

The Mount Vernon City Council met January 2, 2018 at the Mount Vernon City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Roudabush, West, Wieseler, Christensen and Rose.

**Call to Order.** Mayor Jamie Hampton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Consent Agenda.** Motion made by Rose, seconded by Wieseler to approve the Consent Agenda. A correction will be made on a verbiage error pointed out by Wieseler in the December 18 minutes; in the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the last paragraph the word “completive” should be “competitive”. Carried all.  
Approval of City Council Minutes – December 18, 2017 Regular Council Meeting  
Appoint Lisa Cannon – LMVAS Board of Directors

### **Public Hearing**

Public Hearing on the Proposed Stonebrook Urban Renewal Plan. Mayor Hampton declared the Public Hearing open. As there were no comments from the public Mayor Hampton closed the Public Hearing.

### **Resolutions for Approval**

Resolution #1-2-2018A: Determining an Area of the City to be an Economic Development Area, and that the Rehabilitation, Conservation, Redevelopment, Development or a Combination Thereof, of Such Area is Necessary in the Interest of the Public Health, Safety or Welfare of the Residents of the City; Designating Such Area as Appropriate for Urban Renewal Projects; and Adopting the Stonebrook Urban Renewal Plan. A consultation meeting with the other taxing entities was held on December 13, 2017 with no other taxing authority in attendance. Planning and Zoning Commission met on December 13, 2017 to discuss the plan and found it to be in conformance with the 2016 Mount Vernon Comprehensive Plan. City Administrator Chris Nosbisch explained that the prospective investment from Bryce Ricklefs and his partner, BBAC, is just short of \$5.7 million. They are asking for rebates in the amount of \$1.633 million which is a bit higher than Spring Meadow Heights but they are giving up almost 17 acres of ground for development and storm water purposes. Rose motioned to approve Resolution #1-2-2018A, seconded by Christensen. Roll call vote. Motion passes.

Resolution #1-2-2018B: Approving the Mt. Vernon Community Wellness Center CAT Grant Application. Funded through TIF and Local Option Sales Tax the base plan of the Wellness Center is set at \$6.5 million. Staff met with IEDA staff to discuss the possibility of applying for a CAT (Community Attraction and Tourism) grant. IEDA staff indicated that the additional gym, rock wall and other items would be eligible for application. The City will be requesting \$600,000 in CAT funding with the remaining coming from private fundraising efforts. A challenge pledge has already been secured in the amount of \$500,000. Motion to approve Resolution #1-2-2018B was made by Christensen, seconded by Rose. Roll call vote. Motion passes.

### **Old Business**

Discussion and Consideration of Establishing a Poet Laureate for the City of Mt. Vernon – Steve Maravetz – Council Action as Needed. There was no discussion and this item continues to be tabled.

## Motions for Approval

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

	CLAIMS	58,485.38
PAYROLL		
AAA PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL-P&A	30.00
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	SPRING MEADOW HEIGHTS	2,076.00
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	STONEBROOK URP-P&A	896.74
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	STONEBROOK	652.50
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	SPRING MEADOW HEIGHTS URP	637.29
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,440.54
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	50.67
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	27.24
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	21.35
AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOC	MEMBERSHIP-RUT	196.00
BRADLY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	345.00
BROWN SUPPLY COMPANY	EQUIP REPAIR-WAT	579.00
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CEDAR RAPIDS	SUPPLIES-RUT	150.83
CARTER RODMAN	REFEREE-P&REC	120.00
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS--POOL	88.56
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-POOL	82.37
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-RUT	53.75
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-RUT	52.48
CHRISTMAS CRAFT BAZAAR	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	65.06
ECHOVISION INC	CORD-P&A	14.99
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CORP	INFORMATION SYSTEMS-PW	319.60
EMILY BEERS	DEPOSIT REFUND-P&A	62.61
FRANCESCA THOMPSON	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	60.00
GALLS INC	UNIFORMS-PD	196.08
GORDON LUMBER COMPANY	BLDG SUPPLIES-RUT	296.35
HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS	A FRAME LIFT-RUT	729.98
IIMC	MEMBERSHIP/M.DEWELL	100.00
IIMC	MEMBERSHIP/S.RIPKE	100.00
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	LEGO ROBOTICS-P&REC	80.00
JOAN BURGE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	60.00
JORDAN AXTELL	REFEREE-P&REC	180.00
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-PW	916.46
LINN COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE	CITY ELECTION	3,507.24
MARY EVANS	SUPPLIES-MVHPC	9.41
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-RUT	268.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-P&A	256.23
MID AMERICA METER	SERVICES-WAT	436.06
MOUNT VERNON BANK	NSF CHECK-WAT	95.88
NEALS WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-RUT,P&A	76.90
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	373.68
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	DECALS-RUT	122.50
ROBERT BUSER	FIREHOUSE MAG SUBSCRIPTION-EMA	39.95
ROBERT BUSER	MEMBERSHIP REIMB-EMA	30.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	SUPPLIES-P&REC,P&A	344.06
TODD GEHRKE	FITNESS MEMBERSHIP-PD	100.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	4,206.00
ULTRAMAX AMMUNITION	SUPPLIES-PD	1,519.00
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES	2,804.71
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-P&A,P&REC,RUT	173.02

UTILITY SERVICE INC	QRTLY PYMT-WAT	4,749.02
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WWTP IMPROVEMENTS	13,900.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM	570.11
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	358.75
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	5TH AVE/1ST ST W TRAFFIC SIGNAL	122.00
WAPSI WASTE SERVICE	GB,RECY,LEAF-SW	23,931.20
	TOTAL	127,160.55

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #1 – 2017 Sidewalk Program – Council Action as Needed. JDM Concrete LLC has completed the necessary sidewalk work for the NW quadrant. Partial Payment Estimate #1 in the amount of \$25,671.52 was submitted for approval and payment. Christensen motioned to approve Pay Application #1 to JDM Concrete LLC, seconded by Rose. Carried all.

Discussion and Consideration of Leaf Vac Purchase – Public Works – Council Action as Needed. Staff was able to secure a leaf vac purchase through the GovDeals website. The cost of the vac is \$11,250.00 and staff will pick it up in Kansas City. Staff asked Council to approve the purchase. Motion to approve the leaf vac purchase for \$11,250.00 was made by Rose, seconded by Christensen. Carried all.

**Discussion Items (No Action)**

Budget. Council decided that January 22, 2018, 5:45 p.m. would be the date and time of the budget work session.

Water Leak – Excess Water Bill (update?). Staff was asked to check with other communities regarding how they handle large water bills. To date seven responses have been received. Most of the communities said that they consider the waiver of sewer fees but not water fees. Staff is seeking more responses.

Rough Draft – Council Goals. Staff has received and reviewed a rough draft from the MV Strategic and Goal Setting Report for 2018. The goals will be placed on a whiteboard in Council Chambers for review by Council. Council was asked to review and let staff know of any changes that should be made before the document is adopted.

**Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator**

City Administrator’s Report. As requested, staff will be meeting with ImOn Communications. The City’s hazard mitigation sub-committee will be meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time on January 17, 2018. Council is reminded to get their NIMS training. The Community Leaders breakfast is set for January 4, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. at Gwen’s in Lisbon.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:33 p.m., January 2, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Ripke  
City Clerk