

The Mount Vernon City Council met May 20, 2024, at City Hall, 213 1st Street NW, Mount Vernon, IA. A Zoom option was available. The following Council members were present: Andresen, Engel, Rose and West. Absent: Tuerler.

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

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. Motion made by West, seconded by Engel to approve the Agenda. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – May 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Approval of Cigarette License – Happy Daze

Public Hearing.

Staff is recommending tabling the public hearings and ordinance reviews until the June 3, 2024 meeting to allow for a longer publishing period in The Sun newspaper.

Public Hearing for and Ordinance Amending Chapter 99.02 Rate of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to table this item. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Public Hearing for and Ordinance Amending Chapter 92.02 Usage Rate of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Rose to table this item. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Ordinance Approval/Amendment

Ordinance #5-20-2024A: Amending Chapter 99.02 Rate of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. Motion made by West, seconded by Rose to table this item. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Ordinance #5-20-2024B: Amending Chapter 92.02 Usage Rate of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to table this item. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #5-20-2024A: Authorizing Temporary Transfer of Surplus Funds from the Mount Vernon Municipal Water Utility Fund to the City of Mount Vernon. In order to account for the cost overruns from the Police Station Construction project, staff is recommending that we internally borrow \$136,431.50 from the Water Treatment Plant Depreciation Fund. The monies will be repaid with franchise fees before any renovation projects are identified. This resolution approves the internal loan and Resolution #5-20-2024F approves the actual transfer of \$136,431.50 from the Water Treatment Plant Depreciation Fund to the Police Station Construction Fund. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve Resolution #5-20-2024A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes. Tuerler absent.

Resolution #5-20-2024B: Appointing UMB Bank, N.A of West Des Moines, Iowa to Serve as the Paying Agent, Note Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent and Note Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement and Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement. The next two resolutions are the final steps required to receive the \$4,480,000 bond proceeds. The paying agent will be responsible for receiving

and executing the transfer of funds. Resolution #5-20-2024C is the actual loan agreement for the funds. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #5-20-2024B. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes. Tuerler absent.

Resolution #5-20-2024C: Approving and Authorizing a Form of Loan Agreement and Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance of \$4,480,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2024, and Levying a Tax to Pay Said Notes; Approval of the Tax Exemption Certificate and Continuing Disclosure Certificate. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #5-20-2024C. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes. Tuerler absent.

Resolution #5-20-2024D: Approving the Inclusion of Jewish American History Month as a Recognized Commemorative Flag Within the City of Mount Vernon Display of Flags Policy. A request was made to include the Jewish-American Flag as part of the ceremonial flags flown each month at City Hall. Councilperson Andresen requested this be brought forward to Council for consideration. Per the City of Mount Vernon Display of Flags Policy, Council may approve additional flags not listed in the policy. Andresen felt this was a good step moving forward to show the City's support for Jewish Americans. If Council did approve multiple flags to be flown during one month, there may need to be provisions made during the month as to when each flag is flown as the current flag pole will more than likely only accommodate two at one time. Engel made a motion to table this until a later meeting (before the end of the calendar year) where Council can re-evaluate the current flag policy for the entire year. Motion seconded by West. Roll call voting yes to the motion: West, Engel. Voting no to the motion: Rose, Andresen. Motion fails. Tuerler absent. Motion to approve Resolution #5-20-2024D then made by Rose, seconded by Andresen. Roll call voting yes to approve resolution: Rose, Andresen, Engel. Voting no: West. Tuerler absent. Resolution passes. Mayor Wieseler then exercised his right to veto the motion to approve the resolution stating that the City has not gone through an entire year cycle for the flags and would like to do that before any changes are made to the current policy. There was no challenge to the veto. Resolution fails.

Resolution #5-20-2024E: Approving Contracts and Bonds for Mobilization and Installation of the Water Meter Replacement Improvements to Ferguson Waterworks. This resolution is for the approval of contracts and bonds from Ferguson Waterworks to move forward with the water meter replacement program set to begin in September 2024. Motion made by West, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #5-20-2024E. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes. Tuerler absent.

