

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL

Council Minutes

May 6, 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, Matt Geidel and Austin Kayser. Incoming council member Cameron Deinert was also present. City employees present were: Maintenance Officer Ryan Stahl and Finance Officer Laura Mayclin. Present for public participation was: Allen from L&L Sanitation and Sheriff Steve Harr.

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

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

Allen with L&L Sanitation approached council to inquire about ending his contract early. His preference is to have the contract end as soon as possible, and he stated that the cost to the city would be \$1,030 per week that he picks up garbage in May. Council agreed to the early termination of the contract, stating the attorney costs for this should be split between the city and L&L. Allen agreed to pay ½ of the attorney costs to terminate the contract early, including phone calls to/from the attorney. Mayclin will be certain that payment is accurate, deducting attorney costs from the final payment. L&L will pick up the first two weeks of May and the city will take over after that. The city will begin picking up garbage on Monday the 20th of May. Please note that the normal weekly pick-up day will be Mondays beginning May 20, 2024. Motion by Anderson, seconded by S. Kayser to mutually terminate the contract with L&L Sanitation as of May 11, 2024. The vote was as follows. In favor: Anderson, S. Kayser, Renken, Geidel. Against: DeKok and A. Kayser.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Renken to approve the following budget amendment: General Fund: Public Works: Highways & Streets Department: Machinery & Equipment: (\$60,000.00); General Fund: Sanitation: Equipment: \$60,000.00 to account for cost of new sanitation equipment.

Motion by Renken, seconded by DeKok to approve the following consent items for April: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, and Credits Report/Bank Statement. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Renken to approve Payment of Bills, after eliminating the bill for L&L Sanitation. Bills:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Water Deposits</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	1,573.62					wages
Glen Wentland	114.59					wages
Davison Rural Water		7,975.80				water
Verizon	61.24					util
SD Retirement	556.50					retire
Santel	245.05				46.02	util
Northwestern Energy	2,019.14	284.33		31.47	224.26	util
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	284.33					sales tax
CorTrust	1,846.95	38.26				941
Menards	477.25					supplies

J&W Marketing	160.00			mgmt
Baseball Association	1,000.00			Donation
American Legion	1,000.00			Donation
Senior Citizens	1,000.00			Donation
MVG&Oil	772.79			Fuel
Runnings	1,303.80			Repairs
Cortrust Visa	1,240.34	151.34	151.33	Postage
Avera Occ. Med.	250.00			Testing
Benders			528.00	Maint
Kalissa Mayclin	112.50			Maint
Marge Mathers		100.00		Deposit Rfd
Jeremy Strong		100.00		Deposit Rfd
Baseball Association	787.50			Seed
Morgan Theeler	591.50			Legal
Ardis Overweg	168.51			supplies
SDARWS		125.00		Conference
Midwest Safety	627.00			Maint
SPN	4,800.00			Project
SD Fed Prop	222.00			supplies
Mustang Welding	79.24			Repairs
Davison Conservation Dist	2,200.00			Trees
A&G Diesel	419.48			Repairs
SD 811	2.10			Locates
Davison Couinty	153.00			Blading
SD DOH		15.00		Lab

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Hall projector screen will be reinstalled this week. We are still having rentals, including some for upcoming graduation parties.
2. Frank is looking into a possibility of collecting tires for disposal. He is also addressing a case of someone parking in an alley, which is against our ordinances.
3. Citywide Cleanup went well – had a great response from residents, who continue to appreciate the service.
4. The dirt work has been completed at the ball park, and sprinklers will be going in. It appears that the city will end up covering approximately \$10,000 on upcoming improvements that were not covered by the grant the Baseball Association received. Anderson (as a member of the Park Board) is looking into grants.
5. We haven't heard from our attorney regarding the 6th Avenue encroachment. Frank is looking into this and seeking options on how we should proceed from Morgan Theeler. We are also planning to require building permits for all new construction, with surveys required prior to construction.
6. The Railroad Project is moving along. We are checking to see if DOT approves our gravel as is, or if we will have to include new gravel in the project.
7. Frank and Stahl are still compiling a list of surplus items. New regulations require an advertised public auction for any items over \$2,500. All items under this amount can be sold at private auction without notice.
8. Motion by Renken, seconded by DeKok to approve construction, estimated at \$10,000 on the meeting space at the new city building upon S. Kayser's approval this week.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Stahl wants to remind the residents to have sump pumps going into the yard, not in the sewer lines to

avoid any basements overflowing. He has received some quotes for new city pickups from the state agency...around \$48,000. The replacement trees are planted at the park, after the claim from last year. Stahl also asked if council could get involved in getting lead surveys completed.

2. Mayclin reported that DANR's inspection reported painted/treated wood waste at the dump site should be removed and properly disposed of. She received a call from Brosz Engineering regarding the multi-community chip seal. Brosz says it will save the city money to go with Aztec out of St. Cloud MN, who will pick it up on a pass through for about \$2,100 (\$3.00/square yard for about 700 yards.) Mayclin will forward information to Stahl to contact Aztec. Mayclin also reported that she has set up service for the city wide text messaging, which she will be testing over the coming weeks.
3. Motion by Renken, seconded by Geidel for the first reading of the amendments to Ordinances 1.4.9 and 1.4.10.
4. The mayor and council thanked Dave Anderson for his many years of service as a councilman. The city will be installing a mural at the new city office in his honor, as it has been something he and his wife, Dawnette, have suggested over the years. Now that we have a new city building, their wish can come to fruition. This mural will be painted by the art students at Mount Vernon High School. The city will select a theme, which will change as often as it is necessary in the future due to wear.
5. The Oath of Office for new officials was recited by council members who were recently elected to office.
6. Motion by Renken, seconded by S. Kayser to appoint A. Kayser as President of the council. Motion by S. Kayser, seconded by C. Deinert to appoint D. Renken as Vice President of the council.
7. Motion by A. Kayser, seconded by Renken to keep committees the same, adding C. Deinert as the head of the Water Department.
8. Motion by S. Kayser, seconded by DeKok to accept the presentation of the Annual Report by Mayclin.
9. Motion by Renken, seconded by S. Kayser to approve Westy's liquor license.

Motion by Deinert, seconded by A. Kayser to adjourn at 9:28 pm.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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