

The Mount Vernon City Council met December 17, 2018 at the Mount Vernon City Council Chambers with the following members present: Roudabush, Wieseler and Rose. Absent: West and Herrmann.

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

**Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval.** Motion to approve the Agenda made by Wieseler, seconded by Rose. Carried all. Absent: West and Herrmann.

**Consent Agenda.** Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Wieseler, seconded by Rose. Carried all. Absent: West and Herrmann.

Approval of City Council Minutes – December 3, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

### **Ordinance Approval/Amendment**

Ordinance #11-15-2018A: Vacating and Selling the N-S 16' Alley Right of Way Adjacent to 906 and 824 Summit Ave SW, Mt. Vernon, Iowa. City Administrator Nosbisch stated that since the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and approval of Ordinance #11-15-2018A a lawyer representing the property owner, Paul Debbins, has indicated that his client does not want the alley right of way vacated. A few days later staff was told that Mr. Debbins objected to the alley vacation all together. Mr. Debbins' concern was that he may buy the house from the estate and does not want to give away access to the rear of his property. Tom Simon explained to Council that this is an abandoned property. There has been no maintenance on the property for ten years; the snow doesn't get removed and the neighbors had to contact the City to mow the lawn. Continuing, Mr. Simon said that if he (Debbins) wants to purchase something that affects adjoining properties they want a request that the property be maintained properly with the same care that the neighbors maintain their property. Mr. Simon said that they also want Mr. Debbins to respond to their request to tell them what he wants to do with that property. With the ordinance written the way it is right now it does not protect the adjacent property owners. Mr. Simon requested that the ordinance be written in a way that there be conditions that require whoever purchases that vacant area be a resident and have their property maintained the way the other neighbors do. Paul Debbins, who lives in Riverside, Iowa and is the executor of his mother's estate admitted that the house does need some work but thought the description of it was "greatly exaggerated". As of this past summer Debbins said that he has control of the house and visits it regularly. Debbins said that if he loses the right-away to the alley he has no access into the back of the property. There currently is not a garage there but with limited/restricted street parking the availability of having the option of building a garage there is very important. Gretchen Sutherland pointed out that Paul Debbins doesn't own the property and they don't know when the estate will be settled or if he will purchase the property. What the Sutherlands are interested in is Park Avenue which is a platted street between their property and the Debbins, not the alley that runs east/west and is at the back of the Debbins property. The Sutherlands stated that they will no longer be interested if they cannot purchase the entire area. Nosbisch said that there aren't any laws on this but the City's past practice was to split the vacated property when two adjacent property owners were interested. He did not think the conditions Simon asked to add to the ordinance were legal. Nosbisch explained the choices: vote ordinance down and not vacate, vote ordinance forward or table until all members of council are present. He suggested that if the vote is approved that it be done conditionally with a specific time frame to close on the property. Motion to approve the third and final reading Wieseler motioned to approve Ordinance #11-15-2018A vacating the property to the adjoining property owners, each getting 50% and they have three months in which to close. The date the three

months starts is when the ordinance gets printed in the paper, seconded by Rose. Roll call vote. Motion passes. Absent: West and Herrmann.

**Resolutions for Approval**

Resolution #12-17-2018A: Approving the Authorized Signatures at Mount Vernon Bank and Trust. This resolution adds the Mayor ProTem to the list of those authorized to sign checks. Other authorized signatures are the Mayor, City Administrator, City Clerk, and Deputy Clerk. Motion to approve Resolution #12-17-2018A made Rose, seconded by Roudabush. Roll call vote. Motion carries. Absent: West and Herrmann.

Resolution #12-17-2018B: Providing for “Stop” Sign Locations within the City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Chief Doug Shannon and PW Director Nick Nissen have identified the intersections in the new subdivisions that need stop signs. City code requires that Council approve these locations by resolution prior to their enforcement. Motion to approve Resolution #12-17-2018B made by Rose, seconded by Wieseler. Roll call vote. Motion carries. Absent: West and Herrmann.

**Motions for Approval**

Consideration of Claims List – Motion to Approve. Motion to approve the Claims List made by Wieseler, seconded by Rose. Carried all. Absent: West and Herrmann.

AAA PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL-P&A	30.00
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL FEE-PW	63.25
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-FD	488.79
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	100.47
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	.ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	29.90
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	3,766.79
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	3,496.40
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	2,568.38
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,834.69
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	1,532.42
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&A	822.27
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-PD,RUT	726.39
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	706.69
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	196.21
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	76.53
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	75.43
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	64.94
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ALL DEPTS	45.02
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-EMA	44.15
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ALL DEPTS	39.41
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	35.86
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	19.30
BOBCAT OF CEDAR RAPIDS	SKID STEER-RUT,WAT,SEW	32,715.62
BOBCAT OF CEDAR RAPIDS	FILTERS/KUBOTA-RUT	238.36
CANINE TACTICAL LLC	TRAINING/K9-SPL DONATIONS	350.00
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	791.78
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES INC	MAIN DRAIN-POOL	2,935.42
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-FD	70.58
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-PD	53.07
CITY OF ELY	NIXLE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM-ALL DEPTS	2,455.36
COGRAN SYSTEMS	ONLINE REGISTRATION FEES-P&REC	82.00
CR/LC SOLID WASTE AGENCY	LEAVES-SW	1,766.88

