

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
July 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 Renken, Sherri Kayser, Roger DeKok, and Austin Kayser. City employees present were: Maintenance Officer Ryan Stahl and Finance Officer Laura Mayclin. Present for public participation were: Paul Claggett, Dan London, and Dave Anderson.

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

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

For the public participation portion of the meeting, discussion focused on the June flooding. Frank attended training for the flood app with the state to learn what needs to be done for individuals to apply for assistance. He says for individuals to qualify, they had to have 18 inches of water or a bedroom in their basement that was flooded. He has also been in communication with Jeff Bathke, Davison County Emergency Management, to see what the city needs to do to get assistance for damage incurred by the flooding. There were several streets that were under water for long periods of time, causing damage. There were also culverts throughout the city that were damaged. Frank will be reporting this damage by the deadline (July 12.) Bathke and Frank also discussed ways to mitigate future flooding events, noting that an event of this magnitude would not likely be fully mitigated. Our system, which has a 4-inch pipe moving water to the lagoon, is not designed to handle 12-13 inches of rain in such a short time period. A system that would handle that would cost millions of dollars. One thing that Stahl found to help some was using additional trash pumps at different areas of town to move the water out of the sewer. We will be purchasing extra trash pumps for this purpose. Stahl will also be cleaning out ditches so water will move more easily. Council will also look for any grants that come up for sewer infrastructure. Dave Anderson, representing the Mount Vernon Economic Development Group, said they are assisting residents with \$500 checks for those who had to replace items and couldn't claim on insurance.

Claggett says he is looking into starting a "tool library" in the city to keep people from having to purchase a tool for one-time use. This library would consist of tools for people to "check out" to use. He will keep us updated so we can pass on details as we have them.

Motion by Renken, Seconded by DeKok to adjust the 2024 budget as follows: Whereas, the City Council has determined that the 2024 budget requires adjustment, NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Mt. Vernon hereby authorizes the following budget amendment: The Hall \$6,000.00; Other Miscellaneous Revenue \$6,000.00. This amount represents an insurance claim payment received for damage at The Hall.

Motion by DeKok, seconded by Renken to approve the following consent items for June: 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>Sewer Surch</u>	<u>Desc</u>
Weston Frank	170.85					wages
Cameron Deinert	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	4,857.52				wages
Laura Mayclin	1,009.88				wages
Glen Wentland	171.88				wages
Davison Rural Water		8,840.95			water
SD Retirement	762.60				retire
Verizon	62.57				util
Santel	239.27			42.77	util
Northwestern Energy	1,660.61	175.26	12.00	271.69	util
City of Mitchell	812.64				garb
SD State DOR	321.88				sales tax
SD DOH		15.00			Lab
SD Reemployment	26.64				Unempl
CorTrust	2,124.03	38.26			941
Menards	262.50				supplies
Westy's	75.32				Fuel
USBank				16,346.28	Project
Runnings	432.38				Maint
Carquest	187.24				supplies
J&W Mktg	160.00				Mgmt
CorTrust Visa	292.99	80.67		80.67	supplies
Kalissa Mayclin	50.00				Cleaning
Udrive Tech	50.00				Service
Morgan Theeler	299.00				Legal
A&G Diesel	473.78				Repair
Weber Sanitation	571.04				Garb
Ardis Overweg	221.71				supplies
MARC	363.36				Maint

OLD BUSINESS

1. In lieu of hanging the projector screen, which recently fell, council decided to paint the wall for projecting.
2. A. Kayser presented some information on adding a splash park to our city park. He is looking into it further to get more details and look into grants. Mayclin will check on the additional cost of insurance.
3. Motion by Renken, seconded by S. Kayser to table the 6th Avenue encroachment conversation until the August meeting.
4. We are currently just waiting for the state to get back to SPN on our Railroad Street Project.
5. Stahl reported that the city buildings need new gutters. This will cost approximately \$1,500.

6. Council continues to work on the building permits. Discussion focused on having one fee for every project...not a scale. Permits would be approved by council at the monthly meeting. Surveys would be required if the existing footprint of the building is changed.
7. Council has decided to do a big citywide event on August 24, instead of individual ward gatherings. Dave Anderson is also planning a Movies on Main night for July 26. More details will be coming.
8. Council reviewed an estimate from Clark Paving for the driveway at the new Baker apartments on Main Street. This is not any cost to the city, the council just wanted to see the plan, since it involves a city street.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Maintenance Officer Stahl reported that the estimate to repair Northview, which sustained damage from the flooding, is \$49,624. Motion by Renken, seconded by DeKok to approve the repair estimate. Clark also gave an estimate for a repair on Wallace for \$19,864, and council has decided to look at that one in the coming months. Council discussed being sure we have flags up on Main Street for the 4th of July in future years. They are normally placed by another organization, but this year they weren't. Stahl will look into this and also having something (parade, etc.) for the 4th next year. Council decided that the Christmas Parade of Lights will be December 7 this year. Stahl also asked about having Sports Day and Street Dances. We will be adding a new truck for the City Maintenance Supervisor to the 2025 budget. The total price for the truck and plow attachment will be about \$60,000. We are going through the state for the truck, so there is no need to bid this out. Motion by A. Kayser, seconded by S. Kayser to order the pickup, which will be delivered and paid for in 2025. The plow will be ordered later. Stahl had a resident recently ask for a dumpster, but really needed it for use as a rolloff. Council approved a two times charge of \$160 for this purpose.
2. Mayclin will be absent from the August meeting. Minutes will be recorded for her in her absence. She asked how many years to keep the minutes on the website, as other cities have less years available. Frank said having too much could slow down the website and approved just doing the average of what the other cities have. Mayclin recently signed up for a text alert system for the city. She will be sending the text alert details to council for testing and discussion at the next meeting.
3. The City of Mount Vernon thanks every individual, the fire department, and Cameron from Dakota Pump for their assistance during the June flooding. It did not go unnoticed, and it was thoroughly appreciated.
4. The lease of our John Deere tractor will be completed, and it is time to purchase it. The cost is \$56,930.57. Motion by Renken, seconded by A. Kayser to approve the purchase with funds coming from unencumbered cash.

Motion by S. Kayser, seconded by Renken to adjourn at 10:24 pm.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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