

The Mount Vernon City Council met February 5, 2024, at City Hall, 213 1st Street NW, Mount Vernon, IA. A Zoom option was available. The following Council members were present: Rose, Tuerler, Andresen, West and Engel.

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

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. West requested the Cigarette Permit for Smoke Shope and Vape be tabled until further explanation and research can be completed. Motion made by West, seconded by Rose to approve the Agenda as amended. In favor: West, Rose, Engel and Andresen. Opposed: Tuerler. Motion carries.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – January 17, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Approval of Liquor License – Scorz Bar & Grill

Approval of Liquor License – Bigs BBQ & Brew Pub

Approval of Cigarette Permit – Smoke Shope and Vape (*tabled*)

Old Business

Discussion and Consideration of Additional Derecho Cleanup Expenses – Council Action as Needed. Staff was originally given quotes from Miene Septic for grinding the current brush pile, trommeling what was left over from the prior compost pile and cleanup of the Derecho pile. The contractor was very low in the estimation of time it would take to complete everything, therefore the cost ended up being much higher. Miene Septic has confirmed the amount for the additional Derecho expenses and staff is recommending approval of that payment. Motion made by West, seconded by Rose to approve Additional Derecho Cleanup Expenses not to exceed \$47,000.00. Motion carries.

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	109,166.99
MIENE SEPTIC SERVICE	TROMMEL SERVICES-SW	46,662.50
LINN COUNTY SHERIFF	DISPATCH FEE-PD	22,003.58
WOODCRAFTERS	SHELVING/CABINETS-PD CONST	10,950.00
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-PW	8,282.80
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	5,500.71
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	5,485.33
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	ANNUAL CLOUD STORAGE-PD	5,445.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2022 SANI SEWER INVESTIGATION	4,061.41
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	2,640.00
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	LEGAL FEES-P&A	1,902.00
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	VEHICLE SIGNS-PD	1,637.00
KIECKS	UNIFORMS-PD	1,457.00
ADVANTAGE ARCHIVES	MICROFILMING-MVHPC	1,390.50
LINDER TIRE SERVICE	TIRES-RUT	1,292.72

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,202.27
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	LEGAL FEES-P&A	1,115.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	COTTONWOOD LMI PROJECT	1,059.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,014.67
MUNICIPAL MGMT CORP	LEAK DETECTION-WAT	1,000.00
STARNET TECHNOLOGIES	LIFT STATION ALARM SERV-SEW	960.00
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-LBC	775.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PW STORAGE BLDGS	765.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS	TRAINING-POOL	722.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	715.39
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	HWY 1 RECONSTRUCTION	660.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	NPDES COMPLIANCE	640.00
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CEDAR RAPIDS	EQUIP-WAT	616.23
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-P&A	593.35
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	575.27
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	502.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GLOVES-PW	441.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-P&A	424.31
SPEER FINANCIAL INC	MSRB FILING FEE-P&A	375.00
H & H FUN RIDES	MARKETING-LBC	350.00
POSTMASTER	ANNUAL PERMIT FEE-ALL DEPTS	320.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	297.14
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	LBC GENERATOR	289.50
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	253.92
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	251.53
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	TRAINING-FD	250.00
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD	245.39
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-P&A	245.00
CALIBRE PRESS	TRAINING-PD	199.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	197.20
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	DAVIS PARK BALLFIELD LIGHTING	193.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	190.97
IACP	DUES-PD DAUBS	190.00
PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-PD	187.10
IIMC	ANNUAL DUES-ALL DEPTS	185.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LOCK BOX-CITY HALL	179.99
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	LEGAL FEES-P&A	147.50
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	VEHICLE MAINT-RUT	139.23
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	135.00
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC	130.38
HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC	VEHICLE MAINT-RUT	125.71
STAPLES INC	BATTERY-PD	114.99
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	111.55
PROFESSIONAL WINDOW CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING-CITY HALL	107.00
LOU'S GLOVES	GLOVES-SEW	106.00
MID STATES ORGANIZED CRIME	MEMBERSHIP-PD	100.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-PD	99.00
THOMAS M WIESELER	TRAINING/MILEAGE-P&A	95.06
CEDAR RAPIDS HEARING CENTER	HEARING TEST-PD	95.00
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT,SEW,GB	92.82
AFFORDABLE HEATING & COOLING	HVAC MAINT-VC	90.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-P&A	79.69
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-P&A	79.69
ST LUKE'S WORK WELL SOLUTIONS	DRUG TESTING-PW	70.00

CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-PD	64.68
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	64.62
ECHECK.NET FUNDING	REFUND-LBC	63.13
MENARDS	SUPPLIES-PD	53.90
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&A	51.76
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	49.50
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD	48.49
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SIRENS	45.49
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER INC	VEHICLE MAINT-RUT	40.74
MELINDA SNYDER	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	40.00
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT,SEW,GB	39.09
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SW	29.76
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	20.38
FUTURE LINE TRUCK EQUIPMENT	BOLT KIT-SEW	18.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	16.99
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PD	16.46
TOTAL		248,639.38

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

PAYROLL	109,166.99
SOLID WASTE	49,441.85
GENERAL FUND	43,998.73
SEWER FUND	11,929.74
POLICE STATION CONSTRUCTION	10,950.00
WATER FUND	7,342.04
ROAD USE TAX FUND	5,538.84
ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	4,061.41
LBC	2,995.19
COTTONWOOD LMI PROJECT	1,059.00
PW COLD STORAGE	765.00
HWY 1 RECONSTRUCTION	660.00
LOST III COMMUNITY CENTER	289.50
STORM WATER FUND	248.09
DAVIS PARK IMPROVEMENTS	193.00
TOTAL	248,639.38

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for Budget Amendment #1 to the FY 2023-2024 Budget for February 20, 2024. Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to set the public hearing date for February 20, 2024. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Change Order #12 – Police Station Renovations – Council Action as Needed. Change order #12 is in the amount of \$3,787.15 and is for replacement of an old exterior door with a new insulated door with a slot window. The new contract amount with Septagon is \$1,170,053.52. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve Change Order #12-Police Station Renovations. Motion Carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Change Order #13 – Police Station Renovations – Council Action as Needed. Change order #13 is in the amount of \$9,069.15 and is for new acoustic ceiling tiles in areas that were not originally part of the contract. The new contract amount with Septagon is \$1,179,122.67.

Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve Change Order #13-Police Station Renovations. Motion Carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #1 – Davis Park Ballfield Lighting – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve Pay Application #1 to Ardent Lighting Group LLC in the amount of \$91,010.00. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Engagement Letter with Ahlers Cooney for Amendment No. 9 (Pool Renovations) to the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Plan – Council Action as Needed. Ahlers Cooney (Bond Attorney) will be preparing Amendment No. 9 to the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Plan for the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Area in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 403. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve the Engagement Letter with Ahlers and Cooney, Amendment No. 9 to the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Plan. Motion carries.

Discussion Items (No Action)

Mayor: The Mount Vernon Community Betterment Foundation had their first meeting on January 25, 2024. This is President Garner and his wife's contributions towards establishing a community foundation. This is a new initiative, and the process is moving forward with good representation from the community. There will be a clarifying engagement meeting in April 2024 to determine the rules on how the foundation will operate as a group. The Mount Vernon Community Betterment Foundation will then begin working with non-profits that have an interest in looking for grant opportunities from the Foundation in which the decisions will be made in July at the end of the fiscal year.

Mayor: The mayor met with a representative from the Iowa Department of Public Health at the University of Iowa about the Disaster PrepWise program which helps individuals and families develop tailored disaster management plans before a disaster or emergency situation happens. Staff at the Iowa Department of Public Health at the University of Iowa will perform an hour interview with families to assist in determining a plan in emergency situations. This initiative could be beneficial for 55+ communities and encourage having plans in place should emergency or disaster situations arise. The mayor is looking at different ways to educate citizens about this program.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report: See *Discussion Items*

Committee Report: Councilmember Engel gave an update on the Mount Vernon-Lisbon childcare group. The group has gained momentum over the past year and a half. One of the first initiatives for the group was to apply and receive a matching grant in which the group was able to award childcare agencies additional funding to pay their staff as an initiative to continue to make them feel good about their role in childcare currently and a potential profession in the future. Karen Kawala, head of the Linn County Resiliency Office met with the group this past week to discuss childcare in Mount Vernon and use her resources for long term childcare solutions. The group asked the new superintendent to be a part of this group moving forward.

Councilmember Andresen reported on the Streetscape Stakeholder group met last week – more to come as we move forward with this project.

City Administrator's Report. Full report can be found on the city website under the February 5, 2024 Council Packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:07 p.m., February 5, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Boren
Assistant City Administrator