

The Mount Vernon City Council met February 20, 2019 at the Mount Vernon City Council Chambers with the following members present: Roudabush, West, Wieseler and Rose. Absent: Herrmann.

Call to Order. Council will be working off the Agenda that was revised on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m. At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order.

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

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – February 4, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

Public Hearing

Public Hearing on a Resolution Approving Budget Amendment #1 for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019. Mayor Hampton declared the Public Hearing open. Close public hearing – Proceed to G-1. Hearing no comments from the public Mayor Hampton closed the Public Hearing.

Ordinance Approval/Amendment

Ordinance #1-21-2019A: Amending Ordinance #11-19-2018A Vacating and Selling a Portion of a N-S Sixteen Foot Alley Located Adjacent to 824 and 906 Summit Ave, Within the City Limits of Mt. Vernon, Linn County, Iowa. Staff has not received any communication from the public since the second reading. Motion to approve third and final reading. Motion to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #1-21-2019A made by Wieseler, seconded by Rose. Roll call vote. Motion carries. Absent: Herrmann.

Ordinance #1-21-2019B: Amending Chapter 27 Housing Commission of the Municipal Code of Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Staff has not received any communication from the public since the second reading. Motion to approve third and final reading. Motion to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #1-21-2019B made by Wieseler, seconded by Roudabush. Roll call vote. Motion carries. Absent: Herrmann.

Ordinance #2-20-2019A: Providing That General Property Taxes Levied and Collected Each Year on Certain Property Located Within the Spring Meadow Heights Urban Renewal Area, in the City of Mt. Vernon, County of Linn, State of Iowa, by and for the Benefit of the State of Iowa, City of Mt. Vernon, County of Linn, Mt. Vernon Community School District, and Other Taxing Districts, be Paid to a Special Fund for Payment of Principal and Interest Loans, Monies Advanced to and Indebtedness Including Bonds Issued or to be Issued, Incurred by the City in Connection with the Spring Meadow Heights Urban Renewal Area (Phase 1 Parcel). Nosbisch explained that this ordinance approves the collection of TIF revenues for the Spring Meadow Heights Urban Renewal area (Phase 1). There will be similar ordinances for each one of the phases in each of the sub-divisions. Motion to approve first reading and proceed to the second reading (Council may suspend rules and proceed to the third and final reading after a vote of the first reading). Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2-20-2019A made by Rose, seconded by Wieseler. Roll call vote. Motion carries. Absent: Herrmann.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #2-20-2019A: Approving the Budget Amendment #1 for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019. City Administrator Nobsbisch explained the listing of expenditures and revenues on the budget amendment. The smaller dollar amounts are line item adjustments. The larger amendments were a mixture of CIP purchases (fire truck, land) and FY bond proceeds timing corrections. The budget is put together with projected numbers. Budget amendments fine tune those numbers into real time expenditures and revenues. Motion to approve Resolution #2-20-2019A made by Rose, seconded by West. Roll call vote. Motion passes. Absent: Herrmann.

Resolution #2-20-2019B: Setting the Salaries for the Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Mt. Vernon, for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Nobsbisch provided Council with an explanation of each increase. One correction was identified; the current and new effective salaries of Heather Flynn and Joe Jennison were switched. Roudabush asked if the City would consider moving to merit increases. Nobsbisch said that could be done with department heads but not union employees. Wieseler said that while merit raises seem to make a lot of sense and motivational, the jobs here make it hard to put a matrix together that would measure a percentage increase. Wieseler continued saying that it was his experience that an employee who wasn't up to par could counter with the fact that he should have been counseled throughout the year on what needed to be done to improve. Nobsbisch agreed that it would be difficult to set the perimeters. Rose said he thought it was worth having a conversation about this and there is value in having merit based raises. Motion to approve Resolution #2-20-2019B with the corrected amounts for H. Flynn and J. Jennison made by Rose, seconded by Wieseler. Roll call vote. Motion passes. Absent: Herrmann.

