

The Mount Vernon City Council met July 3, 2023 at City Hall, 213 1st Street NW, Mount Vernon, IA. A Zoom option was available. The following Council members were present: Engel, West, Rose, Tuerler and Herrmann.

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

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. Wieseler stated that nothing was received for item J6, Police Station Pay Application, and it will be removed from the agenda. Motion made by Herrmann, seconded by West to approve the agenda with the above noted change. Motion carries.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – June 19, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
Appointment of Jake Lindauer – Planning and Zoning Commission

Public Hearing

Public Hearing for the Consideration of a Voluntary Annexation Application for Property owned by Troy and Tracey Louwagie and CTM Holdings, LLC to the City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Public Hearing opened at 6:56 p.m. The City of Mount Vernon has received a 100% voluntary annexation application from Tracey and Troy Louwagie and CTM Holdings Inc. It should be noted that the Louwagie's have agreed to said annexation knowing the City could require them to annex a majority of their property, and still meet the required 80/20 voluntary annexation threshold. In total, the City would be annexing approximately 150 acres off of Springville Rd. The subject property would come into the city zoned Ag Agriculture and BP Business Park. A map of the subject property has been included with the resolution. There have been no plans submitted to the City for development of the area as of today. Adjacent property owner, Craig Hoffman, asked what services the property owners would provide. City Administrator, Chris Nobsch, explained there is a difference between a voluntary and involuntary annexation. With an involuntary annexation, the City would be required to provide services within three years. With a voluntary annexation, the City would be required to show they are able to provide services to the area. It would depend on what services are needed to the area as to whether it would make fiscal sense for the City to provide those services. Hoffman also asked about maintenance of the Springville blacktop and Abbe Hills Road in the annexed portion. Nobsch said those services would be done by a 28E agreement with Linn County. Public Hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #7-3-2023A: Approving the Installation of Street Lights Within the Stonebrook 7th Addition, Phase 2 Subdivision According to the Terms Set Forth in the Existing Street Light Contract. Three streetlights have been proposed for Stonebrook 7th Addition. The lights would be placed at the intersection of 16th Place and 5th Street West, the intersection 3rd Avenue and 16th Place and the last light would be approximately 300 feet down 3rd Avenue South (mid-block). Alliant Energy requires a formal resolution by the City and the developer covers the cost of the installation of the lights. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve Resolution #7-3-2023A. Roll call all yes. Motion carries.

Resolution #7-3-2023B: Approving the Application for Voluntary Annexation of Property owned by Troy and Tracey Louwagie and CTM Holdings, LLC to the City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution #7-3-2023B. Roll call all yes. Motion carries.

Resolution #7-3-2023C: Making Award of the Construction Bid for the Curb and Gutter Work for Candlestick Drive NE Project. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$220,000. There were four bidders on the project with Boomerang coming in with the low bid of \$163,170.00. Franchise Fees will be used to cover the cost of this project. Motion made by Herrmann, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution #7-3-2023C. Roll call all yes. Motion carries.

Motions for Approval

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

COLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	FY24 SUPPORT	150,000.00
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	142,845.48
IA COMMUNITIES ASSURANCE POOL	PROPERTY/VEHICLE INSURANCE	130,957.00
LISBON MT VERNON AMBULANCE	FY24 SUPPORT	30,800.00
SE LINN COMMUNITY CENTER	FY24 SUPPORT	21,000.00
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP	FY24 SUPPORT	20,000.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	12,167.26
HUBSPOT INC	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION-ALL DEPTS	10,800.00
RIVER CITY METAL WORKS	WHALE ART-LOST III COMM CENTER	9,875.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	DAVIS PARK IMPROVEMENTS	8,222.20
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	6,636.10
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CANDLESTICK STREET IMPROVEMENT	5,695.50
MOUNT VERNON AREA ARTS COUNCIL	FY24 SUPPORT	5,500.00
CCDG	FY24 HERITAGE DAYS SUPPORT	5,000.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	4,865.56
STATE CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS	CHEMICALS-P&REC	4,510.42
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	4,255.21
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	4,192.30
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES INC	SUMMER SERVICE AGREEMENT-POOL	3,700.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	3,661.45
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-PW	3,483.85
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PALISADES ROAD OVERLAY	3,271.36
REXCO EQUIPMENT INC	SKIDLOADER PUMP REPAIR-RUT	3,132.79
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	ANNUAL DUES-P&A	2,765.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	2,549.39
CHRISTINE REBHURN	WHALE ART-LOST III COMM CENTER	2,385.60
STOLL'S AUTOBODY LLC	WHALE ART-LOST III COMM CENTER	2,053.00
EVER-GREEN LANDSCAPE NURSERY	MULCH-P&REC	2,000.00
COMMUNITY BAND	FY24 SUPPORT	2,000.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PW STORAGE BUILDINGS	1,982.13
CURTIS ENGLISH	PORTABLE RR RENTALS-P&REC	1,975.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	1,812.34
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	1,792.50
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-PD,P&A	1,720.39
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,635.43
LISBON, CITY OF	AMB DIRECTOR CONTRACTED SALARY	1,469.34
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,451.49
CAUSE TEAM	UNIFORMS-POOL	1,388.75
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-POOL	1,343.47

