

The Mount Vernon City Council met August 19, 2024, at City Hall, 213 1st Street NW, Mount Vernon, IA. A Zoom option was available. The following Council members were present: West, Andresen, Rose, Engel 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 Andresen, seconded by Rose to approve the Agenda. Motion carries.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – August 5, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Approval of Liquor License – Mt. Vernon PNP

Approval of Liquor License – MTVPC LLC dba Palisades Cafe

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #8-5-2024C: Approving 28E Agreement with Linn County Public Health for Housing and Nuisance Abatement Inspections. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Tuerler to remove from table. Motion carries. The City Attorney has made revisions to the proposed 28E agreement with Linn County Public Health. This agreement will allow Linn County to provide housing and nuisance abatement inspections for health related complaints. It will be effective once the County Board of Supervisors approves and the duration of the agreement will be dependent on Linn County. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #8-5-2024C. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #8-19-2024A: Rejecting Award of all Construction Bids for the LBC Generator Project. The lone bid from Tricon General Construction was \$247,000 above the engineer's estimate. The current plan is to make minor modifications to the design and re-bid the project in another month. Motion made by West, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution #8-19-2024A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Motions for Approval

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

FERGUSON WATERWORKS	REMOTE READ METER PROJECT	205,573.75
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	148,564.69
JAMES L ENGELBRECHT	LAND PURCHASE-LOST III	40,000.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	31,562.46
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW RESIDENTIAL	24,701.20
TECHNICAL SPECIALTY SYSTEMS	VISITOR CENTER REPAIRS-MVHPC	21,305.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW COMMERCIAL	15,675.13
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	REMOTE READ METER PROJECT	11,258.85
GLOBAL PUBLIC SAFETY	TAC 10 MAINT RENEWAL-PD	10,345.00
BAKER GROUP	HVAC MAINT CONTRACT-LBC	9,208.00
MARION, CITY OF	STREET PAINTING-RUT	8,163.20
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	7,052.82
OUTDOOR WATER SOLUTIONS	AERATION SYSTEM-NATURE PARK	6,714.90

US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-ALL DEPTS	6,540.51
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	5,290.93
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	5,240.00
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC-P&A,PD,LBC	5,044.81
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	EQUIP & COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	4,609.00
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	REMOTE READ METER PROJECT	4,590.30
BUD'S AUTO & TRUCK REPAIR	VEHICLE REPAIRS-PD	3,905.11
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	3,213.69
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	2,860.53
MENARDS	PLUMBING SUPPLIES-PW BLDGS	2,838.52
RESILITE	TRAINING MAT-PD	2,608.80
WENDLING QUARRIES	ROADSTONE-PW SITE BLDGS	2,483.58
BOWKER PINNACLE MECHANICAL	HYDRO VAC-SEW	2,293.01
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	2,154.71
PNP	FUEL-PD	2,113.51
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	2,015.07
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER EQUIP/MAINT-PD	1,980.00
RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS INC	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	1,781.00
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	1,732.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PUBLIC WORKS MEZZANINE	1,564.50
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT-ALL DEPTS	1,500.00
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	NPDES PERMIT FEE-SEW	1,275.00
APPARATUS TESTING SERVICES LLC	PUMP TESTING-FD	1,106.75
BANKCARD 8076	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,POOL,P&REC	1,013.18
RICHARD BURROUGHS	CEMETERY MAINT	1,010.00
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PLAY IT AGAIN SPORTS	EQUIPMENT-LBC	964.00
RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS INC	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	918.88
CULVERS LAWN & LANDSCAPE INC	RETAINING WALL-MVHPC	878.23
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	876.79
CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE	EQUIP REPAIR-SEW	873.78
BRADY LANHAM	SIGN ELECTRICAL-FD	859.36
KIECKS	UNIFORMS-PD	839.94
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	838.00
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	810.00
ECICOG	ZONING ORD REVIEW-P&A	800.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BLDG MAINT-PD	778.63
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	663.40
RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS INC	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	657.23
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CITY HALL	655.61
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	579.43
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	451.06
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	416.53
SIMMERING CORY IOWA CODIFICATION	CODE SUPPLEMENTS-ALL DEPTS	401.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	374.22
GALLS LLC	UNIFORMS-PD	345.99
HDC PRINTED PRODUCTS	CHECKS-ALL DEPTS	337.35
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	PRINTER MAINT-WAT,SEW,SW	326.93
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	322.62
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	SEPTIC ROCK-PD	308.41
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	293.92
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-SEW	279.88
NORTHSTAR FISH HATCHERY	QUARRY FISH-P&REC	270.00
CITY LAUNDERING	SERVICES-LBC	253.92