Motions for Approval

Consideration of Claims List – Motion to Approve. Motion to approve Claims List made by Wieseler, seconded by Rose. Motion carries. Absent: Herrmann.

AIRGAS	CYLINDER RENTAL FEE-RUT,WAT,SEW	64.93
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-PD,RUT	883.16
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-FD	602.00
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	425.08
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	81.53
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	47.81
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,P&A,WAT,SEW	42.30
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,P&A,WAT,SEW	40.93
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	37.88
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	26.64
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	26.16
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	4,108.36
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	3,967.75
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	3,270.60
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	2,443.69
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	1,131.58
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&A	928.14
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	150.19
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	98.70
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	69.93
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-EMA	43.50
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	19.30
AMERICAN RED CROSS	SWIM LESSON TRAINING-POOL	300.00
BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC	T-SHIRTS-P&REC	608.00
BEN BRANNAMAN	REFEREE-P&REC	150.00
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-P&A,WAT,SEW	2,555.00

BRAUN INTERTEC CORP	CONSTRUCTION & MATERIALS TESTING	3,757.25
CANINE TACTICAL LLC	TRAINING-SPL DONATIONS	250.00
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-PD	53.07
CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING	DARE-PD	292.87
ECICOG	SUBDIVISION UPDATE-P&A	1,332.00
EVIDENT INC	TESTS-PD	45.25
FRANCESCA LEE THOMPSON	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	120.00
GARLING CONSTRUCTION	WELLNESS CENTER-LOST III	225,456.28
GROUP SERVICES INC	INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	31,535.68
GUNNAR HAGEMAN	REFEREE-P&REC	180.00
HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC	PLOW PINS-RUT	84.35
HIGH SPEED GEAR	EQUIPMENT-PD	934.56
IMFOA	DUES-P&A	50.00
IOWA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UTIL	WATER MEMBERSHIP-WAT	857.00
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	LEGO ROBOTICS ENTRY FEE-P&REC	160.00
JAY A ARNOLD	REFEREE-P&REC	225.00
JOAN BURGE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	120.00
JORDAN AXTELL	REFEREE-P&REC	180.00
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINTENANCE PLAN/COPIES	245.40
LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	CONC STAND/FOOD SERVICE LICENSE	165.00
LYNCH FORD	GEAR ASSEMBLY,BATTERY-FD	372.20
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	172.45
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-P&A	268.88
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-RUT	170.39
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	1,128.91
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC	51.00
MT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	864.62
MT VERNON CAR WASH	CAR WASH-PD	32.00
MT VERNON PHARMACY	SUPPLIES-P&A	46.08
OPN ARCHITECTS	WELLNESS CNTR/STUDY PHASE I-LOST III	9,257.01
OVERHEAD DOOR CO	LIFT MOTOR-RUT	1,535.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	WEIGHTS,BRACKET/3039 JD-RUT	405.66
P&K MIDWEST INC	LED LIGHT-RUT	187.66
P&K MIDWEST INC	14' PLOW PIVOT CYLANDER-RUT	12.98
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	61,810.98
ROBERT BUSER	NOTARY RENEWAL-EMA	30.00
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	LEGAL FEES-P&A	2,053.50
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	CORNELL-SEW	620.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	TONER-ALL DEPTS	550.75
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-WWTP	1,672.50
TRYSTIN LASHLEY	REFEREE-P&REC	180.00
TYLER PANOS	REFEREE-P&REC	180.00
UNITY POINT CLINIC	DRUG TEST-RUT	42.00
WAPSI WASTE SERVICE	RECYCLING-SW	723.14
WATCH GUARD VIDEO	EQUIPMENT-PD	192.00
WENDLING QUARRIES	SAND-RUT	112.84
WEX BANK	FUEL-PD,WAT,SEW	1,085.16
TOTAL		371,924.58
GENERAL FUND		30,939.87
LOST III COMMUNITY CENTER		238,470.54
PAYROLL		61,810.98
ROAD USE TAX FUND		12,850.89

