

The Mount Vernon City Council met September 5, 2023, at City Hall, 213 1st Street NW, Mount Vernon, IA. A Zoom option was available. The following Council members were present: Engel, West, Tuerler, Herrmann and Rose.

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

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. Motion made by Engle, seconded by Rose to approve the Agenda. Motion carries.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – September 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
Approval of Cigarette License – Happy Daze, LLC
Approval of Liquor License – Palisades Cafe

Public Hearing

Public Hearing for the Proposed Sale of the Former Fire Station Property Located at 217 First Street NW. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:34 p.m. Resident Keith Huebner addressed Council and asked who the property was being sold to. Nobsch said the property is being sold to MV Brews, LLC owned by Meridith Hoffman, Darrin Luneckas and Jamie Luneckas. Huebner stated that he disapproves of the process of buying and selling properties by a City employee and the approach the City has taken in how it dispensed this property. Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #9-18-2023A: Approving Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Transfers. These transfers are fairly routine. The largest transfer is from the Sewer Depreciation Fund to the Sewer Fund to help cover the cost of repairs at the Sewer Plant. This would allow the City to not increase sewer rates beyond the current 3% annual increase. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve Resolution #9-18-2023A Approving Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Transfers. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #9-18-2023B: Approving the Final Plat of Stonebrook 7th Addition Phase 2 to the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa. This plat extends 3rd Street SW to the west and 16th Place SW. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution #9-18-2023B Approving the Final Plat of Stonebrook 7th Addition Phase 2 to the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #9-18-2023C: Accepting the Public Improvement Installation for Stonebrook 7th Addition Phase 2 Subdivision. The public improvements have been inspected by the City engineer and staff is comfortable recommending their acceptance. Motion made by Herrmann, seconded by Tuerler to approve Resolution #9-18-2023C Accepting the Public Improvement Installation for Stonebrook 7th Addition Phase 2 Subdivision. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #9-18-2023D: Approving the Sale of the Former Fire Station Property Located at 217 First Street NW. This resolution approves the real estate agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and MV Brews LLC. The building is being sold for the appraised value of \$67,000.00. Nobsch said there were several factors that went into the timeline of the sale (initial interest in the building, the derecho and waiting

on insurance for the roof construction). Improvements to the building would need to start within three years and finish within five years. There is a chapter in the State law that would allow for the City to get back dilapidated buildings if these requirements are not met. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Herrmann to approve Resolution #9-18-2023D Approving the Sale of the Former Fire Station Property Located at 217 1st Street NW. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

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	113,788.75
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	36,514.91
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW	24,066.08
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW	14,783.62
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	10,244.36
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO OF IOWA	SECURITY UPGRADE-PD CONST	9,962.20
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-ALL DEPTS	8,867.01
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	6,913.45
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	5,465.03
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	SIGNS/POSTS-RUT	4,823.95
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	4,712.86
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	4,551.55
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	4,370.17
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	3,936.01
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGA FEES-P&A	3,433.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	3,373.91
PNP	FUEL-PD	2,539.72
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,463.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER EQUIP-PD CONSTRUCTION	2,335.00
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	1,505.11
REXCO EQUIPMENT INC	EQUIPMENT REPAIR-RUT	1,361.58
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	1,272.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	1,238.50
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	1,225.79
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CANDLESTICK STREET IMPROVMENTS	1,188.82
MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECTURE	CONSTRUCTION ADMIN-PD CONST	1,179.62
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	959.37
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR PRODUCTION-P&A,PD	914.57
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	877.82
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-PD	842.57
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	840.18
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	832.50
BANKCARD 8076	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,POOL,P&REC	826.18
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	782.50
BUNCH HTG AND COOLING	HVAC MAINT-FD	735.00
MT VERNON ROAD TIRE CO	TIRES-PD	678.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	649.91
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	561.88
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	545.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PD	532.67
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	463.43
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	459.58

