

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 Rose, seconded by Herrmann to approve the Agenda. Motion carries.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – August 21, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

Approval of City Council Minutes – August 28, 2023 Goal Setting Session

Approval of Liquor License – Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Theater

Resolutions for Approval.

Resolution #6-19-2023B: Approving New “No-Parking Zone” Designations Within the City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa. This resolution was tabled at the June 19, 2023 Council meeting. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Herrmann to remove this item from the table. Motion carries. Chief Shannon reviewed the area and considered the impact to parking for the residents in that area. He is recommending the original no parking designation on the west side and north side of B Avenue NE from the intersection of 3rd Street NE to the intersection with Wolfe Lane. There were two other options provided but Shannon feels that this option would be best for now. There was some concern from Council with visibility at the curve and whether or not parking should be eliminated altogether in that area. Nobsch said that a shallow curve like that is sometimes intended as a traffic calming device so that people are supposed to slow down. There are also plantings in the City right of way at the curve that City staff will look into. Shannon said the main concern is for larger emergency and City vehicles to be able to navigate this area. If changes are needed in the future a new resolution can be approved by Council. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #6-19-2023B approving no-parking designations on the west and north side of B Avenue NE from the intersection of 3rd Street NE to the intersection with Wolfe Lane. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #9-5-2023A: Approving the Disposal of City Owned Property. This resolution approves the disposal of two items at the LBC. The City of Clinton would like to purchase the gaming station. The motor in the air hockey table burned out requiring the purchase of a new unit so this item will either be sold at auction or disposed of locally. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Herrmann to approve Resolution #9-5-2023A approving the disposal of City owned property. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #9-5-2023B: Setting Public Hearing on Proposed Sale of Former Fire Station Property Located at 217 First Street NW. The terms of the sale have been accepted and the City Council will hold a public hearing to finalize the sale. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution #9-5-2023B setting the public hearing on proposed sale of former fire station property located at 217 First Street NW for September 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Mayoral Proclamation

Proclamation Recognizing the 17th Annual Five Seasons Stand Down 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 September 5, 2023 Council packet or at City Hall.

Motions for Approval

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

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| PAYROLL | CLAIMS | 130,135.85 |
| COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP | HOTEL/MOTEL TAX-ECON DEV | 21,592.02 |
| TOTAL TREE CARE OF IOWA CITY | TREE MAINT-RUT | 16,531.25 |
| PIGOTT INC | CABINETS-CHAMBER RENOVATIONS | 6,355.61 |
| LINN CO-OP OIL CO | FUEL-PW | 4,450.73 |
| CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES INC | FLAG POLE-P&A | 4,140.85 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS | INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS | 3,665.57 |
| MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC | SUPPLIES-WAT | 2,651.50 |
| BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC | T-SHIRTS-P&REC | 2,646.00 |
| M & K DUST CONTROL | DUST CONTROL-RUT | 2,580.00 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | REMOTE READ METER PROJECT | 2,540.00 |
| STONE CITY QUARRIES | FLAGSTONE-RUT | 2,332.85 |
| MIDWEST MUNICIPAL CONSULTING | GOAL SETTING SERVICES-ALL DEPTS | 1,851.52 |
| BRADY LANHAM | PUMP WIRING-POOL | 1,683.26 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | CANDLESTICK STREET IMPROVEMENT | 1,453.50 |
| TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO OF IOWA | KEY CARDS-LBC | 1,437.00 |
| PAYROLL | CLAIMS | 1,151.77 |
| LEISURE ZONE | AIR HOCKEY TABLE-LBC | 1,099.00 |
| GARY'S FOODS | SUPPLIES-POOL | 1,040.14 |
| DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP | PIPE/FITTINGS-PW STORAGE BLDG | 952.05 |
| CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES | GENERATOR-PD | 949.39 |
| KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS | MAINT PLAN/COPIES-P&A | 922.05 |
| LINDER TIRE SERVICE | TIRES-RUT | 897.52 |
| CAUSE TEAM | UNIFORMS-PD | 840.00 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | DAVIS PARK IMPROVEMENTS | 774.36 |
| SPRINGVILLE READY MIX | SIDEWALK/INTAKE REPAIRS-RUT | 771.38 |
| HDC PRINTED PRODUCTS | ENVELOPES-ALL DEPTS | 737.17 |
| WOODWARD COMMUNITY MEDIA | ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS | 734.57 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | STONEBROOK 9&10 PREL PLAT | 692.75 |
| AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | SUPPLIES-LBC | 688.61 |
| POSTMASTER | UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW | 583.76 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | KWIK STAR SITE PLAN | 550.00 |
| KIECKS | UNIFORMS-PD | 449.87 |
| HAWKINS INC | CHEMICALS-WAT | 443.00 |
| MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE | PHONE/INTERNET-LBC | 426.22 |
| MEDIACOM | PHONE/INTERNET-P&A | 421.38 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | PW STORAGE BUILDINGS | 410.00 |
| KIECKS | UNIFORMS-PD | 399.97 |
| BSN SPORTS LLC | BASKETBALLS/MOUTHGUARDS-P&REC | 390.00 |
| ALTORFER INC | OIL/FILTERS-RUT | 388.32 |
| PORTZEN CONSTRUCTION INC | HEATER REPAIRS-POOL | 374.50 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | 2022 SANI SEWER INVESTIGATION | 357.51 |
| HDC PRINTED PRODUCTS | LASER CHECKS-ALL DEPTS | 334.65 |
| KIECKS | UNIFORMS-PD | 319.98 |

