

Prior to the start of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen and Council toured the Parks and Recreation/Public Works Facility located at 202 7th Street NE, Mt. Vernon, Iowa. The tour began at 5:30 p.m., August 1, 2016.

Call to Order At 6:31 p.m. Mayor Pro tem Marty Christensen called the meeting to order. Absent: Mayor Hampton.

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval Motion made by Rose, seconded by Wieseler to approve the agenda. Carried all.

Consent Agenda

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

Approval of Liquor License – Guppy's on the Go. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to approve the Consent Agenda. Carried all.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Adopt Chapter 48 Social Host of the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code Police Chief Doug Shannon has been updating Council on changes and suggestions that were made at the previous council meeting. Mayor Pro tem Christensen declared the Public Hearing open. Julie Gondek said that as a mother and mental health therapist she has been aware of some problematic houses. She has concerns for her two young children when she notices partying in the area. She believes that having this ordinance in place will help landlords deal with problem tenants. Casey Rice said that an ordinance like this one can help shelter and keep kids a little safer. Curt Wheeler said that Jones County had ten violations their first year of Social Host. Since then it has dropped to six. The Jones County ordinance applies to all cities in the county. Erica Johnson said that she approached Cornell College and asked if they would approve this or not. They said they would approve it because under this ordinance if someone is charged it is a civil infraction; when they leave college it won't be on their record.

Close Public Hearing – proceed to F-1 Mayor Pro tem Christensen declared the Public Hearing closed.

Ordinance Approval/Amendment

An Ordinance to adopt Chapter 48 Social Host of the City of Mt. Vernon Municipal Code

Motion to approve first reading and proceed with second reading/or suspend rules and proceed to third and final reading Chief Shannon explained that this a tool that can be used to notify parents or landlords of violations. All violations will be documented so if a property is identified as a party house it can be dealt with quickly. Tuerler said that he sees unintended benefits in this; rather than it being a criminal charge the lessor (civil) charge is an opportunity to teach a lesson without carrying that burden the rest of their lives. It can also be a tool a landlord could use if working towards an eviction because they now have these infractions. Christensen said that he is concerned about the absentee landlord that doesn't know what's going on at his rental. Chief Shannon said that he would like to see the landlords held accountable for their properties and by sending them notices they will know what is going on. This will give them the opportunity to take action to correct the behavior. Christensen said that Cornell has an opportunity to establish a policy relating to an infraction of this kind amongst their students. He continued saying that he believes this is an important direction to go. Evictions aren't the only way to deal with problem properties; the fine a landlord receives could be paid by the tenants by building it into their lease/rental agreement. Tuerler motioned to

approve the first reading of an ordinance to adopt Chapter 48 Social Host of the City of Mt Vernon Municipal Code, seconded by Roudabush. Roll call vote. Motion passes 5-0.

Motions for Approval

Consideration of Claims List – Motion to Approve Wieseler motioned to approve the Claims List, seconded by Rose. Carried all.

