

**MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL**  
**Council Minutes**  
**April 8, 2024**

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. Absent was Matt Geidel. City employees present were: Maintenance Officer Ryan Stahl and Finance Officer Laura Mayclin. Present for public participation was: Darcy Deinert, representing the Baseball Association and Sheriff Steve Harr.

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

Motion by DeKok, seconded by Anderson, to approve the agenda.

Sheriff Harr had no additional news on the dog court case. Frank is looking at dog ordinance to determine if any changes are necessary and will present results next month. We are looking at getting fencing for the shop area for outdoor supplies, and it could also serve as a temporary dog kennel as needed. Council is looking over the Sheriff’s Department contract for the 2025 budget, as there will be an increase. The new rate will be \$50 an hour. Council will be determining the number of hours per month to contract.

Darcy Deinert requested payment for seeding the grass at the baseball fields, which council had previously approved. The amount to be paid by the city is \$787.50, which is ½ of the total bill. She was also verifying if the city was going to give the annual donation of \$1,000 to the Baseball Association.

Motion by D. Renken, seconded by R. DeKok, to approve the following consent items for March: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, Credits Report/Bank Statement and Payment of Bills. The approval included the following correction from the March Council Minutes: The Citywide Cleanup will be held May 4, 2024, not the date erroneously indicated in the prior minutes.

Bills:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>City Tax</u>	<u>Sewer</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
Matt Geidel	60.03				wages
Ardis Overweg	614.46				wages
Ryan Stahl	3,321.60	230.87			wages

Laura Mayclin	1,184.28				wages
Davison Rural Water		7,800.35			water
SD Retirement	556.50				retire
Verizon	61.26				util
Santel	249.75			46.02	util
Northwestern Energy	2,048.25	331.27	34.68	229.79	util
L&L Sanitation	5,151.00				garb
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	293.20				sales tax
SD-DOH		15.00			Lab
CorTrust	1,708.33	38.26			941
SD Unempl Ins	66.44				Unempl Ins
Menards	125.23				supplies
Westy's	155.32				Fuel
Ardis Overweg	409.57				supplies
A&G Diesel	2,585.03				Repairs
SD Fed Prop	1,965.00				supplies
Elfstrand's Ace Hardware	328.98				Maint.
Mustang Welding	23.94				Repairs
Runnings	65.13				supplies
Carquest	312.91				Repairs
Avera Occupational Med	130.00				Immun.
Cortrust Visa	1,068.94				supplies
Mitchell Roofing	6,242.85				Repairs
Mid American Research Chem		1,175.56			Chemicals
Vern's Mfg	21,180.00				Dumpsters

L&W Recovery	1,469.10			Transport Check
David Renken	60.03			Reissue Check
Courtney Deinert	60.03			Reissue Check
Mt. Vernon School	75.00			Reissue Check
Connor Powell	240.12			Reissue Check
Brett Hohbach	60.03			Reissue
SDML Workers Comp	169.00			Insurance
Hohbach Elect	165.78			Repairs
SDRS	27.95			retire
Central Square	464.60	464.61	464.60	Maint.
SPN Assoc	14,400.00			RR Project
J&W Mktg	167.50			Mgmt

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Hall door lock has arrived and will be installed soon. Stahl will be repairing the wheels on the table/chair carts.
2. Council is considering a letter to address necessary tree removal.
3. Reminder: Citywide Cleanup is May 4, 2024 from 8 am to noon. Notices are on our city bulletin board (at the new city office at 115 N. Main Street,) Cortrust Bank, Westy's and Wermers.
4. The Parks Board met in March and determined that approximately \$15,000 is needed to finish the project at the baseball fields. They plan to seek this money from the city and school (50/50.) The Parks Board will be holding their second meeting April 10, 2024, after which, we will know more details.
5. The city attorney is researching the handling of the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Encroachment.
6. The Railroad Street Project is in planning phase, with soil boring being performed last week. SPN is handling the bidding for the city.
7. Garbage service was discussed at length. Our current contract is through June 2024, and after that The City will be providing our own services. We have purchased a refuse truck, totes, and dumpsters and will be ready to go on July 1. Ryan plans to run garbage on Mondays when we begin in July.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Stahl fertilized the baseball field and recent rain should help with grass growth. He would like to see if there is room in the 2025 budget for a new city truck with a blade to assist in snow removal. Stahl also requested an increase in pay of \$15,000 to account for adding the garbage service. There was no official motion, but the council

plans to make this adjustment when we begin service in July.

2. Mayclin added a calendar to the website for The Hall, so it will be easier to determine when it is in use. She also presented the estimate from Baker Construction for work at the new office to construct a meeting room is \$9,641.73.
3. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Renken for the first reading of the amendment to Ordinance 1.4.9.
4. Surplus items listing will be tabled until May meeting.
5. Motion by Anderson, seconded by A. Kayser, to approve \$1,000 donations for the following: American Legion, Baseball Association, and Senior Citizens.

Motion by A. Kayser, seconded by R. DeKok to adjourn at 9:03 pm.

Weston Frank  
Mayor

Laura Mayclin  
Finance Officer

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