DARIUS BALLARD	SOUND ENG,EDITING/ASH PRK AUDIO TOUR	356.25
ECICOG	SUB-DIVISION UPDATE-P&A	1,184.00
FAT GUYS MOTOR SPORTS	CLUTCH KIT,FILTERS-RUT	535.12
FRANCESCA LEE THOMPSON	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	60.00
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GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-P&REC	358.52
GROUP SERVICES INC	INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	25,631.40
GUNNAR HAGEMAN	REFEREE-P&REC	90.00
IOWA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UTIL	MEMBERSHIP-PW	1,037.82
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	EXAM FEE-WAT,SEW	90.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	60.30
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	595.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	375.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	PATCH MGMT,FIREWALL-PD	123.10
JOAN BURGE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	60.00
JOAN BURGE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	60.00
JOENA'S SPECIAL NEEDS	UNIFORMS-PD	40.00
JORDAN AXTELL	REFEREE-P&REC	180.00
KONE INC	ELEVATOR MAINT CONTRACT-P&A	171.69
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	MAINTENANCE PLAN/COPIES	425.37
MATT SIDERS	MILEAGE-P&REC	68.13
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-RUT	170.14
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	172.29
MIDWEST SAFETY COUNSELOR	INSTRUMENT CALIBRATION-FD	30.00
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT	1,828.90
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC	69.75
MV ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	950.49
OFFICE EXPRESS	TONER,MISC-RUT,P&A	975.38
OPN ARCHITECTS	WELLNESS CENTER/STUDY PHASE 1	34,818.20
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	63,604.39
PRACTICAL SECURITY SYSTEMS	ATTACHED COUNTER TOPS	960.00
QC GEOTHERMAL INC	BORING/INSTALL 1 GEOTHERMAL WELL	15,400.00
RACOM CORPORATION	K9-SPL DONATIONS	15.32
RHINO INDUSTRIES INC	SLUDGE THICKENER-SEW	694.00
SIMMERING CORY IOWA CODIFICATION	CODE UPDATES-P&A	1,661.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	SUPPLIES-P&A,P&REC	108.29
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	3,159.50
STORM STEEL	TEMP SIGNS-RUT	133.18
STORM STEEL	ANGLE IRON-SEW	90.03
TASC	FSA ADMIN FEE-ALL DEPTS	150.00
TASC	COBRA ADMIN FEE-ALL DEPTS	94.83
TRANS IOWA EQUIPMENT INC	PARTS/SWEEPER-SW	980.01
TRAVELERS	BUILDERS RISK INS-LB CENTER	5,292.00
TRYSTIN LASHLEY	REFEREE-P&REC	90.00
TYLER PANOS	REFEREE-P&REC	150.00
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	163.48
VERIZON NETWORKFLEET INC	GPS HARNESS-PW	362.76
WEX BANK	FUEL-PD,WAT,SEW	1,194.14
TOTAL		223,102.14
GENERAL FUND		27,747.82
LOST III COMM CENTER		55,510.20
PAYROLL		63,604.39

ROAD USE TAX FUND	22,433.65
SEWER FUND	25,079.24
SOLID WASTE	5,027.64
STORM WATER FUND	640.78
WATER FUND	23,058.42
TOTAL	223,102.14

Discussion and Consideration of Filing the Mt. Vernon Annexation Policy/Plan – Council Action as Needed. Tabled.

Discussion and Consideration of Paving Extension for Stonebrook 6<sup>th</sup> Addition – Council Action as Needed. The developer is asking Council to consider granting an extension until next spring. According to City code Council must grant an extension of this length to the developer. Because of cold temperatures Staff concurs that waiting to pave is the practical way to go and the delay would allow additional time for the base to settle. The developers are asking for an extension to April 2019. Motion to approve a paving extension until April 2019 made by Wieseler, seconded by Roudabush. Carried all. Absent: West and Herrmann.

**Reports to be Received/Filed**

Mt. Vernon Police Report. There were 11 reported collisions and 25 incidents in November. Incident reports included found property, domestic assault with injury, hit & run, OWI and more. The incidents resulted in 6 arrests. Officer Moel and Monster were deployed 4 times. Officers assisted with Magical Night. Chief Shannon presented a discussion on elderly fraud at Hills Bank. Officers worked 28 hours of STEP enforcement. During this time officers contacted 14 speed violations, 2 child restraint violations, 1 suspended driver and more. Per the 28E agreement with Lisbon officers provided 2,430 minutes of patrol time and 11 calls for service resulting in 46.42 hours/\$1,856.67.

Mt. Vernon Public Works Report. City crews have installed new LED lighting in the Memorial Park gazebo. Total salt usage to date is 25 tons.

Mt. Vernon Parks and Recreation Report. Jake Stanerson, MV Eagle Scout, will be building a shade structure inside the Nancy Doreen Huffman Dog Park. Pool report will be presented to P & Rec Board on December 18. Magical night was a success. This was the first time 1<sup>st</sup> Street was closed and it was well received. P&Rec handed out about 800 cookies. Holiday open gyms will be December 26, 27 and 28 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Fitness equipment is being researched.

**Discussion Items (No Action)**

Possible Budget/CIP Communication. Discussions continue on the FY20 budget.

**Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator**

City Administrator’s Report. City Hall will be closed on December 24 and 25 for Christmas and on January 1 for New Year’s. Staff will be holding our annual holiday luncheon on December 20, 2018 from 12-1:30 p.m. The Nixle program will go live sometime in January.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned the time being 7:36 p.m., December 17, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Ripke  
City Clerk