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	75,291.85
3E	GENERATOR REPAIR-FD	145.00
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	3633.34
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1466.35
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	631.92
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	228.58
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-EMA	44.85
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-PARKS & REC	30.23
ANDREWS, CHRISTIAN	GATORADE,ICE-RUT	17.37
ARAMARK	RUGS-FD	69.34
AUTO WORX	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	445.54
B4 BRANDS	SUPPLIES-RUT	40.65
BICI,LLC	MIDGE FLY TREATMENT-SEW	861.00
BROWN SUPPLY COMPANY	LOCATORS (2)-WAT	1,410.00
BURROUGHS, RICHARD	CEMETERY MAINT	2,980.00
BUSTER, JACOB	ELITE FITNESS MEMBERSHIP-FD	107.00
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CEDAR RAPIDS	INDOOR/OUTDOOR GLASSES	54.00
CARPENTER UNIFORM CO.	UNIFORMS-PD	125.00
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-FD	107.17
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-SEW	92.29
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-WAT	53.20
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-SEW	583.75
CHRIS NOSBISCH	MILEAGE-P&A	349.38
CITY TRACTOR CO	DECK BELT/GRAVELY-RUT,P&REC	94.14
COGRAN SYSTEMS	ONLINE REG FEES-P&REC	84.00
CY'S TREE SERVICE	TREE MAINT-RUT	950.00
CY'S TREE SERVICE	TREE MAINT-RUT	200.00
CY'S TREE SERVICE	C.RODMAN RESIDENCE/STORM DAMAGE	8,900.00
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	VEHICLE/EQUIP REPAIRS-RUT	297.50
DUBUQUE PLUMBING & HEATING	FILTERS & HEATERS-POOL BOND	5074.35
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CORP	INFORMATION SYS-PW	319.60
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CORP	PAGER SERVICE-EMA	11.95
ENGELBRECHT, JACQUELINE	TEACHING/AQUACISE-POOL	50.00
GLENN, MACKENZIE	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	64.12
GORDON LUMBER COMPANY	BLDG SUPPLIES-RUT,P&REC	477.00
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY CORP	EQUIP REPAIR-FD	21.25
HAWKEYE READY MIX	SOUTHPARK TRAIL/SIDEWALK-RUT	314.21
IDNR	NPDES PERMIT FEE-SEW	1,275.00
IOWA CODIFICATION INC	CODE UPDATES-P&A	278.00
IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	ONLINE WARRANTS-PD	300.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	RECERTIFICATION-PD	25.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	SUPPLIES-RUT	125.84
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	VIDEO CARD-P&A	152.50
JOHN'S LOCK & KEY INC	DOOR LOCK MAINT-P&A	89.00
KATEY FOREST	SUPPLIES-POOL	32.07
KURT PISARIK	UNIFORMS-PW	67.97
L.L. PELLING CO INC	2016 SEAL COAT IMPROVEMENTS	36,833.33

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LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-PW	2,322.95
LINN COUNTY PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT	BLDG PERMIT FEES/INSPECTIONS	207.00
LIVERMORE, ASHLEY	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	65.06
LYNCH FORD	ALTERNATOR/EXCURSION-FD	289.11
M & K DUST CONTROL	SUPPLIES-RUT	250.00
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST	NSF CHECK-WAT	158.00
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	1,120.39
MOUNT VERNON POLICE RESERVES	SPECIAL EVENTS-PAY	24.00
MV ACE HAREWARE	SUPPLIES,EQUIP,MISC-ALL DEPTS	1,271.75
NATE SAVAGE	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	54.83
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING SERVICE	WATER/SALT-RUT,P&A	128.25
OSDI-SPACESAVER	LOCKER-PD	224.00
POOL TECH INC	CHEMICALS-POOL	714.50
POOL TECH INC	CHEMICALS-POOL	621.00
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	366.19
RICKLEFS EXCAVATING	2015 SANITARY SEW RETAINAGE	12271.44
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	SUPPLIES-RUT	31.10
SIDERS, MATT	MILEAGE-P&REC	64.80
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	LEGAL FEES-P&A	1545.00
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	LEGAL FEES-P&A	820.00
SPRAY-LAND USA	EXTENSION-RUT	8.90
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	SUPPLIES-P&A	73.73
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	4,622.00
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-ALL DEPTS	407.70
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	DRAIN ISSUES-SCOBNEY, LISBON RD	675.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WASTEWATER FACILITY PLAN	412.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	316.500
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	5TH AVE/1ST STREET W SIGNAL	206.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	MUNICIPAL POOL IMPROV	168.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	HIGH SCHOOL SITE PLAN REVIEW	162.00
WAPSI WASTE SERVICE	GB,RECY,LEAF-SW	22,528.63
WENDLING QUARRIES	TILE-ST WAT	120.31
	TOTAL	210,359.68

Discussion and Consideration of Ragbrai Submittal – Council Action as Needed Because of the significant cost and time it takes to be a host town staff asked Council for approval to continue. Council was interested in moving forward with the application process, in hearing from the public and talking to others such as the CDG and business owners. Motion to move ahead and do whatever it takes to let them know that we are interested made by Rose, seconded by Wieseler. Ayes: Tuerler, Wieseler, Christensen, Rose. Nays: Roudabush.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Committee Reports Wieseler reported on the Sustainability Committee. Wayne Peterson (IDALS) spoke to 15 citizens about water retention. The rain barrel program continues. Eagle Scouts are looking for projects. There were discussions regarding purchasing 1-2 lots on the south side for storm water retention. Other topics have been about an electric car charge area, the value of prairie grass burns and community solar.

Adjournment As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:27 p.m., August 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Ripke
City Clerk