Resolution #5-20-2024F: Approving Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Transfers. This transfer resolution is in conjunction with Resolution #5-20-2024A authorizing the transfer of funds from the Water Treatment Plant Depreciation Fund (163) to the Police Station Construction Fund (314) to cover the deficit in that fund of \$136,431.50. Motion made by Engel, seconded by West to approve Resolution #5-20-2024F. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes. Tuerler absent.

Old Business

Discussion and Consideration of Sculpture Trail Funding Request – Council Action as Needed (tabled on May 6, 2024). Item to remain tabled.

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	104,651.69
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST	2020 GO LOAN NOTE PRIN & INT	87,520.00

ARDENT LIGHTING GROUP LLC	PAY APP #3-DAVIS PARK LIGHTING	77,260.48
HILLS BANK & TRUST	2015 GO LOAN NOTE PRIN & INT	40,984.50
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	36,539.54
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW	23,486.68
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	SIGN-FD LOST I	17,955.00
S&P GLOBAL	ANALYTICAL SERVICES-2024 GO	16,250.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW	15,302.42
TOTAL TREE CARE OF IOWA CITY	TREE MAINT-RUT	9,918.75
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	4,703.35
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC-P&A,PD,LBC	4,533.17
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER EQUIP/MAINT-ALL DEPTS	3,983.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-PD	3,065.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	2,790.34
BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC	T-SHIRTS-P&REC	2,635.50
RICHARD BURROUGHS	CEMETERY MAINT	2,020.00
PNP	FUEL-PD	1,962.63
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	1,716.63
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO OF IOWA	KEY CARDS-LBC	1,704.00
BANKCARD 8076	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,POOL,P&REC	1,389.54
ECICOG	ZONING ORD REVIEW-P&A	1,350.00
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	1,341.89
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERV-ALL DEPTS	1,310.00
UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY	TUITION-PD	1,244.00
PLUMB SUPPLY CO	FILTERS-CITY HALL	1,123.12
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	CTW ADS-P&REC	1,064.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,050.08
EVER-GREEN LANDSCAPE NURSERY	MULCH-P&REC	1,050.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PD	1,035.00
WHITE CAP, L.P.	SUPPLIES-P&REC	1,031.07
TAYLOR CONCESSIONS	CTW FOOD VENDOR-P&REC	1,020.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,017.63
KIEFER AQUATICS	SUPPLIES-POOL	934.33
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	839.50
NEXT GENERATION WIRELESS	CELL PHONE-PD	819.76
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	802.94
CUSTOM HOSE & SUPPLIES INC	ADAPTER-WAT	726.24
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	622.77
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	609.97
ECICOG	GENERATOR GRANT-LBC	600.00
USA BLUE BOOK	SUPPLIES-WAT	597.28
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	577.92
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	551.32
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	511.97
KROMMINGA MOTORS INC	VEHICLE MAINT-FD RANGER	420.82
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	377.79
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	PAINT/SUPPLIES-POOL	372.47
TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION PRODUCTS	TRAFFIC LIGHT PARTS-RUT	325.39
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	322.17
BRADY LANHAM	CTW POWER-CDG	320.00
SJ SMITH CO, INC	WELDER PARTS-PW	275.77
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CITY HALL	255.99
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	253.92
CITY LAUNDERING	SERVICES-LBC	253.92
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	START UP CASH-POOL	250.00

CAUSE TEAM	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	225.00
BASS FARMS	CTW FOOD VENDOR-P&REC	225.00
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-PD	207.31
MATT STEIGERWALD	REFUND-LBC	191.82
RC TECH	CAMERA SERVICE-SW	186.50
RC TECH	CAMERA REPAIRS-SW	183.75
SIRCHIE	SUPPLIES-PD	151.55
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-PD	149.76
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	139.04
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,P&A,WAT,SEW	129.10
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	105.10
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-P&A	102.16
MARKET STREET	ONLINE TECH SUPPORT-MVHPC	100.80
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL FEE-PW	99.68
MARK ANDRESEN	TRAINING-P&A	90.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PW	89.99
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-P&A	88.56
VESTIS	RUGS,SERVICES-FD	84.81
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	79.69
CITY LAUNDERING	SERVICES-CITY HALL	79.69
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	78.85
IOWA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP-FD	75.00
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-PD	72.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	63.68
PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-PD	62.00
KIEFER AQUATICS	SUPPLIES-POOL	52.00
KIECKS	UNIFORMS-PD	51.95
LUKE RUSHFORD	REFEREE-P&REC	50.00
KAYNE KAMBERLING	REFEREE-P&REC	50.00
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-PD	47.89
MELINDA SNYDER	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	40.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	33.99
THE GAZETTE	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-PD	30.41
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-POOL	28.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW,SW	27.36
LISBON MT VERNON AMBULANCE	CPR TRAINING-FD	27.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SW	26.54
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	22.59
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	20.00
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-P&A	10.02
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	WIRE TRANSFER FEE-2024 GO	5.35
TOTAL		489,215.19

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

DEBT SERVICE FUND	128,504.50
PAYROLL	104,651.69
DAVIS PARK IMPROVEMENTS	77,260.48
GENERAL FUND	50,651.10
SOLID WASTE	41,289.25
ROAD USE TAX FUND	20,055.44
LOST I-FD/EQUIPMENT	17,955.00
WATER FUND	13,209.78

LBC	11,091.06
SEWER FUND	7,009.13
2024 INFRASTRUCTURE	4,063.84
COTTONWOOD LMI PROJECT	4,063.84
REMOTE READ METER PROJECT	4,063.84
POOL RENOVATIONS	4,063.83
STORM WATER FUND	1,282.41
TOTAL	489,215.19

Discussion and Consideration of Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn and Co. PC Proposal for Audit Services – Council Action as Needed. Staff is recommending the City of Mount Vernon continue to utilize the services of Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn & Co. P.C. for the annual audit. This would be a one-year proposal with a proposed cost of \$14,640.00. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the proposal for audit services for the FY2024 audit. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Bradley L. Hauge, CPA Proposal for Accounting Services – Council Action as Needed. Mr. Hauge assists the City with the completion of state budget forms, TIF reports and monthly bank reconciliations. The yearly contract amount is \$7,575.00. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Engel to approve the proposal from Bradley L. Hauge, CPA for accounting services. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Invoice #150549 – Downtown Streetscape Project – Council Action as Needed. This is the third invoice for the Uptown Streetscape Project. Included with the \$68,702.00 invoice is a monthly progress report from JEO Consulting Group. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve Invoice #150549 from JEO Consulting Group in the amount of \$68,702.00. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Discussion and Consideration of – Purchase of Pool Vacuum – Council Action as Needed. The existing pool vacuum is no longer operable and replacement parts are not available for that model. Staff recommends purchasing a new unit with a proposed cost of \$11,252.00 and \$500.00 for shipping. This purchase would be made using bond proceeds as the unit is needed for the pool renovation. Motion made by West, seconded by Rose to approve the purchase of a new pool vacuum. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Reports to be Received/Filed. Full reports can be viewed on the City website under the May 20, 2024 Council Packet.

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

Discussion Items (No Action)

457 Retirement Plans (Missionsquare). Numerous city employees have expressed interest in the possibility of having a 457(b) retirement account. City staff recently met with Mission Square Retirement and received a high-level view of this program. Staff would like to pursue researching this plan and noted there will be no cost to the City.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. Mount Vernon's City website was noted in the most recent issue of Cityscape. Wieseler will be meeting with representative McClintock this Friday and met with the Linn County Sustainability Director, Kara Marsden, last week. He also added his name to the group Midwest Building Decarbonization Coalition.

Council Reports. Engel reported that the short survey put out on childcare solutions yielded good results. Committee Reports. Andresen reported that he and a few City staff members traveled to Platteville, WI to look at their uptown lighting.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City website under the May 20, 2024 Council packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:24 p.m., May 20, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk