

The Mount Vernon City Council met May 2, 2016 at the Mount Vernon City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Roudabush, Tuerler, Wieseler, Christensen and Rose.

**Call to Order.** At 6:32 p.m. Mayor Jamie A. Hampton called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval.** Motion made by Tuerler to approve the agenda, seconded by Christensen. Carried all.

**Communications.**

Police Department Recognition. A Lifesaving Award was presented to Chief Doug Shannon for the successful actions taken when a subject went down and became unresponsive. As a result of early CPR and AED the patient regained consciousness and was transported to the hospital. The quick actions taken by Chief Shannon saved this person's life.

Tracey Achenbach – Housing Fund for Linn County (5-10 minute presentation). Achenbach explained that the housing fund for Linn County is a 5013c that has a 13 member board two of which are from Mount Vernon; Susan Salter and Richard Peterson. The Housing Fund receives its funding from the State and benefits income-eligible homeowners. The City of Mount Vernon could apply for funds for a project that would benefit low to moderate income persons. Achenbach said that a sidewalk project could qualify for funding. Another program they have is a minor home repair program that is offered to homeowners that would cover projects such as roofs, siding, windows or a furnace. This is a forgivable loan which means it doesn't have to be paid back as long as they stay in their home for five years.

**Consent Agenda.**

Approval of City Council Minutes – April 18, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Approval of Liquor License – Si Senor

Letter of Resignation – Liz Sparks (Board of Adjustment)

Two corrections to the April 18, 2016 minutes were identified; the word “perimeters” was misused in the Motion for Approval/Discussion and Consideration for Removal and Land Application of Sludge and will be replaced with the word “parameters”. The second correction; motions were passed by five (5) Council persons, not four. Motion by Wieseler to approve the amended Consent Agenda, seconded by Rose. Carried all.

**Ordinance Approval/Amendment.**

An Ordinance Adopting Chapter 47.09, Smoking and the Use of Tobacco, Nicotine Products, and Vaporizers Prohibited of the City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

Approve/Deny third and final reading

Resident Keith Huebner said that he thought the City's time, efforts and money could be better spent on something other than this and questioned why Mount Vernon's ordinance should be more restrictive than State law. This could result in the unintended consequences of the cigarette butts moving out of the parks and onto neighboring properties. Huebner asked that Council deny the third reading. Roudabush said he brought this up before the first reading and is why he

wanted to have a designated smoking area. Tuerler said that the sidewalk and parking (ROW) is exempt and would be the designated area. Tuerler moved to approve the third and final reading of the Ordinance Adopting Chapter 47.09, smoking and the Use of Tobacco, Nicotine, Products, and Vaporizers Prohibited of the City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, seconded by Rose. Roll call vote. Motion passes 5-0

### **Motions for Approval.**

Consideration of Claims List – Motion to Approve. Christensen made a motion to approve the Claims List, seconded by Wieseler. Carried all.

ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	4,111.17
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	752.63
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	164.71
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	117.19
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-EMA	38.76
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	33.35
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	27.65
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	22.62
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	19.90
AMERICAN RED CROSS	FACILITY FEE-POOL	650.00
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	75.00
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
BAUMAN AND COMPANY	UNIFORMS-PW	89.90
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	75.00
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
BOBCAT OF CEDAR RAPIDS	KEYS,ANTI-FREEZE,COUPLER-RUT	125.92
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-P&A	180.00
BRADY LANHAM	SEPARATED CIRCUITS,INSTALL BREAKERS	100.00
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CEDAR RAPIDS	EAR PROTECTION-PW	108.57
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-P&A	477.73
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-SEW	255.34
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-PD	104.33
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-FD	103.48
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-WAT	50.03
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-RUT	48.03
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INC	GRANT,TOWEL-POOL,RUT	65.50
DAUBS, DANIEL	MEMBERSHIP-PD	100.00
DOWNEAST MEDICAL SOLUTIONS	TRAINING-PD	100.00
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CORP	INFORMATION SYSTEMS-PW	319.60
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CORP	PAGER SERVICE-EMA	11.95
ESCO ELECTRIC COMPANY	BLOWER #2 TROUBLE SHOOT-WAT	452.38
FRONTLINE WARNING SYSTEMS	SIREN CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENT	1,500.00
GEHRKE, TODD	MEAL-PD	7.47
GORDON LUMBER COMPANY	BLDG SUPPLIES-PW	421.90
IOWA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UTIL	MEMBERSHIP-PW	715.80
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	CUTTING EDGES-RUT	539.98
IOWA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION	TRAINING-FD	136.50
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING-PD	75.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	FLAGS,HOLDER-RUT	102.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	DBR BACKUP-ALL DEPTS	330.00
KAY PARK RECREATION	PARK BENCH-P&REC	824.00
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-PW	1,139.64
MEMORIALS BY MICHEL	REMOVE/RESET VET'S MEMORIAL	475.00
MOORE MEDICAL CORP.	GLOVES,MASK-PD	178.53
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT	123.96

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NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING SERVICE	WATER/SALT-P&A	44.25
OFFICE EXPRESS	SUPPLIES-P&A	70.88
OFFICE OF VEHICLE SERVICES	VEHICLE INSPECTIONS-PD	30.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	FENCE REPAIR,BROOM CHAIN-RUT	123.76
P&K MIDWEST INC	GASKET,THERMOSTAT/GATOR-RUT	23.90
P&K MIDWEST INC	GAS PEDAL,THROTTLE/GATOR-PW	153.99
P&K MIDWEST INC	FUEL FILETER-RUT	9.10
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	48,456.05
SAUTER BATY ASSOCIATES	COMM CENTER CONCEPTUAL DESIGN	1,485.00
SCHIMBERG COMPANY	EQUIP REPAIR-SEW	711.46
SCHIMBERG COMPANY	SUPPLIES-WAT	240.48
SCHIMBERG COMPANY	VALVE-POOL	62.24
SENSUS METERING SYSTEMS	SYSTEM SUPPORT-WAT,SEW-SW	1,893.15
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	LEGAL FEES-P&A	1,147.50
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	LEGAL FEES-P&A	1,065.00
TAYLOR, PRESTON OR RENEE	CTW REFUND-P&REC	100.00
TRANS IOWA EQUIPMENT INC	MASTER CYL REPAIR KIT/SWEEPER	295.17
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	METER POSTAGE-ALL DEPTS	2,000.00
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-ALL DEPTS	466.36
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PRAIRIE PARK WTP FILTER REPLACEMENT	1,563.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	1,095.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	FIBER OPTIC COORDINATION	796.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2015 STR IMPROVEMENTS GENERAL	750.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	MUNICIPAL POOL IMPROVEMENTS	731.60
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WASTERWATER FACILITY PLAN	627.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CAR WASH SITE PLAN	311.00
	TOTAL	79,791.97

Discussion and Consideration of Scope of Services and Cost Proposal for City of Mt. Vernon Zoning Code Update – Council Action as Needed. A quote of \$8,952.00 was submitted by ECICOG for the zoning code update to be completed in 11 months. The zoning ordinance needs to be updated in conformance with the recently adopted comprehensive plan. Motion to approve the Proposal for the City of Mt. Vernon Zoning Code Update made by Tuerler, seconded by Christensen. Carried all.

Discussion and Consideration of Adopt a Highway Application – Kappa Teta Cornell College – Council Action as Needed. Wieseler pointed out the name should be changed to Kappa Theta not Kappa Teta. Kappa Theta of Cornell College is adopting a portion of Highway 1 south of Mount Vernon. Because a small portion of the adopted highway lies within the City limits, Iowa DOT requires that the governing body give their approval to the application. Motion to approve the application made by Tuerler, seconded by Wieseler. Carried all.

Discussion and Consideration of Transfers to the Debt Service Funds – Council Action as Needed. Nobsisch explained that due to the current deficit balance in Debt Service staff completed a review of the fund for FY14 and FY15. It was discovered that there were some transfer shortfalls in both fiscal years. Motion to approve the transfers made by Rose, seconded by Christensen. Carried all.

Discussion and Consideration of Website Requests – Sustainability Committee – Council Action as Needed. The Sustainability Committee has identified a rain barrel program that will offer

rebates of up to \$100.00 to individuals that will install rain barrels on their property. The Sustainability Committee has asked staff to place the information for the program and rebate application on the City's website. Even though this is a City created sub-committee the rebate program is not being funded by the City and has staff questioning whether or not it should be on the City's website. The concern was that should this be allowed other non-City groups/organizations will want use of the City's website. Christensen suggested this may be an opportunity to create a policy to which Nosbisch agreed and will put together some "talking points" for Council review. Rose made a motion to move forward with putting a policy together and adding a link to this program on the City's website, seconded by Christensen. Carried all. Tuerler stated that the agenda item does not mention putting together a policy and therefore cannot be part of the motion. Rose moved that there be a link to the rain barrel rebate program on the City's website, seconded by Wieseler. Christensen read a portion of the agenda item; "Consideration of Website Requests" saying it was pretty broad and could relate to website requests.

**Discussion Items (No Action).**

Mosquito Control. A mosquito control firm has approached the City regarding possible mosquito control measures. Given the latest headlines regarding the Zika virus staff wanted the information presented to Council for further review. This is not a budgeted expense. Roudabush suggested that anything that holds water could be a mosquito breeding area and should be emptied.

**Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator.**

Mayor's Report. Mayor Hampton thanked all the volunteers that helped clean up Mount Vernon on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Council Reports. Rose reminded all that Chalk the Walk is on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are still needed.

City Administrator's Report. Staff will be meeting with consultants to discuss the feasibility of a sub-area plan for the southern half of Mount Vernon. Tangibles for the goals and objectives established by the Council will be compiled and brought before Council for formal adoption. Staff met with the Fire Department Advisory Board to discuss upcoming issues within the Department. Clean up days were finished this past weekend in preparation for the summer events kick off. The pool improvements are being completed. The scheduled opening is June 2, 2016.

Adjournment. As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:21, May 2, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Ripke  
City Clerk