SEWER FUND	13,692.18
SOLID WASTE	2,627.83
STORM WATER FUND	788.39
WATER FUND	10,743.90
TOTAL	371,924.58

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for Ordering Construction of Certain Public Improvements, Approving Preliminary Plans, and Fixing a Date for Improvements Known as the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements 2019 – Council Action as Needed. West motioned to set a Public Hearing date for March 4, 2019 for Ordering Construction of Certain Public Improvements, Approving Preliminary Plans and fixing a date for improvements known as the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements 2019, seconded by Wieseler. Motion carries. Absent: Herrmann.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for a Request to Rezone Property Located at 200 7th Street SE from GC General Commercial to TR Traditional Residential – Council Action as Needed. Nobsch explained that this is the case where a house was built on the same side as some other commercial properties; between the bank and church. The houses across the street are zoned TR. Since the early 2000's underwriters have made it increasingly more difficult for people to get mortgages when the house cannot be re-built. This house is considered non-conforming because it is a home in the GC district. The home owner is requesting it be re-zoned. P&Z has approved the request. Rose motioned to set a Public Hearing date for March 4, 2019 for a request to rezone property located at 200 7th Street SE from GC (General Commercial) to TR (Traditional Residential), seconded by West. Motion carries. Absent: Herrmann.

Discussion and Consideration of Submitting a Large Match Grant Application to the Wellmark Foundation – Council Action as Needed. Parks and Recreation Board member Rory Wiebel has identified this grant as an enhancement to the Community Wellness Center area. The grant is not for anything in the building itself but could be used for the community garden aspect and walking paths. It is potentially a \$100,000.00 grant. The Board is seeking Council approval to submit an application for one large trail network. This is a dollar for dollar match. Rose motioned to approve the large match grant to the Wellmark Foundation, seconded by Wieseler. Motion carries. Absent: Herrmann.

Reports to be Received/Filed

Mt. Vernon Police Report. There were 14 reported collisions and 21 incidents in January. Incident reports include harassment, possession of drug paraphernalia, sexual abuse, shoplifting and more. Department conducted FATS training. Councilperson Wieseler also participated in the training of various use of force situations. Chief Shannon attended a safety meeting with MVCSD and spoke to the Criminal Justice class at MVHS. Officers worked 8 hours of STEP enforcement. Per the 28E agreement with Lisbon, MVPD provided 2,285 minutes of patrol time and 11 calls for service. The total amount invoiced from November 2018 to January 2019 was \$5,756.67.

Mt. Vernon Public Works Report. The new controller has been installed at the Hwy 1 and 1st traffic light. Requests have been received to have the crosswalk always come up but by doing that it makes the light less efficient. Currently if a car approaches 1st Street it will trigger the light to turn green. Because that is the only sensor that triggers the light it works well for the residents that live uptown because late at night semis are not stopping for no reason.

Mt. Vernon Parks and Rec Report. The Master Schedule for summer ball fields has been created and distributed. Boys' basketball will complete their season February 26. Youth Wrestling has 21 participants.

Spring soccer registration has started. Katey Forest will manage the pool again this summer. Chalk the Walk meetings are being held every two weeks. In April the meetings will be weekly.

Discussion Items (No Action)

Possible Budget/CIP Communication. Budget memo. Discussion continued on the FY20 budget. Council was given a memo highlighting changes. New to the budget is the addition of the Lester Buresh Family Community Wellness Center. This is an estimate based on other like facilities. The Library and the Ambulance were the only two budgets that asked for an increase.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

City Administrator's Report. There was a review of the proposed Linn County Emergency Management plan on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. The weather has wreaked havoc on construction schedules. Public works has been demoing a new loader. The City will be placing temporary mailboxes in areas of heavy snow.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned the time being 7:23 p.m., February 20, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Ripke
City Clerk