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| LINN COUNTY TREASURER | STONEBROOK 8TH OUTLOT A-P&A | 318.00 |
| MEDIACOM | PHONE/INTERNET-RUT | 314.97 |
| TASC | FSA ADMIN FEE-ALL DEPTS | 310.59 |
| CARQUEST OF LISBON | VEHICLE/EQUIP MAINT-PW | 305.90 |
| MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST | NSF CHECK-WAT | 305.12 |
| DE NOVO MARKETING | MONTHLY MAINT-LBC | 300.00 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS | INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS | 285.72 |
| MEDIACOM | PHONE/INTERNET-FD | 281.83 |
| LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH | INSPECTION-POOL | 270.00 |
| STATE CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS | CLEANING SUPPLIES-PW | 264.14 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | DAVIS PARK BALLFIELD LIGHTING | 256.50 |
| AFFORDABLE HEATING & COOLING | HVAC MAINT-CITY HALL | 248.50 |
| AMERICAN RED CROSS | TRAINING-POOL | 246.00 |
| CITY LAUNDERING CO | SERVICES-LBC | 234.55 |
| SPRINGVILLE READY MIX | CONCRETE-RUT | 231.88 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | STREET MISC ENGINEERING | 220.00 |
| CHRIS NOSBISCH | MILEAGE-P&A | 206.33 |
| RC TECH | CAMERA SERVICE-SW | 186.50 |
| MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST | NSF CHECK-WAT | 167.71 |
| US CELLULAR | CELL PHONE-P&REC,WAT,SEW | 166.23 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | NPDES COMPLIANCE STRATEGY | 160.00 |
| FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU | TRAINING-FD | 150.00 |
| AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | SUPPLIES-LBC | 142.38 |
| ORKIN | PEST CONTROL-PD | 140.00 |
| KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS | MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC | 130.38 |
| MGM STORAGE LLC | STORAGE CONTAINER-PD | 125.00 |
| GARY'S FOODS | SUPPLIES-LBC | 124.23 |
| MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE | PHONE/INTERNET-POOL | 108.77 |
| FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU | TRAINING-FD | 100.00 |
| CEDAR RAPIDS, CITY OF | CRIME STOPPERS-PD | 96.90 |
| IOWA ONE CALL | LOCATES-WAT,SEW | 95.40 |
| RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS INC | EQUIPMENT-FD | 95.12 |
| NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING | WATER/SALT-LBC | 84.00 |
| ARAMARK | RUGS,SERVICES-FD | 80.57 |
| IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY | LEGO LEAGUE-P&REC | 80.00 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | PALISADES ROAD OVERLAY | 80.00 |
| CITY LAUNDERING CO | SERVICES-P&A | 69.33 |
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| PRESTO-X | PEST CONTROL-FD | 67.10 |
| LYNCH FORD | VEHICLE MAINT-PW | 63.20 |
| PRESTO-X | PEST CONTROL-P&A | 58.00 |
| KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS | MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC | 57.50 |
| NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING | WATER/SALT-FD | 52.04 |
| JUSTIN HUNTER | INSTRUCTOR-LBC | 50.00 |
| KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS | MAINT PLAN/COPIES-P&A | 50.00 |
| NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING | WATER/SALT-RUT | 40.00 |
| GRAINGER INC | PRESSURE SWITCH-FD | 37.05 |
| CAMPBELL SUPPLY CEDAR RAPIDS | EQUIP REPAIR-RUT | 34.97 |
| WENDLING QUARRIES | ROADSTONE-RUT | 29.71 |
| MIDWEST WHEEL CO | VEHICLE MAINT-FD | 22.28 |
| AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING | CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC | 5.00 |
| TOTAL | | 231,766.16 |

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| PAYROLL | 131,287.62 |
| GENERAL FUND | 42,988.30 |
| ROAD USE TAX FUND | 27,734.80 |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS | 8,029.11 |
| WATER FUND | 6,394.04 |
| LBC | 5,419.22 |
| SEWER FUND | 2,681.40 |
| REMOTE READ METER PROJECT | 2,540.00 |
| SOLID WASTE | 2,130.71 |
| DAVIS PARK IMPROVEMENTS | 1,030.86 |
| ARP POLICE STATION CONST | 949.39 |
| ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT | 357.51 |
| STORM WATER FUND | 143.20 |
| PALISADES ROAD OVERLAY | 80.00 |
| TOTAL | 231,766.16 |

Discussion and Consideration of the Request for Proposal for the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Plan – Council Action as Needed. Staff has completed the RFP document for the Downtown Streetscape project that will go out September 6th if approved by Council. Staff is recommending a start date of December 5, 2023 and design professionals have been given twelve months to complete the project. Motion made by Engel, seconded by West to approve the Request for Proposal as presented for the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project. Motion carries.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor’s Report. Wieseler will be putting a “Mayor’s Note” on the City website this month. Television media from Cedar Rapids have been inquiring about the recent flag policy and Wieseler has asked City Administrator Nosbisch to be the City spokesperson.

Council Reports. West reported that the Gamsa award application was delivered to the CDG and the City is going through the Mainstreet Assessment and Accreditation process on September 21st.

City Administrator’s Report. Full report available on the City website under the September 5, 2023 Council packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:17 p.m., September 5, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
 Marsha Dewell
 City Clerk