SIMMERING CORY IOWA CODIFICATION	WEB HOSTING-P&A	450.00
LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	GENERATOR PERMIT-PD	412.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	365.90
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-LBC	327.42
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&A	317.71
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-RUT	316.95
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE COMP	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	260.97
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	TRAINING-ALL DEPTS	256.00
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	247.51
OVERHEAD DOOR CO	DOOR MAINT-FD	238.50
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	234.55
STAR FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT	ICE MACHINE REPAIR-FD	233.69
KONE INC	ELEVATOR MAINT-LBC	228.67
LUKE RUSHFORD	REFEREE-P&REC	225.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD,RUT	216.06
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-PD	207.31
KONE INC	ELEVATOR MAINT-P&A	202.53
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	202.23
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	168.19
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-PW	165.00
MATT SIDERS	MILEAGE-P&REC	144.10
ORKIN	PEST CONTROL-PD	140.00
BRADY WEAVER	REFEREE-P&REC	125.00
EVAN COLEMAN	REFEREE-P&REC	125.00
GAGE HOLUB	REFEREE-P&REC	125.00
JAKOB HAUGSE	REFEREE-P&REC	125.00
TIERNAN BOOTS	REFEREE-P&REC	125.00
RYDER BUNCH	NUISANCE ABATEMENT-P&A	107.00
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL FEE-PW	93.72
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,P&A,WAT,SEW	86.80
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-FD	80.59
MOUNT VERNON CAR WASH	CAR WASH-PD	80.00
SETH RUSHFORD	REFEREE-P&REC	80.00
JASON HOAGLUND	REFEREE-P&REC	75.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-P&A	69.33
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-P&A	69.33
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-PD	61.22
GALLS LLC	EQUIPMENT-PD	58.45
IPERS	IPERS	56.76
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY	FIRE EXTINGUISHER-PD	48.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SIRENS	46.89
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-P&A	44.49
JESSICA ROWE	REFUND-P&REC	40.00
PROFESSIONAL WINDOW CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING-PD	40.00
BEN BRANNAMAN	REFUND-P&REC	37.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING SERV	WATER/SALT-PD	24.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	20.38
KELLI KENNON-LANE	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	20.00
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	STAKES-P&REC	15.00
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	10.00
KIECKS	UNIFORMS-PD	10.00
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	SUPPLIES-RUT	4.54
TOTAL		295,082.45

PAYROLL	113,788.75
GENERAL FUND	54,675.21
SOLID WASTE	41,691.46
SEWER FUND	20,454.58
WATER FUND	18,241.16
ROAD USE TAX FUND	17,540.67
ARP POLICE STATION CONSTRUCTION	13,476.82
LBC	12,350.66
STORM WATER FUND	1,674.32
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	1,188.82
TOTAL	295,082.45

FY24 AUGUST REVENUE

PUBLIC WORKS	590,865.70
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	171,940.92
CULTURE-RECREATION	66,773.10
COMMUNITY & ECON DEV	21,592.02
PUBLIC SAFETY	3,442.75
TOTAL	854,614.49

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #9 - Police Station Renovation – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve Pay Application #9 to Septagon Construction in the amount of \$103,338.63. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration 2023 Leadership – Goal Setting – Strategic Planning Work Session Executive Summary – Council Action as Needed. Council was given a copy of the Executive Summary provided by Elizabeth Hansen after goal setting sessions by staff and Council. Once this is approved, staff will complete the action planning worksheets for each goal. The worksheets will identify a project lead and establish benchmarks to complete the goal. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Tuerler to accept the Executive Summary provided by Elizabeth Hansen. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Engagement Letter with Ahlers Cooney for the Development Agreement with Mustang Land Company, LLC – Council Action as Needed. The City of Mount Vernon previously approved an economic development incentive package for the Mount Vernon Family Dentistry building located at 311 Virgil Ave SE (based upon the enclosed worksheet). The attached engagement letter for Ahlers Cooney is to create the development agreement that will memorialize those incentives. Mustang Land Company, LLC (Mount Vernon Family Dentistry) will receive a five year, 70% TIF rebate. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Herrmann to approve the Engagement Letter with Ahlers Cooney for the Development Agreement with Mustang Land Company, LLC. Motion carries.

Reports to be Received/Filed. Full reports can be found on the City website under the September 18, 2023 Council Packet.

- Mt. Vernon/Lisbon Police Report
- Mt. Vernon Public Works Report
- Mt. Vernon Parks and Rec Report
- Cole Public Library Report

Discussion Items (No Action)

Update on Flag Designs/ Location. Assistant City Administrator, Lori Boren, has been researching flags for the new flag policy and making contact with different entities for input. A new flag pole has been purchased and improvements are being made next to City Hall for the two poles. No action taken.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. Wieseler thanked Councilperson Rose for representing the City at the Chili Cook Off with the opening of the trail art. Another "Mayor's Note" will be on the City website. The annual League Conference is this week and Main Street Iowa will be in town on Thursday. Marcia Driscoll has been working on digitizing all local newspapers and will be contacting the local paper to fill in some gaps. A former citizen who now lives in Florida has glass negatives of Mount Vernon art from the early 19th century. Sue Astley will work with him to determine what can be sent back to the community.

City Administrator's Report. Full report can be found on the City website under the September 18, 2023 Council Packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:31 p.m., September 18, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk