

The Mount Vernon City Council met November 6, 2023, at City Hall, 213 1st Street NW, Mount Vernon, IA. A Zoom option was available. The following Council members were present: Tuerler, Rose, Engel, Herrmann and West.

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

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. Item G2 (Agreement between Mount Vernon and Cedar Valley Humane Society) will be tabled. Also, the Main Street Resolution (G1) is a four-year resolution instead of a semi-annual resolution as mentioned in the packet. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Herrmann to approve the Agenda as noted. Motion carries.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – October 16, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
Approval of Liquor License – Main Street Eats LLC (Chameleons)

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #11-6-2023A: Approving the Support and Financial Commitment for the Main Street Program in the City of Mt. Vernon. This is a four-year Main Street Iowa program commitment resolution. The resolution adopts/approves the continuation agreement between the City, CDG and the Iowa Economic Development Authority. The approval is necessary to maintain the Main Street Iowa designation. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve Resolution #11-6-2023A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #11-6-2023B: Approving the Chapter 28E Agreement Between the Cities of Mt. Vernon and Lisbon, Iowa and the Cedar Valley Humane Society for the Provision of Animal Care Services. Tabled.

Resolution #11-6-2023C: Approving the Final Plat of Bowers on Old Lincoln Highway NW Addition to the City of Mount Vernon, Linn County, Iowa. The Bowers family is currently subdividing the various homesteads from their original farm for estate purposes. These are considered routine subdivisions and do not require a preliminary plat. Planning and Zoning has reviewed the plats and recommended their approval. Resolutions C and D address these two subdivisions. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #11-6-2023C. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #11-6-2023D: Approving the Final Plat of Bowers on Springville Road NW Addition to the City of Mount Vernon, Linn County, Iowa. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #11-6-2023D. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	222,714.49
SEPTAGON CONSTRUCTION	PAY APP #10-PD CONSTRUCTION	203,546.05
KARL CHEVROLET	2023 TAHOE-FD LEVY	41,407.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW	23,647.14

REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW	15,017.93
TOTAL TREE CARE OF IOWA CITY	TREE MAINT-RUT	14,225.00
CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY	CONCRETE COLOR-CITY HALL	13,078.57
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-ALL DEPTS	11,539.66
GLOBAL PUBLIC SAFETY	TAC 10 MAINT RENEWAL-PD	9,843.00
MOUNT VERNON DEVELOPEMENT GROUP	SIDEWALK ESCROW REIMBURSEMENT	7,522.01
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2022 SANI SEWER INVESTIGATION	6,811.00
WIENEKE LAND SOLUTIONS	FERTILIZER/WEED CONTROL-P&REC	6,165.00
DE NOVO MARKETING	HUBSPOT/PHOTOS-ALL DEPTS	6,000.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	5,661.60
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	5,360.17
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER EQUIP/MAINT-ALL DEPTS	5,144.50
VECTOR SOLUTIONS	TRAINING-FD	4,183.62
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PRE-TREATMENT EVAL-US NAMEPLATE	4,163.60
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	CHEMICALS-WAT	3,749.79
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	3,658.25
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES-WAT	3,493.62
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-PW	3,245.47
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	BUSINESS 30 CULVERT REPAIR	3,156.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	2,696.12
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	2,448.86
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	REMOTE READ METER PROJECT	2,052.00
BUDGET BLINDS	BLINDS/SHADES-PD CONSTRUCTION	1,895.10
TURF TANK	PAINT-P&REC	1,734.66
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	1,508.12
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,409.36
WW POWERSPORTS	ATV TIRES-FD	1,350.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	1,332.52
BAUMAN AND COMPANY	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	1,322.40
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,251.64
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	1,157.64
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	STREET MISC ENGINEERING	1,156.00
HILLS BANK & TRUST COMPANY	2015 GO INTEREST WTP IMP PROJECT	984.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PD	950.00
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES	GENERATOR-PD	949.39
RICHARD BURROUGHS	CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	890.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	888.37
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	877.82
ACME TOOLS - CEDAR RAPIDS	BATTERY-FD	876.48
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-PD	842.57
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	792.50
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-P&REC	734.12
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	DAVIS PARK BALLFIELD LIGHTING	726.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-LBC	695.00
RINKER MATERIALS	MANHOLE COVER-SEW	680.00
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	LEGAL FEES-P&A	660.00
WOODWARD COMMUNITY MEDIA	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	656.45
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CANDLESTICK STREET IMPROVEMENT	618.27
UMB	2019 GO FEES	600.00
UMB	2022 GO FEES	600.00
SUE ASTLEY	SUPPLIES/POSTAGE-MVHPC	594.08
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	577.97
BRADY LANHAM	CHILI COOK OFF ELECTRIC-CDG	570.00
TOTAL TREE CARE OF IOWA CITY	RADIO TOWER REMOVAL-P&A	550.00

SPRINGVILLE READY MIX	PLANTER CONCRETE-CITY HALL	541.75
WOODWARD COMMUNITY MEDIA	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC	540.00
DE NOVO MARKETING	HUBSPOT SUPPORT-ALL DEPTS	500.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	VIDEO EQUIP-PD	500.00
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	TRAINING-PD	495.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-PD	495.00
TEAM SERVICES INC	CONST TESTING SERVICES-PD CONST	441.16
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	VEHICLE MAINT-RUT	430.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	426.22
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-P&A	424.70
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	GRASS SEED-RUT	405.97
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP DUES-WAT	405.00
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO OF IOWA	CAMERA SERVICE-LBC	372.50
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	349.92
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	348.17
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-P&A	334.81
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-RUT	315.51
DE NOVO MARKETING	MONTHLY MAINT-LBC	300.00
KIECKS	UNIFORMS-PD	299.96
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-LBC,P&REC,P&A	285.39
CHRIS NOSBISCH	MILEAGE-P&A	284.93
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	283.61
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	260.97
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD,P&A,RUT	260.48
WENDLING QUARRIES	ROADSTONE-RUT	255.23
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT,SEW,GB	250.00
MATT SIDERS	MILEAGE-P&REC,LBC	249.55
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	234.55
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VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CANDLESTICK STREET IMPROVEMENT	220.00
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT,SEW,GB	216.65
LORI BOREN	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	216.15
BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC	T-SHIRTS-P&REC	208.00
BAUER BUILT TIRE - CEDAR RAPID	EQUIP MAINT-SW	204.50
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CEDAR RAPIDS	GRINDER-PW	199.00
MARSHA DEWELL	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	197.81
RC TECH	CAMERA SERVICE-SW	186.50
AMERICAN RED CROSS	TRAINING-LBC	180.00
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE/EQUIP MAINT-RUT	178.99
BLUEPEARL VETERINARY	ER CONSULT-PD K9	178.75
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	BATTERY-RUT CHIPPER	170.96
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-P&REC,WAT,SEW	166.23
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE METER LEASE-ALL DEPTS	165.33
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT,SEW,GB	155.33
TECH SOLUTIONS	FIRE ALARM MONITORING-LBC	136.35
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	135.95
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	133.71
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT,SEW,GB	132.12
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC	130.38
MGM STORAGE LLC	STORAGE CONTAINER-PD	125.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	124.04
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	121.04
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY	EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION-FD	120.20
MARKET STREET	SERVICES-MVHPC	117.60

CURTIS ENGLISH	PORTABLE RR RENTALS-P&REC	115.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	114.91
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	114.30
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	108.77
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW	103.50
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	102.00
KATEY FOREST	FITNESS MEMBERSHIP-POOL,LBC	100.00
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	TRAINING-FD	100.00
JASON BLINKS	FITNESS MEMBERSHIP-PD	100.00
MENARDS	SHELVING SUPPLIES-LBC	93.34
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-P&A	89.66
B4 VENTURES LLC	HAND SOAP-P&A	88.39
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	86.00
MATT SIDERS	SUPPLIES-LBC	85.39
ARAMARK	RUGS,SERVICES-FD	80.57
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	72.73
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-P&A	69.33
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AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL-PW	68.29
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	68.23
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-PD	67.00
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC	61.27
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	59.00
PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-P&A	58.00
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC	57.50
MOUNT VERNON CREATES	LIQUOR LICENSE REFUND-P&A	56.25
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-P&A	53.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-LBC	49.00
NICHOLE MARTIN	REFUND-P&REC	45.00
GABRIELLA GARCIA	REFUND-P&REC	45.00
CARRIE KARKOSH	REFUND-P&REC	45.00
KARA KLUESNER	REFUND-P&REC	45.00
TINA DEKLOTZ	REFUND-P&REC	45.00
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD	44.49
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SIRENS	43.68
CHELSEA TAKES	REFUND-P&REC	42.00
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL	DRUG TESTING-WAT,SEW	42.00
NORTH CEDAR RECYCLING LLC	DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION-P&A	41.52
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-RUT	40.00
SARA BRANNAMAN	REFUND-P&REC	37.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-P&A	34.25
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALE-FD	33.25
ALICE COLE	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	31.90
ST LUKE'S WORK WELL SOLUTIONS	DRUG TESTING-PW	30.00
CUSTOM HOSE & SUPPLIES INC	EQUIP MAINT-SW LEAF VAC	29.41
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	29.01
DAN'S TIRES & MORE	VEHICLE MAINT-RUT	28.50
CAUSE TEAM	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	26.00
CR LC SOLID WASTE AGENCY	SERVICE-SW	25.58
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	19.07
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP REPAIR-RUT	17.39
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	15.17
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	10.00

AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
TOTAL		678,817.74

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

PAYROLL	222,714.49
ARP POLICE STATION CONSTRUCTION	206,956.70
GENERAL FUND	57,726.28
SOLID WASTE	56,056.92
CIP/FIRE DEPT/TAX LEVY	41,407.00
ROAD USE TAX FUND	28,867.79
WATER FUND	19,713.42
SEWER FUND	17,074.02
LBC	11,053.48
ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	6,811.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	5,150.27
DEBT SERVICE	2,184.50
REMOTE READ METER PROJECT	2,052.00
DAVIS PARK IMPROVEMENTS	726.50
STORM WATER	323.37
TOTAL	678,817.74

FY24 OCTOBER REVENUE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,389,317.29
PUBLIC WORKS	262,077.05
PUBLIC SAFETY	73,424.02
CULTURE-RECREATION	50,048.29
TOTAL	1,774,866.65

Discussion and Consideration of Rear Blade Purchase for Public Works Tractor – Council Action as Needed. The public works department would like to purchase a nine foot rear blade for the John Deere tractor. This would allow staff to maintain the gravel on Bryant Road and the shoulders on Business 30, as well as other projects as needed. The City currently utilizes Linn County Secondary Roads when gravel work is needed in the community. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to approve the purchase of a blade for the John Deere tractor in the amount of \$7,620.26. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of a Shelving/Cabinet Purchases for Police Station – Council Action as Needed. Furnishings for the police department renovation project were excluded from the project scope to avoid various pricing markups. The purchase price of the equipment is \$10,950.00 and will come from the renovation budget. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Herrmann to approve the purchase of shelving/cabinets for the Police Station. Motion carries.

Discussion Items (No Action)

Mayor’s Update: Mayor Wieseler gave Council an update on several items including Habitat for Humanity interest in Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Community Foundation board status, Historic Preservation process of getting glass negatives from Florida, Library Archive Project at Cornell that includes newspaper archives, Mayor’s involvement in the superintendent search process and LMI Housing and Childcare Solutions and the Main Street RFP process.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Council Reports. Engel reported that he and the Mayor met with Cornell College and the school district to provide ongoing communication between these entities. West attended the school improvement advisory meeting a few weeks ago where they discussed academic, behavioral and cultural goals at each of the three level of schools. Rose reminded the public of Public Measure D that is on the ballot tomorrow. This is a continuation of the current levy for the Fire Department.

City Administrator's Report. Full report can be found on the City website under the November 6, 2023 Council Packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 6:56 p.m., November 6, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk