Suzette Astley and Guy Booth were in attendance representing the Historic Preservation Commission. Astley stated that based on the direction of City Council at their last meeting, HPC was asked to review and act on the application from Shane Amundson for windows at 724 5th Avenue NW at their April 12, 2023 meeting. The application was denied based on the applicant's failure to respond to the commission's

request for additional information. Each decision made by the commission is based off the individual situation that comes before them. HPC follows their guidelines but sometimes exceptions are allowed. Booth explained that the commission made a decision based upon an application that came before them on January 24, 2023 that was immediately placed on their agenda for February 4, 2023. At that time, it was determined that the application did not provide enough information for them to make a decision and the item was tabled. The commission has not been provided with key historic elements of the building; therefore the application was denied. Booth said the agenda items states "Discussion and Consideration of an Appeal of the Historic Preservation Commission Decision". The applicant has 10 days to file a written notice of appeal and that has not happened, that Booth is aware of. City Administrator Chris Nosbisch said that the applicant has verbally said he would appeal a denial by the HPC. Nosbisch also went on to say that there is nothing in the code that requires an applicant to be in attendance at the HPC meetings and if there is additional information the commission requires, those standards need to be adopted by the commission itself and would need to be submitted by every applicant.

Council was hesitant to approve overturning the denial by HPC when an official appeal had not been made in writing by the applicant. Tuerler made a motion to consider the appeal and overturn the decision of the Historic Preservation Commission Decision to deny the application for windows at 724 5th Ave NW. Motion seconded by West. Voting yes on the motion: West. Voting no on the motion: Tuerler, Herrmann and Rose. Motion fails. Engel absent.

Reports to be Received/Filed. Full reports can be found on the City website under the April 17, 2023 Council packet.

Mt. Vernon/Lisbon Police Report

Mt. Vernon Public Works Report

Mt. Vernon Parks and Rec Report

Mt. Vernon Fire Department Annual Report

Discussion Items (No Action)

Goal Setting. Staff has received two proposals for the City Council goal-setting session. Staff is looking for feedback on the direction they would like to go as the two options vary by price and approach. One of the proposals does offer a two-day option but is more expensive. Nosbisch will send both proposals out to Council for review. This process will start next fiscal year. No action taken.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. City cleanup is April 29th. Wieseler attended a one-day Meet the Mayor session in Des Moines last week where emergency management was discussed and also has a zoom call scheduled with Linn County EMA. At the recent Meet the Mayor session in Mount Vernon items of discussion were trains/accidents, the pool study, what should be done with the dirt pile across from the cemetery and party line sewers.

Council Reports. Rose reported that bulky item pick up will be curbside this year, May 1st through the 5th. Items need to be placed curbside by 6 am on Monday and once the hauler has gone through an area they will not return. There will not be hazardous pick up available.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned the time being 8:34 p.m., April 17, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk