

The Mount Vernon City Council met June 3, 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. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve the Agenda. Motion carries.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – May 20, 2024 Regular Council Meeting
Approval of Cigarette License – Gary's Foods

Public Hearing

Public Hearing for an Ordinance Amending Chapter 99.02 Rate of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to remove this item from the table. Motion carries. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m. The amendment to Chapter 99.02 would establish a sewer rate increase of 8% beginning July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025. A 3% increase would then continue on July 1, 2026 until June 30, 2030. Additional work will need to be completed at the sewer treatment plant and may cause deviations to the recommended increases in the future. Resident Keith Heubner voiced concern about the City being fiscally responsible and asked Council to stop spending money on things that aren't needed until sewer, water and roads are fixed. Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 6:36 p.m. Council then acted on the first reading of Ordinance #5-20-2024A.

Public Hearing for and Ordinance Amending Chapter 92.02 Usage Rate of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to remove this item from the table. Motion carries. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:42 p.m. This amendment extends the annual 3% increase in water rates until June 30, 2030. The increase is needed to repay bonds for the water meter replacement project. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 6:43 p.m. Council then acted on the first reading of Ordinance #5-20-2024B.

Ordinance Approval/Amendment

Ordinance #5-20-2024A: Amending Chapter 99.02 Rate of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to remove the item from the table. Motion carries. Motion made by West, seconded by Rose to approve the first reading of Ordinance #5-20-2024A. Roll call all yes. Ordinance passes on its first reading.

Ordinance #5-20-2024B: Amending Chapter 92.02 Usage Rate of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code. Motion made by West, seconded by Rose to remove the item from the table. Motion carries. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Engel to approve the first reading of Ordinance #5-20-2024B. Roll call all yes. Ordinance passes on its first reading.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #6-3-2024A: 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 Glenn Street Extension. Nosbisch noted that the resolution number on the agenda was incorrect and it should be 6-3-2024A. This resolution outlines the public hearing and bid dates for the Glenn Street extension, which is part of the CHI low-income senior housing project. Motion made by West, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #6-3-2024A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

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. **Councilperson Andresen asked for reconsideration of this resolution.** According to Chapter 17.03 (2.), the City Council may override the mayor's veto within thirty (30) days of said veto. Should the City Council choose to pass resolution #5-20-2024D again, it would need to pass by a two-thirds (four) vote and not a super majority of the members present. Wiesler again stated his reason for vetoing the resolution and felt that the City should wait until the policy had been in place for a year before any changes were made. Council person Andresen gave a brief history of Judaism and said it was an ethnicity, not just a religion. He also felt that the City did not need to wait a year as there was nothing in the policy that stated a timeframe. Former resident Janice Binder spoke in favor of the inclusion of the Jewish American History flag to the policy and resident Keith Heubner spoke against the flag policy as a whole and felt it causes divisiveness in the community. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Tuerler to override the Mayor's veto and approve Resolution #5-20-2024D. Roll call voting yes: Rose, Engel and Andresen. Voting no: West, Tuerler. Resolution fails, veto stands.

Mayoral Proclamation

Proclamation Recognizing and Proclaiming the Month of June as Pride Month in Support of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Community.

Old Business

Discussion and Consideration of Sculpture Trail Funding Request – Council Action as Needed (**tabled on May 6, 2024**). Staff will be meeting with the capital project committee of the Park and Rec Board on June 4, 2024. The committee hopes to finalize a recommendation to the entire board in time for their June 11, 2024 meeting. Should the Park and Rec Board reach a consensus at their meeting, the Council could proceed with removing this item from the table on June 17, 2024.

Motions for Approval

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

UMB BANK	2018 GO LOAN NOTE	517,917.50
UMB BANK	2019 GO LOAN NOTE	235,787.50
UMB BANK	2014 GO LOAN NOTE	213,862.50
UMB BANK	2022 GO LOAN NOTE	123,238.75
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	122,044.48
UMB BANK	2013A GO LOAN NOTE	96,783.75
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	SRF BOND PAYMENT	94,610.00
MIDWEST DEVELOPMENT COMPANY	TIF REBATE-SMH PHASE 1	93,472.04
JEO CONSULTING	DOWNTOWN STREETScape-LOST III	68,702.00
BBAJ INC	TIF REBATE-STONEBROOK PH 1	53,757.17
BBAJ INC	TIF REBATE-STONEBROOK PH 3	38,357.83
BBAJ INC	TIF REBATE-STONEBROOK PH 2A	28,022.93
MIDWEST DEVELOPMENT COMPANY	TIF REBATE-SMH PHASE 2	9,698.89
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	4TH STREET NW RECONSTRUCTION	8,214.01

VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	COTTONWOOD LMI PROJECT	7,502.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	SOFTWARE SUPPORT-ALL DEPTS	7,367.62
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2022 SANI SEWER INVESTIGATION	7,191.44
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	4,464.02
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-PW	4,246.35
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	REMOTE READ METER PROJECT	2,831.11
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	AIR PACK TESTING-FD	2,436.75
CURTIS ENGLISH	PORTABLE RR RENTALS-P&REC	2,115.00
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	2,073.21
RICHARD BURROUGHS	CEMETERY MAINT	2,020.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PW STORAGE BUILDINGS	1,634.00
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	PERPETUAL CARE-CEM LOT SALES	1,260.00
SUE ASTLEY	RETAINING WALL/SUPPLIES-MVHPC	1,122.56
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	START UP CASH-K9 GOLF OUTING	1,000.00
CAUSE TEAM	UNIFORMS-POOL	990.00
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	LEGAL FEES-2024 GO BONDS	982.50
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES	GENERATOR-PD	949.39
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-CITY HALL	904.15
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-PD	867.84
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	744.96
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	STREET MISC ENGINEERING	708.50
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY	EXTINGUISHER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	622.50
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	KWIK STAR SITE PLAN	537.00
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	447.07
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-CITY HALL	423.73
TASC	FSA ADMIN FEE-ALL DEPTS	420.56
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	399.46
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	378.62
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-POOL	373.71
CAUSE TEAM	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	369.50
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	349.40
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-POOL	334.18
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	330.00
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	TRAINING-ALL DEPTS	320.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	SIGNS-RUT	318.76
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	LBC GENERATOR	316.50
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	315.22
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-P&A	282.81
BAUMAN AND COMPANY	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	250.79
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-POOL	222.04
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY GENERAL ENGINEERING	220.00
BAUMAN AND COMPANY	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	204.00
RC TECH	CAMERA SERVICE-SW	186.50
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-P&REC,WAT,SEW	166.90
CAUSE TEAM	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	160.00
RYAN CROCK	UNIFORMS-PW	160.00
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	DEPOSIT SLIPS-P&A	150.17
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	139.00
THOMAS M WIESELER	MILEAGE/SUBSCRIPTION-P&A	132.95
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC	130.38
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-FD	111.99
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	FENCE & EASEMENT REVIEW	110.00
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	SUBSCRIPTION-PD	110.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	109.99

MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	108.77
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	88.20
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	84.49
PROFESSIONAL WINDOW CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING-CITY HALL	80.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	79.69
HUBSPOT INC	PEDDLERS REFUND-P&A	75.00
JOEL DENES	UNIFORMS-PW	72.00
PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	67.10
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	63.68
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	FIELD SIGN-P&REC	57.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	51.86
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SIRENS	50.30
KONA ICE	CTW FOOD VENDOR-P&REC	50.00
CHRISTOPHER BROWN	CLEANING SERVICES-FD	45.00
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	SPEED TRAILER LOGOS-PD	45.00
ERIN BAKER	REFUND-POOL	42.00
MELINDA SNYDER	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	40.00
KIECKS	UNIFORMS-PD	34.99
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	34.95
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	32.41
MARSHA DEWELL	MILEAGE-P&A	22.78
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-POOL	21.24
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	20.38
KARA GRASTY DALY	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	20.00
BETH HLAS	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	20.00
TOTAL		1,768,291.82

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

DEBT SERVICE FUND	1,282,200.00
GENERAL FUND	247,608.17
PAYROLL	122,044.48
LOST III UR & STREETScape	68,702.00
2024 INFRASTRUCTURE	8,459.64
COTTONWOOD LMI PROJECT	7,747.63
SEWER FUND	7,266.79
ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	7,191.44
REMOTE READ METER PROJECT	3,076.74
ROAD USE TAX FUND	2,905.03
WATER FUND	2,731.40
SOLID WASTE	2,182.38
PW COLD STORAGE	1,634.00
LBC	1,538.52
PERPETUAL CARE	1,260.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	708.50
STORM WATER FUND	472.99
LOST III COMMUNITY CENTER	316.50
POOL RENOVATIONS	245.61
TOTAL	1,768,291.82

Discussion and Consideration of Engineering Contract for the Hwy 1 IaDOT Reconstruction Project – Council Action as Needed. Staff met with the IaDOT on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 and the project is still

progressing on schedule. The laDOT will complete the reconstruction of Hwy 1 within the same footprint of the existing roadway as long as the City pays for the necessary design contract. Should the City choose to complete projects outside of the scope of reconstruction (turn lanes, lighted crossings, etc), the cost of those improvements would be the responsibility of the City. The estimated fee of \$300,000 is equivalent to 10% of the projected laDOT improvement costs. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the engineering contract with Veenstra and Kimm for the Hwy 1 laDOT Reconstruction project. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for the Adoption of Chapter 28 Cemetery Commission – Council Action as Needed. Staff has been working with representatives from Historic Preservation to create a commission that would advise and recommend improvements and corrective actions to the Mount Vernon Cemetery. After reviewing possible alternatives, this seems to be the most logical and simplistic means forward. This would be a newly formed commission of the City. Motion made by Engel, seconded by West to set the public hearing for Monday, June 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. Wieseler has been invited by the League of Women Voters to attend an event on June 26th in Lisbon on the "State of the City". He will be attending human trafficking training with City staff and will also be attending a library webinar.

Council Reports. Rose noted there is a public input session with Planning and Zoning on June 12th regarding assessor dwelling units.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City website under the June 3, 2024 Council packet.

Closed Session - Pursuant to Chapter 21.5 (1)J, the City Council may enter into closed session, "to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property." At 7:35 p.m. Tuerler motioned to go into Closed Session, seconded by West. Motion carries. At 7:47 p.m. Engel motioned to come out of Closed Session, seconded by Tuerler. Motion carries. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the sale of the existing public works property located at 1040 2nd Avenue NW, between the pool and railroad tracks pending approval by the City Attorney within the next 30 days. Motion carries.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:49 p.m., June 3, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk