

MINUTES
MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 27, 2013

The Mount Vernon City council met January 27, 2014 at Mount Vernon City Hall Chambers with the following members present: Roudabush, Taylor, Thompson and Niemi. Absent: Hampton.

At 6:31 p.m. Mayor James Moore called the meeting to order.

1. Council work session on FY2015 budget. City Administrator Mike Beimer explained the budget procedure; discussions will begin with those groups that have submitted requests for City support. Requests were submitted in writing and a representative of their group should be present in order for Council to ask questions. After each presentation Beimer said he would ask for a “non-binding straw poll” from Council indicating whether or not they approve the request. The following groups all received favorable remarks from Council. The first request was from Sonia Redmond, president of the Community Develop Group. The request of \$45k for operational expenses and \$15k for the director’s salary is the same amount as the FY14 request. Bob Wolf/S.E. Linn request was also the same as FY14/\$12,998.00, MVAAC request for \$3,500.00 was the same as FY14, \$9,415.00 was approved for new cemetery software, Guy Booth/MVHPC \$6,250.00 budget request is also the same as the previous year, EMA request approved is the same as FY14/\$23,025.00, Nathan Goodlove, fire chief for the MV Fire Department request was for 170,365.00. \$120k of that is the City’s share of a new tanker truck which may be purchased if the rural fire department decides to also pay up to \$150k. Chief Mark Winder asked to increase the police budget by \$41,218 with an explanation that most of this will be to purchase a computer server and new software (\$699,161.00). Matt Siders, Parks and Rec Director had included the purchase of a new gator in his budget but Council determined that a new mower would be of better use for those funds. With that change Council tentatively approved both the parks and pool budgets. Beimer explained the tax levy rate for the City will again remain the same as in years past; \$12.99 per \$1,000.00 assessed value. Beimer noted that if residents see an increase in their property taxes it may be due to the new property assessment and roll back both of which the City has no control over.

No representative was present to explain the Lisbon-MV Ambulance request for \$13,750.00, a \$6,950.00 increase. Paul Waelchli, Director of Cole Library was asked for more information. Their request was for \$58,000.00, an increase of \$5,500.00. Matt Siders will bring forth more information regarding the trail requests. Discussions will continue at the February 3, 2014 meeting.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned, the time being 9:45 p.m., January 27, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Ripke
City Clerk

Reviewed and approved,
Michael R. Beimer
City Administrator