QUALITY CLEANING EQUIPMENT	PRESSURE WASHER MAINT-PW	252.29
ADVANTAGE ARCHIVES	DIGITAL PHOTOS-MVHPC	247.80
LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	GENERATOR AIR PERMITS-ALL DEPTS	225.00
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-PD	219.31
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	EQUIP MAINT-PW	197.41
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	187.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-POOL	182.00
CAUSE TEAM	LOGO DESIGN-P&REC	181.25
MACKENZIE GRIMM	REFUND-P&REC	142.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	125.48
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	116.66
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL-PW	101.78
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD	101.48
CHRIS NOSBISCH	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	95.81
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	89.68
VESTIS	RUGS,SERVICES-FD	84.81
SARAH BOOTS	MILEAGE-LBC	83.75
MARKET STREET	CONSULTING-MVHPC	80.00
PROFESSIONAL WINDOW CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING-CITY HALL	80.00
CITY LAUNDERING	SERVICES-CITY HALL	79.69
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ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,P&A,WAT,SEW	79.09
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-RUT	72.00
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-PD	71.61
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD	68.47
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-P&A	66.21
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-LBC	63.75
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SIRENS	62.40
PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-PD	62.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	59.43
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-FD	58.50
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-P&A	57.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	54.97
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	FIRST AID SUPPLIES-LBC	53.85
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW	51.75
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-PD	47.89
MATT NELSON	REFUND-P&REC	37.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW,SW	35.71
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	35.01
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-PD	25.50
STACY ROSS	REFUND-POOL	25.00
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES INC	CHEMICALS-POOL	21.99
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	21.04
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	20.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING-PD	10.00
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NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-SEW	8.00
TOTAL		632,406.18

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

REMOTE READ METER PROJECT	221,422.90
PAYROLL	148,564.69
GENERAL FUND	97,926.00
SOLID WASTE	43,655.94
LOST III UR & STREETScape	40,000.00
SEWER FUND	21,195.21
LBC	20,388.25
ROAD USE TAX FUND	19,374.90
WATER FUND	11,810.64
PW FACILITIES	6,886.60
STORM WATER FUND	1,181.05
TOTAL	632,406.18

FY25 JULY REVENUE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,064,211.91
PUBLIC WORKS	267,211.24
CULTURE-RECREATION	73,779.80
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV	8,997.94
PUBLIC SAFETY	4,807.32
TOTAL	2,419,008.21

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51357 – 3 – 4th Street NW Reconstruction Project – Council Action as Needed. The next four invoices are for engineering services related to ongoing projects that have been approved by Council. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve V&K invoice #51357-3 in the amount of \$29,153.32. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51361 – 2 – Hwy 1 Reconstruction Project – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by West, seconded by Andresen to approve V&K invoice #51361-2 in the amount of \$40,073.31. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51362 – 2 – 2024 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve V&K invoice #51362-2 in the amount of \$9,038.78. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51367 – 2 – Public Works Salt Shed Project – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve V&K invoice #51367-2 in the amount of \$8,415.99. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Future Art Allocations for the Sculpture Trail – Council Action as Needed. The Parks and Recreation Board has voted to officially recommend that \$10,000.00 be allocated every other year for trail art along the sculpture trail. They are asking the City to allocate the \$10,000.00 from LOST III until it sunsets in 2034 (approximately \$50,000). Bob Campagna, Parks and Recreation Board Chair and member of the Sculpture Trail Committee, explained to Council that having this support from City Council will help with getting grants for future funding. The Sculpture Trail Committee is currently acting on fundraising as well but does not have specific financial information available. The advantage to having a long-term commitment is it provides additional community support for private fundraising and grant writing. Nosbisch explained that if Council voted tonight to allocate \$10,000.00 every other year, it is nothing more

than a symbolic vote. Today's Council cannot vote to guarantee future dollars for future Councils, unless they voted to give the entire \$50,000.00 at one time. The Mount Vernon Area Arts Council will still need to come before Council each time funds are requested. As stated in previous discussions, Tuerler and Andresen do not totally agree with using LOST dollars for sculpture art due to the number of other Parks and Recreation projects that need to be completed. Engel felt that having a sculpture garden helps promote and shape culture in the community. Rose made a motion to approve officially recommending \$10,000.00 be allocated every other year for the trail along the sculpture garden to sunset with the LOST III funds in 2034. Motion seconded by Engel. Nobsisch reiterated that tonight's vote is strictly symbolic and each time funds are requested it would need to come back before Council for approval. Voting yes: West, Engel, Rose. Voting no: Andresen, Tuerler. Motion passes.

Discussion and Consideration of JEO Invoice #153225 – Downtown Streetscape Project – Council Action as Needed. Included with the \$36,427.20 invoice is a progress report from JEO Consulting Group. Motion made by Engel, seconded by West to approve Invoice #153225 from JEO Consulting Group in the amount of \$36,427.20. Motion carries.

Reports to be Received/Filed. Full reports can be found on the City website under the August 19, 2024 Council packet.

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

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. Mount Vernon is featured in this month's Midwest Living magazine. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood Apartments site. Thursday at 1:00 p.m. there will an inaugural check presentation from the Mount Vernon Community Betterment Group to the Mount Vernon Elementary School Kids in Need Program. Last Friday, Wieseler traveled with Alliant Energy and Linn County Conservation representatives to tour the interurban trail.

City Administrator's Report. Full report can be found on the City website under the August 19, 2024 Council packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:36 p.m., August 19, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk