

MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE & CALL OF PUBLIC MEETING
APRIL 6, 2015

GOVERNMENTAL BODY: MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
DATE OF MEETING: APRIL 6, 2015
TIME OF MEETING: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE OF MEETING: MOUNT VERNON CITY HALL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, MOUNT VERNON, IOWA

PROPOSED AMENDED

The Mount Vernon City Council met April 6, 2015 at the Mount Vernon City Hall Chambers with the following members present: Roudabush, Thompson, Taylor, Niemi and Hampton.

1. Call to Order. At 6:30 p.m. Mayor James Moore called the meeting to order and announced several changes to the Agenda. Agenda item #5/City Administrator Report will be tabled. The order of several other agenda items have been changed due to conflicting schedules and individuals time constraints. The proposed amended agenda has all the same discussion points as the original agenda but they are in a different order.
2. Approval of Agenda. Motion made by Niemi to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Thompson. Carried all.
3. Consent Agenda. Motion made by Hampton to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Niemi. Carried all.

a. Approval of minutes of March 2, 2015.

b. Claims for approval.

AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL FEE-PW	21.66
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	3,149.59
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	3,075.30
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	2,679.49
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,974.93
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	1,599.09
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&A	739.79
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	697.80
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-PD	560.01
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-FD	556.66
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	136.95
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	112.03
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-KMVL	100.99
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	70.91
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	66.23
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-EMA	51.69
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	38.27
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	34.19
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	26.26

ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	16.39
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	16.39
ARAMARK	RUGS-FD	100.00
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	75.00
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-PD,P&A	75.00
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
BEIMER, MICHAEL R	MILEAGE-P&A	89.70
BEIMER, MICHAEL R	MILEAGE-P&A	117.30
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	75.00
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-PD,P&A	75.00
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
BRADLEY HAUGE, CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-P&A	1,815.00
CAHILL, PAT	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	56.39
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CEDAR RAPIDS	GLOVES-PW	164.64
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	156.91
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-WAT,SEW	153.18
CEDAR VALLEY OUTFITTERS CORP	FLASHLIGHT BATTERIES-PD	49.98
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-P&A	467.21
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-SEW	255.65
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-PD	103.13
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-FD	101.12
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-WAT	50.45
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-RUT	48.45
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-POOL	45.29
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-PD	36.34
COGRAN SYSTEMS	ONLINE REGISTRATION FEES-P&REC	122.00
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP	VIDEO TOUR PROJECT-MVHPC	500.00
DAN'S OVERHEAD DOORS 1	SHOP OVERHEAD DOORS-RUT	457.67
DAVIES HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING	FURNACE MAINT-SEW	441.00
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES	BATTERY-PW	118.95
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CORP	INFORMATION SYSTEMS-PW	399.60
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CORP	PAGER SERVICE-EMA	11.95
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CORP	PAGER SERVICE-EMA	11.95
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ASSOC	LABS-SEW	110.54
FELD FIRE	SUPPLES-FD	489.13
FELD FIRE	EQUIP MANIT-FD	114.00
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-P&REC	56.82
GOODLOVE, NATHAN	FIRE CHIEF PAY-FD	416.67
GORDON LUMBER COMPANY	BLDG SUPPLIES-PW	588.97
GROUP SERVICES INC	INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	26,243.85
HAWKEYE READY MIX	ROAD REPAIR-RUT	300.67
HDC	ENVELOPES-ALL DEPTS	238.50
HOLMES, MICHELLE	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	103.36
INTERNATIONAL ASSOC OF FIRE CHIEFS	MEMBERSHIP-EMA	234.00
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF FIRE	MEMBERSHIP-EMA	125.00
IOWA DEPT AGRICULTURE AND LAND	DOG KENNEL LICENSE	75.00
IOWA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP-EMA	25.00

IOWA MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER	SPRING 2015 MTG	65.00
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IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	18.90
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	EXCHANGE HOSTING-P&A	1,095.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	EXCHANGE HOSTING-ALL DEPTS	330.00
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	TRAINING-FD	157.50
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	GOV HWY TRAFFIC SAFETY CONF-PD	50.00
KAY PARK REC CORP	BENCH-P&REC	414.00
KIECKS	VEST-PD	1,080.00
KIRK, BILL	UNIFORMS-PW	106.95
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	TRAINING-FD	87.50
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	TRAINING-FD	47.50
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	TRAINING-FD	35.00
KONE INC	ELEVATOR MAINT CONTRACT-P&A	160.53
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-ALL DEPTS	423.42
LANGES SINCLAIR SERVICE	FUEL-FD	80.04
LANGES SINCLAIR SERVICE	FUEL-FD	77.18
LINN COUNTY PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT	BLDG PERMIT FEES/INSPECTIONS	13,017.90
LISBON MT VERNON AMBULANCE	TRAINING-FD	40.00
LISBON MT VERNON AMBULANCE	TRAINING-FD	40.00
LYNCH FORD	211 SERVICE-FD	41.92
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC	QTRLY AIR TEST-FD	271.24
MOORE, JAMES	MILEAGE,MEAL-P&A	159.13
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	571.22
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	BLDG REPAIR-FD	97.57
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	1,075.25
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	EQUIP MAINT-FD	26.98
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	363.35
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	CABLE TV/ONLINE-KMVL	260.00
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC	157.50
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	SUBSCRIPTION-P&REC	30.00
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	LOST III TRANSFER	46,427.76
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	CTW SPONSORSHIP-MVHPC	100.00
MUTUAL WHEEL COMPANY	SERVICE CHRG-FD	26.42
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING SERVICE	WATER/SALT-P&A,PW	105.05
NORTHWAY WELL AND PUMP COMPANY	WELL #7 PRODUCTION TEST-WAT	2,500.00
OFFICE OF VEHICLE SERVICES	VEHICLE INSPECTIONS-PD	50.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	SNOWBLOWER MAINT-RUT	100.82
P&K MIDWEST INC	LATE FEES-RUT	18.08
P&K MIDWEST INC	PELICAN MAINT-RUT	16.69
PAYROLL	PAYROLL	155,191.53
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW S/W	368.67
RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS INC	NEW TRUCK ORDER CHANGES	1,245.00
RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS INC	MECHANICAL SIREN-FD	784.82
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	STEEL TEMPLATE-PW	125.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	FUSION GLOVES-FD	165.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY PUBLIC RENEWAL-WAT,SEW	30.00
SHEPLEY PHARMACY	SUPPLIES-P&REC	15.35
SIDERS, MATT	MILEAGE-P&REC	80.50
SIDERS, MATT	MILEAGE-P&REC	97.75

SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	LEGAL FEES-P&A	832.50
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	LEGAL FEES-P&A	588.00
SKORCZEWKI, TYLER	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	18.92
SPEER FINANCIAL INC	FY14 MSRB FILING FEE	362.50
SPRINGER PEST SOLUTIONS CORP	PEST CONTROL-P&A	30.00
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	1,447.50
STATE OF IOWA	ELEVATOR SAFETY PROGRAM	175.00
TEMP VENDOR	PRINCESS TEA TIME-P&REC	30.00
TEMP VENDOR	PRINCESS TEA TIME-P&REC	30.00
TJ REPAIR - JAY UNASH	214 MAINT-FD	339.79
TJ REPAIR - JAY UNASH	214 MAINT-FD	300.95
TRANS IOWA EQUIPMENT INC	GUTTER BROOMS/PELICAN-RUT	347.66
TRAVER, DEAN	KMVL RENT	250.00
TRAVER, DEAN	KMVL RENT	250.00
TRAVER, DEAN	KMVL RENT	250.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	3,506.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	3,434.00
US BANK	TRAINING,SUPPLIES,EQUIP-ALL DEPTS	4,175.66
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-ALL DEPTS	561.05
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	116.17
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-ALL DEPTS	564.13
UTILITY SERVICE INC	YR 2 QUARTERLY PYMT	12,449.08
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	SHEPLEY SEWER-BAB/SEW	10,084.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2015 STREET IMPROVEMENTS-2014 BOND	6,447.83
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	SHEPLEY SEWER-BAB/SEW	4,434.20
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	LISBON ROAD OVERLAY-2014 BOND	4,311.70
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	LISBON ROAD OVERLAY-2014 BOND	4,142.20
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CORNELL FB FIELD STORM STUDY-LOST II	2,000.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	BRYANT PARK WELL PRELIMINARY-LOST II	1,045.55
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	BRAD WALKER SUBDIVISION PRE APP	217.75
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	102 INK RD GEOTHERMAL PERMIT	126.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	POOL FILTER EVALUATION	75.10
VOLKOV, ALEX	UNIFORMS-WAT,SEW	162.95
WAPSI WASTE SERVICE	GB,RECY,LEAF-S/W	22,459.87
WEBER STONE COMPANY INC	RETAINAGE WALL/7TH ST PROJECT-LOST II	707.90
WEBER STONE COMPANY INC	7TH STREET PROJECT	81.06
WENDLING QUARRIES	ROAD SAND-RUT	684.50
WENDLING QUARRIES	FIELD LIME-P&REC	125.63
WENDLING QUARRIES	ASPHALT DUMP CHG-RUT	50.00
WESTECH ENGINEERING INC	SITE SERVICES	1,929.00
WEX BANK	FUEL-PW	1,303.93
WEX BANK	FUEL-PD,PW	1,145.09
WINDER, MARK	LIFESAVERS CONF REIMB-PD	276.24
WING, SETH	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	56.39
	TOTAL	375173.99

c. Approval of liquor license renewal: Palisades Café.

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

5. Engineering Update Report. Dave Schechinger with V&K Engineering provided Council with an update on current projects. 3rd Ave & 5th Ave Reconstruction; they are hoping to have meetings scheduled with property owners within the next few weeks so they can get their input and make adjustments to the plans. Bryant Park Well; the well was rehabilitated and getting about 150 gallons per minute out of it when they were test pumping it. When it was put on line they discovered that the transmission main between the well and the water plant froze over the winter. As the weather warms up this problem should take care of itself. Sewer Rehabilitation/Replacement Project; a meeting was held in March with the property owners. Their comments were considered in the final plans. Bids will be received on April 17th and the bid awarded at the April 20th Council meeting.

6. Discussion and possible action on additional work on south side of Lisbon Road Project not in original bid; costs involved and timing. Dave Schechinger explained that this project was intended to be bid last week but a few things had developed in respect to the grading work the City will be doing on the east end of the project. At the onset of this project a few different options had been discussed. One of those was to add curb, gutter and storm sewer at a cost of about \$85,000.00. At that time it was decided not to pursue this. Other options were than discussed and the one agreed upon by all was to have City crews excavate the ditch and also grade back the slope. Most of this work would impact private property. The property owners were out of State and we were unable to talk to them until March 23, 2015. At that meeting the Hilemans were told of the impact this project would have on their property and the trees in their front yard. They decided they did not want any work done on their property. Another meeting was held the following week (the same week as the bid) to look at other options but there doesn't seem to be any other thing possible in the limited City owned area. Pictures of the area show that the area between the property line and what needs to be excavated would take out most of the trees in the front of the property. The culvert is silted shut; if the City were to leave the trees on the bank and excavate the ditch it would leave an almost vertical bank and the trees would probably eventually die. Another idea was to put in pipe but it was close to the same scope and was rejected. Schechinger said that the day before the bid a conversation between Mayor Moore, City Adm Mike Beimer, Nick Nissen, PW Director and himself resulted in the decision that they needed additional input from Council if they were looking at something different than what was proposed with the grades. The contractor didn't want his bid numbers publically known if the bid wasn't awarded and the bid date couldn't simply be pushed back. The contractor said there is still adequate time to get the work done before the Ragbrai deadline and the asphalt plant isn't scheduled to open until mid-May. Asking for clarification Niemi asked what the options were to which Schechinger replied there are three; the first is to use eminent domain to get the right of way needed to grade the ditch, the second is to go back to the curb and gutter option but limit how much is done and the last is to clean out the culverts knowing that there will be continuous maintenance and the shoulders will probably erode into the ditch. Niemi asked when the last time the City did any maintenance in the ditch. Mayor Moore said it was when the road was put in. Niemi said that if that is the case maintenance will not be that much of an issue. Hampton asked Schechinger what he recommended. Schechinger replied that if the City is looking for something long term, that will hold up and catch the character of the urban area it should be set up with

curb, gutter and storm sewer in order to eliminate some of the issues that are there. Niemi asked that if curb and gutter were put in what would the guarantee be that water won't continue to run down the ditch and erode underneath it? Schechinger said that because the bank is quite a bit higher than the street they would slope it all out so that it drains into the gutter section. Roudabush asked if there was any reason why the ditch couldn't be dug out, lay a silting fabric and fill with rip rap to which Schechinger said he wasn't sure if the appearance would be something they would be pleased with. Roudabush said it can look nice if it's done right and it can also slow down the water run. Niemi asked what the impact on the timeline and cost would be if they decided to go with curb and gutter. Schechinger said there would be a cost associated with the amount of curb, gutter and storm sewer put in. As for the timeline a contractor would have to bid this and get the work done before the overlay could be done. Taylor said with the curb on just one side that road looks unfinished and as an entrance to the City something needs to be done. Thompson pointed out that the budget has already been set and the responsible thing to do would be to budget it into another year. Taylor said that it could be paid for with the increased RUT money that the City will be receiving. Hampton asked the question; do we want to do a band aid fix or do it right the first time? Thompson asked how long an overlay lasts? Schechinger said about three years whereas if addressed correctly it would increase to 10-15 years. Mayor Moore asked Council if they would like to give the authorization for curb and gutter and maybe not have the project done by Ragbrai or do the road overlay and have it done? Roudabush stated that he thinks they should do what they originally said they would do and watch how the water affects it; right now they don't have any history, curb and gutter might not fix it. Thompson agreed with Roudabush. Even though we would be using City workers Taylor said she would like to know what the cost difference would be and said it's hard to make a decision based on money when there isn't anything to compare it to. City attorney Robert Hatala asked if there had been a public hearing on this yet to which Schechinger said there has not been one. Roudabush made a motion to go with the original overlay project and then address properly in the next 3-5 years, seconded by Niemi. Ayes: Roudabush, Thompson, Niemi. Nays: Taylor, Hampton. Mayor Moore announced the motion carries. There will be a public hearing at the April 20, 2015 meeting.

7. Discussion and possible action on authorizing V&K Engineers to design and solicit bids for storm sewers that need to be repaired. Hampton made a motion to authorize V&K Engineers to design and solicit bids for storm sewer intakes that need to be repaired, seconded by Niemi. Carried all.
8. Discussion and possible action on street lighting Resolution #4-6-2015A. Motion to approve Resolution #4-6-2015A made by Hampton, seconded by Taylor. Roll call vote. Carried all.
9. Presentation from Jeff Morrow, Anderson & Bogert Engineers. Discussion and possible action on final approval of plans and specifications for intersection project at Highway 1 and First Street. Jeff Morrow said that he wanted to explain the project status and design to Council, the schedule and any outstanding issues. The design is complete and sent to the IDOT for review last week. They met with the property owners on all four corners and how their customers would

gain access during constructions and their particular concerns. There will be paver bricks on the 1st Street walkways but not on 1st Avenue because the IDOT is not in favor. There will be a no parking area on all four corners with curb all around and an area with grass. Council was concerned with the grass areas. Morrow said they could use raised planters instead as that is shown in the Master Plan. Morrow asked if they want irrigation in the planters to which Council said they did not. Ed Sauter said he was pleased with the direction the project was headed. The estimate for the whole project is about \$400,000.00 with about half of this is for the traffic signals. There needs to be a public hearing and bid opening scheduled. They can be done at the same meeting. Mayor Moore asked about the light poles. Morrow said that he has contacted three fabricators, two responded back and both said they are five months out. Work on the project will probably start in September and the signals installed in October. When asked how long property owners will be impacted Morrow said probably a couple of weeks. Morrow said that there is a memorial bench on one of the corners and asked if it is the City's responsibility to move it or the business owners. Mayor Moore instructed Morrow to have the contractor move it. Also along the side of the building there is a double curb. The property owner wants to get rid of it entirely but that may be difficult. If the sidewalk is lowered to the existing curb Morrow said he was concerned that some of the doors wouldn't work or there would be a big step up/down. He said he will get some cost estimates together and work with Dave Schechinger, V&K Engineers. Mayor Moore said that Jerry (Niederhauser) wants all new sidewalk along the side and he will pay for that. Mayor Moore said the City is paying for the intersection only. The last item Morrow said he wanted to discuss were two existing street lights that are not the greatest looking. They can be combined on top of the new traffic signal pole so then there would only be one pole. Council agreed that this would be a good idea. Hampton made a motion to finalize the final approval of plans and specifications for intersection project at Highway 1 and First Street, seconded by Niemi. Carried all.

10. City Administrator Report. Tabled.

11. Parks and Recreation Director Report. New park signs will be installed later this month at Nature, Bryant, and Underhill Skate Park. Siders thanked public works and director Nissen for their help in getting the parks and fields ready. Soccer registration started February 6th. There are 21 teams with 195 kids registered. This will be the third season with the new baseball/softball league created last year. Swim lesson dates were published. Swim lessons sign up dates are 3-28, 2015, 4-7-2015 and 4-11-2015. Chalk the Walk meetings have started. The community piece will be American Gothic. This is the 10th anniversary for CTW.

12. Police Chief Report. There were 8 crash reports for the month of February. Chief Winder reminder all of fraud and scams. Officer Gehrke completed the DARE programs. Chief Winder has been meeting with the Ragbrai committee. Officer Daubs assisted with the Iowa Law Enforcement 260th basic class instruction for PIT driving. Officers of the department completed their annual Taser recertification. The 2014 Year Annual Report was given to Council. A copy of the full report can be viewed on the City website.

13. Police Chief request to purchase new server for Police Department. Chief Winder said the department has been having problems with their server for about two years. There is no more storage capacity. This server is a bit more expensive than what was budgeted but the storage space is quadrupled from what they currently have. The cost of the new servers \$14,757.00. Niemi said that he has reviewed the quote and believes this is the right server for the task and the cost is appropriate. Motion to approve the request to purchase a new server for the Police Department made by Niemi, seconded by Hampton. Carried all.
14. Presentation from SERI: Discussion and possible action on City participation to help fund rain barrels. Andrea Blaha and Andy McCollum gave a slideshow presentation on capturing rain water and the impact it can have on the community. They urged Council to encourage citizens to retain their storm water and suggested an incentive program whereas the City could partner with MV Ace Hardware in the form of rebates for a rain barrel purchase. Mayor Moore stated that the Storm Water Utility Fund is “in the red” and the actual cost of a 50 gallon barrel of water is about 34 cents. Niemi said this is a move in the right direction and perhaps the City could setup a work day to educate those interested.
15. Discussion and possible action on Council appointment to fill vacancy on Planning and Zoning Commission. Council was thankful for the number of applications the City received and reviewed each applicants qualities. Roudabush recommended Matthew Nelson to which Council agreed. Mayor Moore appointed Matthew Nelson to fill the vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission.
16. Old Business. No old business.
17. New Business. No new business.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned, the time being 8:30 p.m., April 6, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Ripke
City Clerk