

MINUTES
MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 5, 2015

The Mount Vernon city council met October 5, 2015 at the Mount Vernon City Hall Council Chambers with the following member present: Thompson, Taylor, Roudabush, Peters and Hampton.

1. Call to Order. At 6:30 p.m. Mayor ProTem Eric Roudabush called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Peters, seconded by Hampton. Carried all.
3. Consent Agenda. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Hampton, seconded by Thompson. Carried all.
 - a. Approval of minutes of September 21, 2015.
 - b. Claims for approval.

AERO RENTAL	CEMENT BUCKET/SKIDLOADER	44.00
ARAMARK	RUGS-FD	50.00
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A,PD	75.00
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
BEE LINE	20 SAFETY CONES	271.00
BEIMER, MICHAEL R	MILEAGE-P&A	179.40
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-PD,P&A	75.00
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
BOBCAT OF CEDAR RAPIDS	AUGER RENTAL/TRAIL PROJECT	35.00
BOBCAT OF CEDAR RAPIDS	SUPPLIES-RUT	3.88
BRADLEY HAUGE, CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-P&A	1,490.00
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CEDAR RAPIDS	GLOVES-PW	96.04
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-WAT,SEW	51.53
CLICK, KAREN	UNIFORMS-PD	40.00
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INC	CONCRETE TOOLS-PW	119.95
CORNELL COLLEGE	RAD MANUALS-PD	52.64
DAUBS, DANIEL	EQUIPMENT-PD	25.98
DAVIES HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING	FURNACE MAINT-SEW	429.00
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	RIM/JD LOADER-PW	150.00
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	ALT BELT/'91 FORD	137.80
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	5 GAL HYDRAULIC FLUID-PW	56.25
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CORP	INFORMATION SYSTEMS-PW	399.60
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CORP	PAGER SERVICE-EMA	11.95
GALLS INC	UNIFORMS-PD	215.67
GALLS INC	UNIFORMS-PD	10.26
GALLS INC	BADGE-PD	131.95
GALLS INC	RADIO HOLDER-PD	29.78
GORDON LUMBER COMPANY	BLDG SUPPLIES-RUT	324.66
HAWKEYE READY MIX	CASS ST/WAT MAIN BREAK-WAT	805.12
HAWKEYE READY MIX	CURB FIX-RUT	429.40
HAWKEYE READY MIX	TRAIL LIGHTING PROJECT-P&REC	103.79
HAWKEYE READY MIX	MAIN BREAK,PATCHES-WAT	858.80

HAWKEYE READY MIX	SAUTER TRAIL	622.72
HAWKEYE READY MIX	CASS ST/WAT MAIN BREAK	12.50
HAWKINS, LISA	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	24.07
IDNR	ANNUAL WATER USE FEE	99.00
IOWA MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER	FALL 2015 MTG	68.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONITOR-WAT,SEW	572.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	INSTALL REGENT-PD	145.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMP MAINT-ALL DEPTS	330.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMP MAINT-P&A	150.00
KIECKS	UNIFORMS-FD	16.47
LANGES SINCLAIR SERVICE	FUEL-FD	20.20
LETTER PERFECT	NAMEPLATE-P&A	24.00
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-PW	2,253.48
LINN COUNTY PLANNING & DEV	AIR PERMITS RENEWAL	215.00
LINN COUNTY PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT	BLDG PERMIT FEES/INSPECTIONS	1,208.30
MENARDS	CONDUIT/TRAIL LIGHTING	21.84
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	A-LIGHTS/SKID LOADER-PW	86.71
MOORE, JAMES	MILEAGE-P&A	245.53
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	1,329.19
MOUNT VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT	LED SCENE LIGHTS-FD	71.49
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&A,KMVL	499.96
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC	50.00
MOUNT VERNON POLICE RESERVES	SPECIAL EVENTS PAY-PD	6.00
NATIONAL MINORITY UPDATE	ADVERTISING SPACE-PD	145.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT	103.75
OFFICE OF VEHICLE SERVICES	VEHICLE INSPECTIONS-PD	30.00
PACE SUPPLY	HYDROSEED	103.50
PACE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES-RUT	283.10
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	52,669.34
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	378.28
RALSTON, ZAC	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	55.77
RICKLEFS EXCAVATING	2015 STREET IMPROVEMENTS	241,249.18
ROTO-ROOTER	TELEWISE TILE LINES-POOL	680.00
SCHIMBERG COMPANY	SUPPLIES-WAT	795.00
SIDERS, MATT	MILEAGE-P&REC	101.20
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	LEGAL FEES-P&A	2,295.00
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	LEGAL FEES-P&A	877.35
SMITH, ANTHONY	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	25.66
STAR EQUIPMENT LTD	PARTS/4" TRASH PUMP-PW	352.40
STETSON BUILDING PRODUCTS INC	TRAIL LIGHT PROJECT	445.92
TERRY DURIN COMPANY	TRAIL LIGHT PROJECT	607.78
US BANK	SUPPLIES,UNIFORMS,MAINT-ALL DEPTS	1,175.12
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-ALL DEPTS	559.06
UTILITY SERVICE INC	QUARTERLY PYMT	12,449.08
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2015 STR IMPROVEMENTS GENERAL	17,063.24
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WASTEWATER FACILITY PLAN	2,933.65
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	1,417.25
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	HWY 30 BYPASS COORDINATION	1,180.75
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PRAIRIE PARK WTP FILTER REPLACEMENT	668.80
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	BYPASS AREA FUTURE UTILITY PLACEMENT	298.00

VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	STONEBROOK DEVELOPMENT PRE APP	284.00
VERMEER SALES & SERVICE INC	LOCATOR SYSTEM-WAT,SEW	3,800.00
WENDLING QUARRIES	CASS ST/WAT MAIN BREAK	526.83
WENDLING QUARRIES	CASS ST/WAT MAIN BREAK	519.02
WENDLING QUARRIES	CASS ST/WAT MAIN BREAK	151.14
WENDLING QUARRIES	VALVE REPLACEMENT-WAT	286.46
WENDLING QUARRIES	VALVE REPLACEMENT-WAT	123.98
	TOTAL	359,515.02

- c. Certificate of Appreciation to Kelli Chapman for service on the Parks and Recreation Board.
 - d. Approval of fireworks permit for Cornell College on October 9, 2015.
4. Open forum: each citizen limited to 5 minutes per discussion item.
5. Pool update report on reconstruction alternatives. Parks and Rec Director Siders provided Council with an update on the pool reconstruction project. Siders gave Council an updated listing of pool renovations items and costs; what has been completed, what is recommended be done yet in FY16 and FY17 projects. Siders said he would like to take another year to evaluate the situation at the pool. Repairs to the pool basin and gutter areas were completed but the full extent of the those repairs are unknown. Siders said he thought it would be advantageous to do some kind of structural research on the integrity of the basin to see if there is more water loss or major issues. Roto Rooter televised the pipes and did not find any significant leaks but they did find some cracks in the walls and gutters which have been repaired. Roudabush asked if the FY17 projects on the list would be done about this time next year to which Siders replied that some things could be done before the pool opened for the year. Taylor asked how much of the pool budget has been spent and how much will be left over. Siders asked for clarification to which Taylor replied she was interested in the CIP budget. Siders said that \$34k has been spent so far this year. Beimer said that the City bonded for \$250,000.00 but there were expenses associated with the bonding cause. Beimer said more dollars could be allocated, if needed, in the FY17 budget or the regular pool budget could be amended. Council agreed that Siders should continue moving forward with his pool plan and recommendations.
6. City Administrator Report. City Administrator Beimer stated that the City has received FEMA money in the amount of \$23,392.00 from expenses incurred during the June 2014 storm. Also, the City will be receiving about \$91,780.00 in retainage money from the roundabout project but the final change order was about \$36,913.00 so approximately \$54,817.00 will be added to the roundabout fund. The executive search company received 36 applications for the position of city administration. They will par these down to 5-6 viable candidates to be interviewed by City staff and Council. Speer Financial will give their yearly TIF presentation at the next council meeting. The Management, Discussion and Analysis portion of the audit is completed.
7. Public Works Director Report. Public Works Director Nissen reported on the following projects: Hahn Creek Trail – footings have been poured and conduit has been run for the lighting of the

trail. Water Main Repairs – along with a repaired water main break City crews replaced two valves in the Cass Street and 2nd Avenue NW area. Valve Installation – City crews added a water valve to the 6 inch water main that runs from 7th Avenue to 2nd Avenue NW. This will enable them to better isolate water shut downs in the future. Park Winterizing – the plan is to start the 3rd week of October and takes about one week to complete.

8. Request from Jay Delancey to address Council concerning water run-off onto his property. Discussion and possible action. Jay and Julie Delancey, 509 Scobey Road asked Council to consider helping them to alleviate some of their water problems. Delancey said that he has addressed Council before about this when Paul (Tuerler) was mayor, Perry (Gruver) was zoning administrator and Dan Boggs was city engineering. Delancey said he wasn't asking for sewer, although that would be nice, he was hoping the City could put in some kind of drainage system/tile that would move the water from his property down to the creek. He continued saying that he was told he is responsible for that but he pointed out that he is paying property taxes and wants to be treated like everyone else. He would like to construct a pole building but that won't be possible with the water problems he has now. After a big rain storm the lot can take up to three weeks to dry out. Roudabush asked what the reason is that the water doesn't run off to which Delancey replied that they are "the main drop area for the east, west, and up by the railroad bridge". Delancey said that he would like to work with City to allow an easement, to put in a culvert as long as it doesn't affect his leach field and footings if he decides to build; he has no problems with the City "tearing up his yard". Roudabush said he thinks the first thing that should be done is elevations. Delancey invited Council to the area to see firsthand. Council asked City staff to look at property and make a recommendation.
9. Discussion and possible action on street lighting Resolution #10-5-2015A. Hampton made a motion to approve Resolution #10-5-2015A, seconded by Taylor. Roll call vote. Resolution passes 5-0.
10. Discussion and possible action on Personnel Committee recommendation to approve revised language in contract for Douglas Shannon, Chief of Police. Hampton stated that this is the right direction for the City to go because it takes all the liability off of the books but it's also fair to the employees. Thompson motioned to approve the revised language in 4.3 in the contract for Douglas Shannon, Chief of Police, seconded by Hampton. Carried all.
11. Engineer Update Report: Discussion and possible action. V&K Engineering provided Council with an update on the current projects: Water Plant Filter – the information has been sent to the manufacturer for fabricating. 3rd Avenue and 5th Avenue NW – the contractor is nearly complete on 3rd Avenue. There is another intersection to pour yet. Also not completed are the sidewalks from the existing sidewalks to the streets. On 5th Avenue the water main is installed but services are not hooked up. Tests were taken to the lab today. If it passes they should be able to do pressure tests and hook up services to the new line. Anderson Bogart Engineers representative Jeff Morrow was present to discuss the 1st Street and 1st Avenue project. Morrow stated that there are four issues; the sidewalk, fire hydrant and utility

box are too low, railings and the planter. Morrow said there is a problem with the sidewalk along the easterly side of the building. Anderson Bogart will take care of removing the sidewalk from the corner of the building to the other end of the planter and provide a straight grade to fix it. The contractor has been made aware of the low sitting fire hydrant and utility box. They will raise and reset the bricks. The railings: along the front of the Big Creek Market there is a wooden horizontal railing now but eventually will be black metal. Across the street at Lee's Town & Country there is no code requirement that says there should be a railing because the drop-off is less than 30 inches but the owner of the building has indicated that he would like one. In addition to that he would like railing down the sidewalk ramp. This will be a Council decision. Roudabush said that there should also be railing along the sidewalk at Big Creek Market because the slope is pretty steep. Taylor added they should also look alike. Karen Thornton had asked Taylor if the railing in front of her store could have parallel bars blocking kids from playing/swinging on the railing to which Morrow said it could be done but thought it would really cover up the building. Jerry Niederhauser said that if he has a choice he would rather not have that. Thompson proposed talking to the MVHPC to see what they would suggest. Taylor said she would like to see a decorative, artistic look to the railings and this could be something Historic Preservation could recommend. The Planters: Morrow said the planter design was an excerpt from the 2010 Streetscape Development Plan and calls for a 6" limestone edge. The entire area couldn't be filled with planter though because of IDOT setback requirements so it was scaled back to fit. In order to have a 6" high edge required the slope of the sidewalk or street be followed. It was not intended to be a wall. If it was replaced with a level top it will add substantially to the cost. Morrow said he thought the total cost now was about \$6,000.00. If a wall is created and stair stepped down it could triple the cost. Another comment heard was to pull the edge away from the sidewalk about 18" making the planter narrower. Niederhauser said that he does not care for the limestone blocks and suggested using the same material that was used across the street (behind The Skillet); have more of a terracing effect with more curves instead of the rectangular planter. Ed Sauter stated that he works with both the MVHPC and is on the Design Committee. He agreed with the solutions to the sidewalk and fire hydrant problems stated. He was against the vertical railing idea and agreed that rails should be on both sides. As for the planters he envisioned them as stand-alone and not up against the sidewalks. He, agreeing with Niederhauser, would like to see them uniform in height, keeping the line horizontal versus sloping in conjuncture with the road. Morrow said that he will meet with Historic Preservation and the Design Committee to look at rail designs and also come up with a step down planter design, re-doing both planters. Morrow will present to Council when* complete.

12. Old Business. None.

13. New Business. None.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned the time being 7:40 p.m., October 5, 2015.

Respectively submitted

Sue Ripke
City Clerk

Reviewed and approved,
Michael R. Beimer
City Administrator