

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL

Council Minutes

December 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Mt. Vernon City Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Weston Frank, with the following council members present: Dave Anderson, Dave Renken, Sherri Kayser, Roger DeKok, and Austin Kayser. One council seat remains vacant. City employees present were: Maintenance Officer Ryan Stahl and Finance Officer Laura Mayclin. Attending for public participation were: Steve Harr and Matt Geidel.

Geidel is interested in the open council position, which will be added to the January agenda. Harr reported on several issues that have been addressed in town.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.

Motion by S. Kayser, second by Renken to approve the agenda.

Motion by Anderson, second by Renken to approve the following budget resolution: Whereas, the City Council has determined that the 2023 budget requires adjustment. NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Mt. Vernon hereby authorizes the following: General Fund: Sanitation Department: Supplies/Materials \$7,000.00; General Fund: Health Department: Mosquito Control (\$3,000.00) Park Area: Park Area Maintenance (\$4,000.00.)

Motion by S. Kayser, second by Anderson to approve the following consent items for November: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, Credits Report/Bank Statement and Payment of Bills. Bills:

| | <u>General</u> | <u>Water</u> | <u>City Tax</u> | <u>Sewer</u> | <u>Surcharge</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Weston Frank | 170.85 | | | | | wages |
| David Anderson | 60.03 | | | | | wages |
| Austin Kayser | 60.03 | | | | | wages |
| Dave Renken | 60.03 | | | | | wages |
| Sherri Kayser | 60.03 | | | | | wages |
| Roger DeKok | 60.03 | | | | | wages |
| Ardis Overweg | 589.79 | | | | | wages |
| Ryan Stahl | 3,229.42 | 230.87 | | | | wages |
| Laura Mayclin | 970.91 | | | | | wages |
| Glen Wentland | 55.08 | | | | | wages |
| MV School | 75.00 | | | | | rent |
| Davison Rural Water | | 6,156.95 | | | | water |
| SD Retirement | 536.60 | | | | | retire |
| Verizon | 61.26 | | | | | util |
| Santel | 229.75 | | | 46.23 | | util |
| Northwestern Energy | 1,472.63 | 196.52 | 27.81 | 176.81 | | util |
| Davison Co Sheriff | 1,800.00 | | | | | fees |
| L&L Sanitation | 5,151.00 | | | | | garb |
| SD State Treas(DOR) | 295.33 | | | | | sales tax |
| CorTrust | 1,561.50 | 38.26 | | | | 941 |
| Menards | 682.42 | | | | | supplies |
| SD DOH | 165.00 | | | | | Lab |
| Westy's | 298.72 | | | | | Fuel |
| Commercial Asphalt | 144.54 | | | | | Maint |
| Ardis Overweg | 237.70 | | | | | books |
| J&W Marketing | 163.75 | | | | | mgmt |
| DANR | | 50.00 | | | | Dues |
| DANR | | 140.00 | | | | Dues |

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| CarQuest | 151.08 | supplies |
| SD Muni St. Maint Assoc | 35.00 | Dues |
| SDML Fin. Offc Assoc | 40.00 | Dues |
| SD Assoc of Code Enf. | 75.00 | Dues |
| CorTrust Visa | 4,436.72 | Maint |
| SDPAA | 13,856.95 | Insurance |
| US Bank | | 16,346.28 Project |
| Kalissa Mayclin | 100.00 | Maint |
| USPS | 82.00 | PO Box |
| Dustbusters | 6,849.92 | Equip |
| Morgan Theeler | 20.00 | Repairs |
| Dakota Pump | | 5,361.72 Maint |
| State of SD Notary Public | 30.00 | Notary |
| Runnings | 129.46 | Maint |

OLD BUSINESS

1. Council discussed the upcoming December 16 “Light Up the Town” event. Plans are getting finalized, including voting for decorations on both houses and parade entries. There will be 3 recognized in each category. The Fire Department will serve chili for a fundraiser. Cortrust will have hot cocoa and cookies. We will have apple cider, meat/cheese trays, crackers, cookies, brownies, etc. at our new shop on Main Street. The parade route will go down Main Street from the school to the elevator. Council also discussed interest in doing more of these events throughout the year.
2. We have begun preparing the new space (old fire department building) for us to move in as soon as we can get it ready. We have had electric switched over and will have wifi next week. The fire department has shown interest in removing the generator and the keypad lock on the front door from the building.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Stahl plans to repair the truck, which recently sustained damage from a deer. Council had a brief discussion about a customer complaint on garbage service.
2. Mayclin reported on ROCS, Rural Office of Community Services, stating this organization has a program to help citizens pay their utility bills. They are currently assisting several members of our community. Mayclin also gave an update on the Cortrust CD, which has earned interest of \$3,819.71 during 2023. It matures in 2025. The message board has arrived and will be installed outside the new City Building on Main Street after the Christmas decorations are removed.
3. We will appoint Vice President of Council at the January meeting, after the vacant seat is filled.
4. We received a letter from Davison Rural Water, stating the charge for their services will increase due to increased costs in system maintenance and infrastructure upgrades along with rate increase from the supplier, Randall Community Water District. This increase will necessitate an increase in the City of Mount Vernon’s monthly utility billing. To cover our additional costs, our bill will increase by \$9.00 a month. Mayclin will send a letter with the December 31, 2023 billing outlining the change.
5. Information was passed on to council about exploitation of PLCs. Council discussed the subject and agreed that Mt. Vernon is not at much risk from this.
6. Anderson brought a discussion about the MRC (Mitchell Rapid City Railroad Authority,) noting they have funds that could be used for economic development in this area. There is nothing to do on this for now, but Anderson wanted the council to be aware of the possible future opportunity.
7. No executive session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3 was required.

Motion by DeKok, second by Renken to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.

Mayor

Finance Officer

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