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,334.49
RANGEMASTERS TRAINING CENTER	UNIFORMS-PD	1,275.00
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES INC	EQUIPMENT-POOL	1,180.53
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC	METER REPAIR-WAT	1,135.00
AARON THOLIN	WHALE ART-LOST III COMM CENTER	960.00
JENNIFER A PRICE	HISTORIC DIST MAP-MVHPC	950.00
GOV OFFICE	WEBSITE HOSTING-ALL DEPTS	890.40
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	856.50
WOODWARD COMMUNITY MEDIA	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	788.51
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC,PD	774.20
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	MAIN VALVE-WAT	741.49
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WATER MISC ENGINEERING	660.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	656.15
AMERICAN RED CROSS	TRAINING-POOL	616.00
FORREST JONES	WHALE ART-LOST III COMM CENTER	600.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	STONEBROOK 9&10 PREL PLAT	581.44
SARAH BOOTS	FITNESS MEMB/PHONE STIPEND-LBC	580.00
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	545.99
REXCO EQUIPMENT INC	FILTERS/FLUID-RUT	519.49
SPRINGVILLE READY MIX	STREET/CURB PATCHES-RUT	508.50
ALEX VOLKOV	CELL PHONE STIPEND-WAT,SEW	480.00
CHRIS NOSBISCH	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
ELDON DOWNS	CELL PHONE STIPEND-PW	480.00
LEIGH BRADBURY	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
LORI BOREN	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
MARSHA DEWELL	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
MATT PLOTZ	CELL PHONE STIPEND-PW	480.00
MERIDITH HOFFMAN	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
SUE RIPKE	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PRE-TREATMENT EVAL-US NAMEPLATE	440.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	384.38
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-P&A	361.37
EVER-GREEN LANDSCAPE NURSERY	MULCH-P&REC	360.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-P&A, PW	349.00
JOHN FOREMAN	REFEREE-P&REC	325.00
CHRIS NOSBISCH	MILEAGE-P&A	320.95
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-FD	319.00
UMB	2018 GO FEES	300.00
CAL VAUGHN	CELL PHONE STIPEND-PW	300.00
CHRISTIAN ANDREWS	CELL PHONE STIPEND-PW	300.00
DEAN SMYTH	CELL PHONE STIPEND-PW	300.00
DONNY FEDDERSEN	CELL PHONE STIPEND-PW	300.00
JACOB SEE	CELL PHONE STIPEND-PW	300.00
JAYNE DEWITTE	CELL PHONE STIPEND-PW	300.00
JOEL DENES	CELL PHONE STIPEND-PW	300.00
KATEY FOREST	CELL PHONE STIPEND-POOL,LBC	300.00
RYAN CROCK	CELL PHONE STIPEND-PW	300.00
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-P&A	282.81
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	271.79
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-RUT	261.46
GLOCK PROFESSIONAL INC	TRAINING-PD	250.00
UMB	2014 GO FEES	250.00
UMB	2013A GO FEES	250.00
KIEFER AQUATICS	UMBRELLA-POOL	245.00

CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	234.55
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	SUPPLIES-RUT	214.51
CHRISTOPHER BROWN	CLEANING SERVICES-FD	202.50
SYDNEY KING	REFUND-LBC	184.62
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP-PW	175.65
HDC PRINTED PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	152.83
MEGAN RIFE	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	150.00
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	HYDRANT REPAIRS-WAT	143.75
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2022 SANI SEWER INVESTIGATION	138.82
STAPLES INC	SUUPPLIES-P&A,PW	134.82
ATLANTIC BOTTLING COMPANY	CONCESSIONS-POOL	131.94
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	125.32
MGM STORAGE LLC	STORAGE CONTAINER-PD	125.00
CURTIS ENGLISH	PORTABLE RR RENTALS-P&REC	115.00
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CEDAR RAPIDS	GLOVES-PW	114.96
BRADY WEAVER	REFEREE-P&REC	112.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	107.64
RC TECH	CAMERA REPAIRS-SW	105.00
CHARLES FEAKER	REFEREE-P&REC	100.00
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-P&A,PD	88.43
KAEL RINIKER	REFEREE-P&REC	87.50
DANE MARKEGARD	EMS CERTIFICATION-FD	80.00
ALL SECURE	SECURITY SYST MONITOR-POOL	75.00
JOSEF BRIESEMEISTER	REFEREE-P&REC	75.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	73.06
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-P&A	69.33
B4 VENTURES LLC	HAND SANITIZER-LBC	68.68
PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-P&A	62.06
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS	ADS/SUBSCRIPTIONS-P&A	58.66
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PALISADES ROAD OVERLAY	55.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-EMA	50.14
KENNEDY HUNTER	CONTRACT EMPLOYEE	50.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	45.00
WOODWARD COMMUNITY MEDIA	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	43.20
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CEDAR RAPIDS	SUPPLIES-RUT	42.06
JOE'S QUALITY WINDOW CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING-PD	40.00
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CEDAR RAPIDS	TRIMMER HEAD-P&REC	34.97
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SW	28.48
UNITY POINT CLINIC	DRUG TESTING-PW	25.00
KEONI DUNN	REFUND-LBC	23.19
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	21.70
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES INC	CHEMICALS-POOL	7.50
TOTAL		657,013.13
GENERAL FUND		300,538.43
PAYROLL		142,845.48
INSURANCE LEVY		115,644.00
WATER FUND		20,626.50
LOST III COMMUNITY CENTER		15,873.60
SEWER FUND		15,566.43
ROAD USE TAX FUND		13,485.18
DAVIS PARK IMPROVEMENTS		8,222.20
LBC		8,217.29

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	5,695.50
SOLID WASTE	3,713.67
PALISADES ROAD OVERLAY	3,326.36
PW COLD STORAGE	1,982.13
DEBT SERVICE	800.00
STORM WATER FUND	337.54
ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	138.82
TOTAL	657,013.13

Discussion and Consideration of the Hwy 1 Partnership with the Iowa Department of Transportation – Council Action as Needed. The Iowa Department of Transportation has approached the City of Mount Vernon regarding a possible Hwy 1 construction project. If the City is willing to design the project, IaDOT would reconstruct the existing road surface from the Business 30 roundabout to the railroad tracks. The project design would likely start this fiscal year with a 2026 bid letting and 2027 construction season. IaDOT would be responsible for the subbase repairs and resurfacing of Hwy 1 within the current confines of the roadway, intersection sidewalk crossing repairs, and possible sub drainage work that may be needed to elongate the life of the product. The City’s participation in the design process has two advantages: It likely expedites the programming of this project and the City will be allowed to seek other grant funding for projects that could be incorporated into the project, i.e. Safe Routes to Schools for 4th St and Hwy 1. The RFP for the downtown streetscape will go out this summer and both of these projects will affect each other. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to approve the collaboration between the City of Mount Vernon and the Iowa Department of Transportation for the Hwy 1 Reconstruction Project. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration Pay Application #1 - Palisades Road Overlay Project – Council Action as Needed. Pay Application #1 is in the amount of \$349,890.04. Palisades Road from 10th Avenue to Business 30 is now complete. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Engel to approve Pay Application #1 – Palisades Road Overlay Project. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #5 - Public Works Facilities – Council Action as Needed. This pay application is in the amount of \$55,139.90 and represents the last regular pay application for the project. The overhead doors and other finishings were being installed by the contractor this week. Staff used the millings from the Palisades Rd overlay project to create a subbase for future paving around the building. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve Pay Application #5 – Public Works Facilities. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Change Order #4 - Police Station Renovations – Council Action as Needed. This change order has already been approved by staff in order to maintain schedules (there is a six-week lead time). The doors that were specified in the design documents differ from the other doors in the building. The cost of the change order is \$3,360.00. Motion made by West to approve Change Order #4 – Police Station Renovations, seconded by Herrmann. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Change Order #1 – Palisades Road Overlay Project – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Herrmann to approve Change Order #1 – Palisades Road Overlay Project. Motion carries.

Reports to be Received/Filed. Full report available on the City website in the July 3, 2023 Council packet. LMVAS Facilities Update

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. Wieseler signed up for the League of Cities Mayor's Convention and has been having discussions on having to pay tax on the car charging stations.

Council Reports. Engel attended a presentation at the LBC with Linn County Public Health.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City website in the July 3, 2023 Council packet.

Committee Reports. One of the childcare sub-committees received good feedback from a survey they did.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:47 p.m., July 3, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk