

MINUTES
MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 18, 2016

The Mount Vernon City Council met January 18, 2016 at the Mount Vernon City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Roudabush, Tuerler, Wieseler, Christensen and Rose.

1. Call to Order. At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Jamie A. Hampton called the meeting to order and stated that Agenda item #12 will be tabled.
2. Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve the amended Agenda was made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose. Carried all.
3. Consent Agenda. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Tuerler, seconded by Wieseler. Carried all
 - a. Approval of minutes of January 4 and January 11, 2016.
 - b. Claims for approval.

AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL FEE-PW	26.40
ALA4:C53LIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	18.41
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,591.83
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	1,244.46
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,117.67
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&A	712.84
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-FD	485.07
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-PD	353.50
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	150.92
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	126.28
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-KMVL	74.09
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	69.41
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	21.55
ALLIED GLASS PRODUCTS INC	DOOR REPAIR-FD	75.00
AUTO WORX	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	30.74
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A,PD	75.00
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC	T-SHIRTS-P&REC	518.00
BAUMAN AND COMPANY	UNIFORMS-P&A,PW	238.00
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-PD,P&A	75.00
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
BIJOU MOVIE THEATER	THEATER RENTAL-P&REC	100.00
BIJOU MOVIE THEATER	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC,POOL	360.00
BOBCAT OF CEDAR RAPIDS	BROOM GUTTER/SWEEPER-SW	307.40
BON APPETIT	M.BEIMER RETIREMENT-P&A	481.20
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-P&A	630.00
CAREPRO PHARMACY	SUPPLIES-P&A	10.76
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT	263.78

CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	32.14
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	355.20
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-PD	35.82
CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN	AUDITOR FEES-P&A	1,500.00
COGRAN SYSTEMS	ONLINE REGISTRATION FEES	90.00
CR/LC SOLID WASTE AGENCY	LEAVES,MONITOR,TIRES-PD,PW	343.00
CUSTOM HOSE & SUPPLIES INC	HOSE/BRINE TANK-RUT	88.93
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	100.00
FUTURE LINE TRUCK EQUIPMENT	SNOW BLADE PARTS-RUT	35.62
GALLS INC	UNIFORMS-PD	12.33
GOODLOVE, NATHAN	FIRE CHIEF PAY-FD	416.63
GORDON LUMBER COMPANY	BLDG SUPPLIES-P&REC	53.50
HDC	LASER CHECKS-ALL DEPTS	437.55
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	POSTS-RUT	113.10
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	DBR BACKUP-ALL DEPTS	330.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	M.BEIMER COMP MAINT-P&A	317.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	QRTLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	150.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-P&A	899.00
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	LEGO ROBOTICS-P&REC	50.00
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	FSTB CERTIFICATION-FD	25.00
J ROBERT HOPSON	ACTUARIAL CERTIFICATION	550.00
JANDA MOTOR SERVICES	BLOWER #2-SEW	640.00
KONE INC	MODULE MIANT-P&A	1,850.00
KONICA MINOLTA	MAINTENANCE PLAN/COPIES	538.05
LANGES SINCLAIR SERVICE	FUEL-FD	44.48
LOU'S GLOVES	GLOVES-SEW	86.00
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	38.31
LYNCH FORD	EXCURSION MAINT-FD	139.37
LYNCH FORD	EXCURSION MAINT-FD	41.92
LYNCH FORD	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	38.31
MENARDS	EXIT/EMERGENCY LIGHTS-P&A	415.11
MENARDS	EXIT LIGHTS-P&A	93.26
MIDWEST SAFETY COUNSELOR	EQUIP REPAIR-FD	49.50
MOORE, JAMES	MILEAGE-P&A	146.63
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	460.59
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	BLDG REPAIR-FD	325.93
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX-P&A	35.00
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	501.41
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC	187.50
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-FD	30.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING SERV	WATER/SALT-RUT,P&A	64.75
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	65,036.75
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	379.96
RICKLEFS EXCAVATING	1ST STREET INTERSECTION	52,715.34
RICKLEFS EXCAVATING	2015 STREET IMPROVEMENTS	45,232.46
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	PAINT SPRAYER PARTS-RUT	6.94
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	LEGAL FEES-P&A	4,078.75
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	LEGAL FEES-P&A	577.50
SPRINGER PEST SOLUTIONS CORP	PEST CONTROL-P&A	30.00
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,822.50
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-WAT	37.00

TERRACON CONSULTANTS INC	SONAR TESTING-POOL BOND	2,350.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	4,144.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2015 STR IMPROVEMENTS GENERAL	7,914.53
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	ST WAT SUSTAINABLE FEATURES CO	4,944.43
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	1,418.75
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	BYPASS AREA FUTURE UTILITY PLA	1,162.70
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	1ST & 8TH DRAINAGE EVAL PRELIM	1,052.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CHARBONEAU ST SEWER REPAIR	552.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	1ST ST N PARKING LOT LAYOUT	126.00
WAPSI	SERVICES	22,457.48
WEX BANK	FUEL	752.02
WEX BANK	FUEL	807.54
	TOTAL	37,441.91

- c. Approval of new liquor license: Palisades Café (new ownership).
- d. Approval of liquor license renewal: Scorz Bar & Grill.

4. Open forum: each citizen limited to 5 minutes per discussion item.

5. Mayoral Appointments.

- a. Mike Buser as EMA designee.
- b. Mike Buser and Doug Shannon to Linn County E911 to represent Mount Vernon.
- c. Marty Christensen as Mayor Pro Tem.
- d. Paul Tuerler and Tom Wieseler to Personnel Committee.
- e. Eric Roudabush and Scott Rose to Safety Committee.
- f. Scott Rose and Marty Christensen to Finance Committee.
- g. Paul Tuerler and Eric Roudabush to Infrastructure Committee.
- h. Tom Wieseler and Scott Rose to Economic Development.
- i. Eric Roudabush as liaison to Fire Department Advisory Board.
- j. Tom Wieseler as liaison to Cole Public Library and special liaison to Cornell College.

6. Update from Sustainability Advisory Committee. Dave Osterberg stated he was there to present for the committee their next proposal of solar power. Osterberg stated his personal cost and rebates from Alliant energy and tax credits, when he put solar panels on his garage. Osterberg stated that many Cities are starting to implement City solar panels and community solar panels. Residents would buy a share and no more than what they use and get a rebate on what they use depending on amount of shares they purchase. The committee would like to present a proposal to the Council to possibly start a community solar panel.

7. Parks and Recreation Director Report. Matt Siders stated that the park lights are installed in Sauter Park and the trails from there. The Lego Robotics team competed and did well. The Middle School Gym was staffed over the holidays and open to the public over a 3 hour time period. Each day they had over 26 people a day participating.

8. Police Chief Report. November weather made for less accidents for the City with less snow amounts and nicer weather. Chief Shannon wanted to remind the public to clear off your windows when there is ice and snow, it is a dangerous way to drive and is a safety issue. Chief Shannon stated that Mount Vernon got voted one of Iowa's safest cities. Officer Gehrke started with the Dare program at the schools. Shannon stated that interviews will begin shortly with 8 candidates to consider for the City Mount Vernon Police Department position.

9. Engineer Report. V&K was asked to look into the wagon pass last summer. Schechinger stated that they looked at the underside of the wagon pass which showed a much degraded cement ceiling and possibly leading to depressions in the roadway. A structural engineer was asked to come through and assess the wagon pass condition. After inspection it was recommended to do a weight limit on the structure, to do an annual inspection to assess if its ability to stay open or permanently close it, and lastly to discuss liability on the City. City Attorney Robert Hatala stated that the Bowers and City signed an agreement that states that if the City uses the pass and a City worker gets injured it releases the Bowers from liability and if the Bowers or any of their licensees use the pass and are injured it releases the City from liability. Hatala stated that it's a difficult release to address because the City has an easement to the property for use of the roadway. Hatala said that it should be addressed at the next Council Meeting. It was asked if a trespasser was to be injured then who would be responsible. Hatala stated that there may be a dispute but he felt it would be on the Bowers. To date the agreement has not been signed. Schechinger stated he talked with the IDOT about the sidewalk that goes around the businesses to the roundabout and placement of the sidewalk. When it gets closer they will go out and discuss this further but wanted to make sure the IDOT knew that the City wants the sidewalk constructed on the backside of the businesses. The other issue was to make sure there was access to Highway 1 at all times during the bypass construction process. The storm water advisory committee preliminary application was approved which means that they can now go through the full application process. The previous council had authorized up to \$100,000.00 City share to put towards this project and the application would also be for \$100k in grant money. This will be brought before Council at a future meeting.

10. Discussion and possible action to move first Council meeting in February due to Iowa caucus. Council decided to change the February 1, 2016 council meeting date due to the Iowa caucuses also scheduled on that date. The first meeting in February will be on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., City Hall Chamber.

11. Mayoral recommendation and possible Council action to fill two vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Board. Mayor Hampton recommended that Loren Hoffman and Rory Wiebel be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board. Tuerler motioned to approve the Mayor's recommendation, seconded by Roudabush. Carried all.

12. Mayoral recommendation and possible Council action to fill vacancy on the Ambulance Board. Tabled.

13. Old Business. Roudabush said that Jerry Niederhauser had contacted him. Last September Ricklefs was digging at the corner 1st Street and 1st Avenue and they broke into the water main flooding his basement (Coldwell Banker/Lee's Town and Country). A claim was submitted to Ricklefs insurance company but it still has not been settled. The claim is for \$8,000.00. Niederhauser has asked if the City can help. Roudabush said it was clearly Ricklefs fault and suggested holding back payment until this is settled. Christensen said he was not opposed to the City trying to help but felt it might be a bit "strong" to withhold payment for something the City is not involved in. When asked his opinion Hatala said that he would have to look at the contract and Old Business was not the place to deliberate. Christenson asked if the City has had a conversation with the contractor to which Hatala replied he did not know about this.
14. New Business. None.
15. Budget work session for FY2017. Discussion only. Mayor Hampton invited those groups that were asking for more fiscal year support than they did last year to explain their budget. City Administrator Chris Nosbisch stated that the Mount Vernon property valuations only increased about \$6,000.00 from last year and because it was such a small increase recommended that the City "keep the status quo" for the FY17 budget and the same \$12.99 tax levy. Fire Chief Nathan Goodlove said the fire department's asking budget increased \$9,200.00 mainly due to development of a new web page, equipment and equipment repairs. Cornell College / public library: Cathy Boggs, library director and Paul Waelchli, director of Cole Library request was for \$65,000.00 an increase of \$7,000.00 from FY16. MVAAC: Denise Murphy said they are asking for \$4,500.00 an increase of \$1,000.00. Mike Woods, Post Commander, asked for the same amount as they did in FY16, \$5,000.00 for the new veterans' memorial. Also present to answer questions about their budget but not asking for an increase was Jules Scadden, LMVAS (\$13,500.00). Budget discussions continue on January 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
16. Discussion and possible action on CoachDeck claim. This session may be closed pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(c). Tuerler made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Rose. Roll call vote. Carried all. The time being 8:25 p.m. Motion to come out of close session made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler. Roll call vote. Carried all. The time being 8:38 p.m. No action taken.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned the time being 9:02 p.m.,
January 18, 2016.

Respectively submitted,
Sue Ripke
City Clerk