

The Mount Vernon City Council met March 19, 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 Rose seconded by West to approve the Agenda. Carried all.

Consent Agenda. Motion made by West seconded by Wieseler to approve the Consent Agenda. Carried all.

Approval of City Council Minutes – March 5, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.

Approval of Cigarette Licenses – Gary’s Foods, Chameleons, PNP.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing on the Proposal to Enter into a Development Agreement with BBAJ Inc. Mayor Hampton declared the Public Hearing open. Close Public Hearing – proceed to G-1. As there were no comments from the public Mayor Hampton closed the Public Hearing.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #3-19-2018A: Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Development Agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon and BBAJ Inc. This resolution is the final step in the approval of the development agreement for Stonebrook (Ricklefs). Motion to approve Resolution #3-19-2018A made by Rose, seconded by Roudabush. Roll call vote. Motion carries.

Motions for Approval

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

AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL FEE-PW	55.00
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	2,775.47
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	1,447.16
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&A	661.97
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-PD	580.16
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-FD	412.73
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	159.47
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	110.59
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	53.78
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	3,804.95
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	3,238.82
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	602.89
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	131.63
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-EMA	37.68
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	32.25
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	18.84
ARAMARK	RUGS-FD	88.62
BARNYARD SCREENPRINTING	T-SHIRTS-P&REC	1,511.50
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-P&A,WAT	2,485.00
BSN SPORTS	HELMETS,CAPS,MISC-P&REC	249.96

CAREPRO PHARMACY	SUPPLIES-P&A	26.35
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	230.80
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-PD	51.41
DIESEL TURBO SERVICE	BATTERY/'98-RUT	161.88
ELLIOTT'S UPTOWN FITNESS CENTER	RENT-P&REC	600.00
ELLIOTT'S UPTOWN FITNESS CENTER	RENT-P&REC	480.00
FRANCESCA THOMPSON	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	60.00
GORDON LUMBER CO	BLDG SUPPLIES-RUT	300.45
GREGORY CONTAINER	DUMPSTERS-SW	2,787.00
GROUP SERVICES INC	INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	22,141.51
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	NEW MAILBOXES,WGI SHARE CHGS	312.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-RUT	217.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	DOMAIN MGMT-ALL DEPTS	50.00
JOAN BURGE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	60.00
KONE INC	ELEVATOR MAINT CONTRACT-P&A	171.69
KOSS INTERNATIONAL CORP	CTW CHALK-P&REC	4,332.64
KURT PISARIK	UNIFORMS-PW	64.50
L.L. PELLING	UPM BAGS-RUT	661.50
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-WAT	193.30
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-RUT	161.13
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-P&REC	158.98
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	54.26
MENARDS	COUNTER TOP-RUT	70.56
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	CTW SPONSOR-MVHPC	100.00
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	CTW MAILING-P&REC	40.89
NATHAN GOODLOVE	FIRE CHIEF PAY-FD	416.67
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	COOLERS,WATER,SALT-RUT,P&A	492.80
P&K MIDWEST	ANTI-FREEZE-RUT	103.53
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	55,015.04
POSTMASTER	NEWSLETTER MAILING	433.08
POSTMASTER	PERMIT FEE #24	225.00
ROBERT BUSER	STIPEND-EMA	1,500.00
SPRINGER PEST SOLUTIONS CORP	PEST CONTROL-P&A	30.00
STAPLES	SUPPLIES-P&A	129.37
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING -SEW	1,829.00
SUE RIPKE	UNIFORMS-P&A	100.71
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	116.17
VERMEER	FILTERS/CHIPPER-S/W	194.32
WEX BANK	FUEL-PD,WAT,SEW	1,334.52
	TOTAL	113,867.53

Discussion and Consideration of MVACC Request to Paint Fire Hydrants – Dale Beeks – Council Action as Needed. Dale Beeks asked Council to consider allowing the MVAAC to paint some fire hydrants. MVAAC would apply for grant funds if the project is approved. Beeks explained that this has been a popular beautification program in other small towns and provided links showing pictures of painted hydrants. He continued saying that they realized not all hydrants would be eligible. City Administrator Nobsbisch stated that he does not recommend this project however the decision would be made by the Council. Nobsbisch explained his position saying that complying with NFPA (National Fire Protection Assoc.) standards, the tops and caps of hydrants are to be painted in four distinct colors depending on the rated capacity of the hydrant. The rated capacity determines whether the Fire Dept can pull water directly from the hydrant or through some other apparatus. This past year staff has pressure tested the hydrants in preparation of the City's ISO (Insurance Services Rating) survey and are ready to be prepped for painting. Staff has offered MVAAC other items that may be used for this project such as the concrete barriers used at festivals and

traffic control or the City's snow plow blades. Staff contends that the hydrants are part of the overall safety network of the City and should be treated as such. City Administrator Nobsch thought it could start small then discuss if it could be continued if successful.

Discussion and Consideration of Master Agreement Between the City of Mt. Vernon and the Chauffeurs, Teamsters, and Helpers Local Union Number 238 – Law Enforcement Agreement – Council Action as Needed. There are a few major changes to the Law Enforcement Agreement. The changes are that this is a two year agreement which will end June 30, 2020. Employees will receive a 2.75% increase in salary both years and will pay an additional 1.5% for insurance premiums. The City will start flex spending accounts July 1, 2018. The last change is that officers will receive an additional \$50.00 for uniforms. Because it is no longer allowed by the State, dues deduction will be removed from the agreement. Motion to approve the Master Agreement between the City of Mt Vernon and the Chauffeurs, Teamsters, and Helpers Local Union Number 238, Law Enforcement Agreement made by Christensen, seconded by Rose. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Master Agreement Between the City of Mt. Vernon and the Chauffeurs, Teamsters, and Helpers Local Union Number 238 – Public Services Agreement – Council Action as Needed. There are a few major changes to the Public Services Agreement. The changes are that this is a two year agreement which will end June 30, 2020. Employees will receive a 2.75% increase in salary both years and will pay an additional 1.5% for insurance premiums. The City will start flex spending accounts July 1, 2018. Because it is no longer allowed by the State, dues deduction will be removed from the agreement. Motion to approve the Master Agreement between the City of Mt Vernon and the Chauffeurs, Teamsters, and Helpers Local Union Number 238, Public Services Agreement made by Rose, seconded by West. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Veteran's Memorial Proposal – Mike Woods – Council Action as Needed. Kevin Woods, American Legion Vice Commander, asked Council to consider the possibility of transferring the Veteran's Memorial Fund to the City and creating a separate board for the oversight of the donations and the memorial. Nobsch said that the City's attorney expressed concern when they discussed it. The concern was that once money is donated, if it could be put into a special fund. Nobsch would like to research this with the auditors to verify if the funds could be placed in a special fund or if it would have to go into the general fund, which would have to be manually tracked. Council would have to then allocate the funds.

Discussion and Consideration Maintenance Quotation for Lift Station Pump – Council Action as Needed. At the previous council meeting Council approved a motion for \$3,465.15 for the maintenance of the Oakridge lift station. After additional meetings with vendor's, staff discovered that a replacement lift station pump could be purchased for about \$5,000.00. Because this pump is about ten years old staff would like to bring back to Council for further consideration. Christensen motioned to approve up to \$6,000 to purchase a replacement for the Oakridge lift station pump. Seconded by Rose. Carried all.

Discussion and Consideration of Mt. Vernon K-9 Program – Council Action as Needed. Chief of Police Doug Shannon presented the desire to start a K-9 program for the Mount Vernon Police Department. Shannon stated that the financing sources have been secured or identified and the remainder of public financing through donation is ready to begin. Shannon stated the K-9 program would be beneficial to the officer's safety, and is asking Council's approval to proceed with the final stages of acquiring and starting a K-9 program. Council inquired about the use of other communities K-9's when needed. Shannon stated that they are not always available when needed. The dog and the handler have to be on duty and not in use in order to acquire their services. Council asked about a 28 E agreement with another agency, and would that make a difference in attainment of the service when needed. Shannon stated the same limitations would

apply with availability. Nobsisch stated his concerns were with the cost of training and overtime that can become long term expenses. Council also questioned the cost of equipment to get started as well. Nobsisch stated that the equipment and set up is an initial cost upfront and with the dog's lifespan on the job of 6-8 years, Council would have to decide at the time if they wanted to continue with the K-9 program after reviewing the current programs costs and management of the program in its entirety. Council discussed an option of establishing a resolution that ensures bringing a K-9 program in would not be a long term capital expense. Shannon stated there is also a public relations aspect with this program as well, including school programs and festivals, and feels it would be a public supported program. Shannon stated he is seeking a formal adoption of the K-9 program and then he can proceed with the final gap of public financial funding and then be able to decide on the handler, location, and what other agencies are doing, finishing the research needed. Shannon stated the officer training would start in the summer and be ready to start by fall. Shannon feels they have the right candidate for the handler position. Staff will construct a resolution for future discussion.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for the Preliminary Plat of Hickory Acres First Addition to the City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Rose motioned to set the Public Hearing date for the discussion and consideration of Hickory Acres First Addition to the City of Mt Vernon, Iowa for the next council meeting, April 2, 2018, seconded by Wieseler. Carried all.

Reports to be Received/Filed

LMVAS Annual Report. Jules Scadden was present to explain the services provided and history of the Lisbon-Mount Vernon Ambulance Service. Copy on file at City Hall.

Mt. Vernon Police Report. In February Chief Doug Shannon reported there were 14 reported collisions and 22 incidents. Also, 8 arrests were made for criminal mischief, possession of a controlled substance and more. Chief Shannon assisted MVSCD with Hazard Mitigation Planning, attended a PSAP consolidation meeting and MAGNUS Leadership training. MVPD received a \$1,000.00 AED grant from Alliant Energy Foundation. Supplementing police coverage for the City of Lisbon has resulted in 2,373 minutes of patrol time, 9 service calls and 120 minutes of administrative time.

Mt. Vernon Public Works Report. Public Works has started filling pot holes. A curb was replaced at 224 2nd Avenue SW. 192 tons of salt have been used to date. Work has been completed on the Dog Park entrance. Tree work in the SW quadrant continues.

Mt. Vernon Parks and Recreation Report. Working on master parks project list for full and part-time employees. Spring soccer registration has started. Currently there are 190 kids' registered (22 teams). Swim lesson dates have been published and are on the City's website. Chalk the Walk weekly meetings will begin in April. Easter Egg Dash is on March 31. Spring Clean-up is schedule for April 28.

Discussion Items (No Action)

Council/Staff Listening Posts. Councilperson Rose has provided a proposed yearly schedule for Saturday morning listening post. With the first listening post starting Saturday March 24, 2018 from 9 to 10:00 a.m. at City Hall. Public Works Director Nick Nissen and Councilperson Scot Rose to host with a discussion on trees in the City right of way and the Emerald Ash Borer.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

City Administrator's Report. Staff will be meeting with ImOn Communications on March 19, 2018. The developers of Spring Meadow Heights have shown an interest in their services. Spring brush pick up will begin the week of March 26, 2018. There will be a joint planning commission/city council meeting scheduled for March 21, 2018. Confluence will be there. Staff has been working on an application to the

Hall-Perrine Foundation for the Community Wellness Center. The Mt Vernon Community Wellness Center fundraising committee has already received/pledged over \$25,000.00.

Adjournment. As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned the time being 7:55 pm, March 19, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meridith Hoffman
Administrative Assistant