

The Mount Vernon City Council met June 17, 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, West and Tuerler

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

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. There will be one addition added under Discussion Items regarding a grant application for the Interurban Trail. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carries.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – June 3, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Public Hearing

Public Hearing for an Ordinance Adopting Chapter 28 Cemetery Commission of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. Staff has been discussing the possibility of a cemetery board and/or commission that could be charged with overseeing and recommending changes to the Mount Vernon cemetery. This would include leading efforts to complete restoration work to headstones if no family members are alive and able to complete the necessary work. Mary Evans and Guy Booth submitted additional supporting information for Council consideration in the Council packet and addressed Council with this information. With the creation of this commission, it would allow volunteers to be covered under the City insurance umbrella and would allow them to make recommendations on any improvements or repairs that are needed. Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Council then acted on the first reading of Ordinance #6-17-2024A.

Ordinance Approval/Amendment

Ordinance #5-20-2024A: Amending Chapter 99.02 Rate of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. Staff has not received any written or verbal comments regarding the proposed ordinance since the first reading. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve the second reading of Ordinance #5-20-2024A. Roll call all yes. Ordinance passes its second reading.

Ordinance #5-20-2024B: Amending Chapter 92.02 Usage Rate of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. Staff has not received any written or verbal comments regarding the proposed ordinance since the first reading. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to approve the second reading of Ordinance #5-20-2024B. Roll call all yes. Ordinance passes its second reading.

Ordinance #6-17-2024A: Adopting Chapter 28 Cemetery Commission to the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve the first reading of Ordinance #6-17-2024A. Roll call all yes. Ordinance passes its first reading.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #6-17-2024A: Approving Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Transfers. This is the last transfer resolution for FY 2023-2024. Staff is moving some of the depreciation monies back to their respective funds, paying TIF

transfers already approved, and zeroing out funds to end the fiscal year. Motion made by Engel, seconded by West to approve Resolution #6-17-2024A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #6-17-2024B: Approving the Final Plat of Henik's Third Addition to Linn County, Iowa. Council was provided a revised resolution which allows the City to waive its right to review this plat as opposed to reviewing because Planning and Zoning was not able to meet. This plat lies within the two-mile extraterritorial subdivision review boundary of the City of Mount Vernon and waiving review is typical for these plats. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #6-17-2024B. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #6-17-2024C: Ordering Construction of Certain Public Improvements, Approving Preliminary Plans, and Fixing a Date for Hearing Thereon and Taking Bids Therefore for Improvements Known as the Business 30 Overlay Project. The City of Lisbon has bid the Business 30 overlay project within their city limits and staff would like to bid the section of Business 30 from the roundabout east to our city limit to tie into that bid and potentially reduce costs. The public hearing would be July 15, 2024. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution #6-17-2024C. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #6-17-2024D: Approving a Perpetual Storm Sewer and Overland Flowage Easement and Temporary Construction Easement for the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa. In regards to Resolutions D & E, Dan and Ray Stoner have agreed to grant both a permanent flowage easement and temporary construction easements to the City of Mount Vernon for the Glenn Street construction project. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Tuerler to approve Resolution #6-17-2024D. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #6-17-2024E: Approving a Temporary Construction Easement for the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa. Motion made by West, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution #6-17-2024E. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #6-17-2024F: Ordering Construction of Certain Public Improvements, Approving Preliminary Plans, and Fixing a Date for Hearing Thereon and Taking Bids Therefore for Improvements Known as the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. The city has completed the televising and cleaning portion of the 2024 Sanitary Sewer improvements. The city will use the remaining grant funding from the Linn County ARPA grant to complete necessary lining and rehabilitation work. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve Resolution #6-17-2024F. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Old Business

Discussion and Consideration of Sculpture Trail Funding Request – Council Action as Needed (tabled on May 6, 2024). Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to remove this item from the table. Motion carries. Parks and Recreation Director Matt Siders said the Parks and Recreation Board is recommending \$10,000.00 be approved for the next phase of the sculpture trail to be paid from LOST funds in FY2025. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve the release of \$10,000.00 for art on the sculpture trail. Tuerler said he was not against art but was against the use of LOST money for this project, as he felt that was not the intent for the funds. Andresen agreed with Tuerler. Voting yes on the motion to approve: West, Rose, Engel. Voting no: Tuerler, Andresen. Motion passes.

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	143,559.88
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	39,308.55

REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB, RECYL-SW RESIDENTIAL	23,461.68
SPEER FINANCIAL INC	2024 BOND SERVICES	19,485.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW COMMERCIAL	14,728.11
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-ALL DEPTS	6,936.03
FELD FIRE	BUNKER GEAR-FD	5,698.00
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC PROD-P&A,PD,LBC	5,613.95
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	5,004.70
KROUL FARMS	BASKETS/PLANTS-P&REC,BEAUTIFICATION	4,103.90
FELD FIRE	HELMETS/GEAR-FD	3,645.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	3,285.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	3,153.86
BIG RIGGER BUILDERS, INC	ENGINE 216 REPAIRS-FD	2,789.10
CITY OF ELY	NIXLE NOTIFICATION-ALL DEPTS	2,498.75
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,033.50
BANKCARD 8076	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,POOL,P&REC	1,922.13
HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC	TAILGATE CYLINDERS-RUT	1,824.76
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-POOL	1,781.68
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,545.47
WENDLING QUARRIES	ROADSTONE-RUT	1,381.27
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	1,240.00
RICHARD BURROUGHS	CEMETERY MAINT	1,135.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PD	1,035.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-LBC	835.00
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE/HUBSPOT SUPPORT-ALL DEPTS	825.00
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	775.00
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	698.18
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	597.83
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	578.94
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	499.93
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO OF IOWA	CAMERA MAINT-LBC	484.00
CORNELL COLLEGE	SOCCER OFFICIALS-P&REC	480.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	400.22
LEAD CUSTOM ENGRAVING	TUMBLERS-PD K9	372.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	334.95
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE SUPPORT-LBC	325.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	322.17
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	303.13
UMB BANK	2024 GO FEES	300.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	293.13
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	253.92
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	251.00
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	246.48
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-PD	207.31
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	199.14
NANTEET GUTSCHMIDT	REFUND-LBC	197.68
JOHN FOREMAN	REFEREE-P&REC	180.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-PD	170.00
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE/EQUIP MAINT-RUT	165.68
TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION PRODUCTS	TRAFFIC LIGHT MAINT-RUT	160.00
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ASSOC	TESTING-SEW	129.70
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	CTW SIGN-P&REC	117.70
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	107.75
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL FEE-PW	101.78
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	101.31

ROSE HEDGES	REFUND-P&REC	100.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	96.12
SAWYER FELDMAN	REFUND-LBC	96.00
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	88.45
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,P&A,WAT,SEW	86.80
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST	NSF CHECK-WAT,SEW,GB	85.09
VESTIS	RUGS,SERVICES-FD	84.81
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	79.69
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LUKE RUSHFORD	REFEREE-P&REC	75.00
CEDAR VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY	ANIMAL CONTROL	75.00
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-PD	74.88
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-PD	72.00
CHRISTINE ATKINS	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	70.77
MATT PLOTZ	CDL ENDORSEMENT-PW	64.00
DES MOINES STAMP	CITY SEAL-P&A	62.00
JACKIE VASQUEZ	DEPOSIT TO FINAL-WAT	60.91
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC	57.50
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	57.00
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC	56.50
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	55.29
TIERNEY ROWE	REFUND-P&REC	55.00
CHELSEY BLUM	REFUND-P&REC	55.00
KURT FORD	REFUND-P&REC	55.00
NICHOLE MARTIN	REFUND-P&REC	50.00
TED SEITER	UNIFORMS-PW	46.95
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL	PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTING-PW	42.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-RUT	40.00
BETH HLAS	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	40.00
MELINDA SNYDER	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	40.00
MILES DUWA	REFUND-POOL	37.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-FD	33.00
DANIEL DAUBS	MEALS-PD	32.08
LOGAN CHRISTOFFER	DEPOSIT TO FINAL-WAT	31.90
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-CITY HALL	31.25
CALEB DAUSENER	REFEREE-P&REC	30.00
LAURA ST JOHN	REFUND-POOL	28.00
ESTEBAN GUTIERREZ	MEALS-PD	17.80
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-LBC	12.75
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST	NSF CHECK-POOL	12.00
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST	WIRE TRANSFER FEE-2024 GO LOAN	5.35
AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
TOTAL		310,461.83

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

PAYROLL	143,559.88
GENERAL FUND	42,937.71
SOLID WASTE	42,070.02
LOST I-FD/EQUIPMENT	14,794.63
LBC	13,897.74
WATER FUND	11,879.68
SEWER FUND	10,974.99
ROAD USE TAX FUND	9,090.28

POOL RENOVATIONS	8,205.54
GLENN ST/CHI/COTTONWOOD	4,103.45
REMOTE READ METER PROJECT	4,103.45
2024 INFRASTRUCTURE	3,077.91
STORM WATER FUND	1,466.55
DEBT SERVICE	300.00
TOTAL	310,461.83

FY24 MAY REVENUE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	533,706.81
PUBLIC WORKS	249,016.05
PUBLIC SAFETY	100,218.38
CULTURE-RECREATION	98,509.07
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV	12,585.13
TOTAL	994,035.44

Discussion and Consideration of Appointment of the Executive Director for the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Development Group – Council Action as Needed. Lisa White, on behalf of the Mount Vernon Lisbon Community Development Group, brought forward a recommendation for the Executive Director position, Jesse Thurn. She currently holds the role of Assistant Manager at Bauman’s and brings many great qualities to the position. The hiring committee agreed that Jesse would be an excellent candidate and approved a salary of \$65,000.00. Jesse would also receive an initial bank of 80 PTO hours and a monthly accrual of 16 hours. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve the appointment of Jesse Thurn as the Executive Director of the Mount Vernon Lisbon Community Development Group. Motion carries.

Reports to be Received/Filed. Full reports can be found on the City website under the June 17, 2024 Council packet.

Mt. Vernon/Lisbon Police Report. Chief Shannon noted a correction that Sergeant Daubs and Officer Ford attended the WETAP event. The K9 golf fundraiser was last week and had a great turnout.

Mt. Vernon Public Works Report
 Mt. Vernon Parks and Rec Report
 Cole Library Monthly Report

Discussion Items (No Action)

Proposed Ordinance Regulating Vape, Tobacco, CBD, Hemp, etc. Staff provided Council with a shell ordinance and asked if they wanted to proceed with moving forward with further discussion and have the City Attorney review. The majority of Council agreed that they wanted to move forward with this proposed ordinance.

Grant Application for the Interurban Trail. City staff is going to write a letter of support that will be signed by the Mayor for a grant application for the Interurban Trail. This has been a priority for Council for several years.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. There will be an event for Joe Jennison on June 25, 2024. Wieseler was asked to speak on June 29, 2024 in the Newbo area on the Pride Fest events going on there.

City Administrator's Report. Full report can be found on the City website under the June 17, 2024 Council packet. City staff will be attending human trafficking training on Friday the 21st of June so City Hall will be closed down for a few hours that day. City Hall will be open as a cooling station at least until Monday the 24th of June.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:40 p.m., June 17, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk