

City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa

Meeting:	Mt. Vernon City Council Meeting
Place:	Mt. Vernon City Hall, 213 First Street NW, Mt. Vernon, Iowa 52314
Date/Time:	April 17, 2017 – 6:30 PM
Web Page:	www.cityofmtvernon-ia.gov
Posted:	April 15, 2017

Mayor:	Jamie Hampton	City Administrator:	Chris Nosbisch
Mayor Pro-Tem:	Marty Christensen	City Attorney:	Robert Hatala
Councilperson:	Paul Tuerler	Assis. Admin/City Clerk:	Sue Ripke
Councilperson:	Scott Rose	Deputy City Clerk:	Marsha Dewell
Councilperson:	Tom Wieseler	Chief of Police:	Doug Shannon
Councilperson:	Eric Roudabush		

A. Call to Order

B. Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval

C. Communications:

1. Unscheduled
2. Steve Maravetz – Mt. Vernon Area Arts Council

If you wish to address the City Council on subjects pertaining to today's meeting agenda, please wait until that item on the agenda is reached. If you wish to address the City Council on an item **not** on the agenda, please approach the microphone and give your name and address for the public record before discussing your item. Each individual will be granted no more than five (5) minutes.

D. Consent Agenda

Note: These are routine items and will be enacted by one motion without separate discussion unless a Council Member requests separate consideration.

1. Approval of City Council Minutes – April 3, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

E. Public Hearing

1. None

F. Ordinance Approval/Amendment

1. None

G. Resolutions for Approval

1. Resolution #4-17-2017A: Approving the Non-Union Salaries for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year

H. Mayoral Proclamation

1. Proclamation Establishing Friday, April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day in the City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa

I. Old Business

1. None

J. Motions for Approval

1. Consideration of Claims List – Motion to Approve

2. Discussion and Consideration of Purchasing a Replacement Tube Slide for the Swimming Pool - Council Action as Needed
3. Discussion and Consideration of Purchasing a Replacement PA System – Parks and Recreation – Council Action as Needed
4. Discussion and Consideration of Outdoor Warning Signal Solar Conversion – 10th Street Siren – Council Action as Needed
5. Discussion and Consideration of Allowing Alcohol in Davis and Elliot Parks – Heritage Days – Council Action as Needed
6. Discussion and Consideration of Setting Public Hearing Date for an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 12-6-2004A, and Granting to Interstate Power and Light Company, Its Successors and Assigns, a Non-Exclusive Twenty-Five Year Franchise to Acquire, Construct, Erect, Maintain and Operate an Electric System in the City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa and to Furnish and Sell Electric Energy to the City and its Inhabitants, and Requiring Said Company to Pay a Franchise Fee to the City – Council Action as Needed
7. Discussion and Consideration of Setting Public Hearing Date for an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 12-6-2004A, and Granting to Interstate Power and Light Company, Its Successors and Assigns, a Non-Exclusive Twenty-Five Year Franchise to Erect, Construct, Reconstruct, Maintain, and Operate Plan and Systems for the Distribution of Natural Gas in the City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa and to Sell, Distribute and Supply Natural Gas to the City and its Inhabitants, and Requiring Said Company to Pay a Franchise Fee to the City – Council Action as Needed
8. Discussion and Consideration of Degradation Issues on the Alley Located Adjacent and West of 117 3rd Ave North (Liberty Iron Works) – Council Action as Needed
9. Discussion and Consideration of Setting Public Hearing Date that Will Order the Construction of Certain Public Improvements, Approving Preliminary Plans and Specifications, and Fixing a Date for Hearing Thereon and Taking Bids Therefore for 10th Ave SW and Palisades Road SW Intersection Repair and Replacement Project – Council Action as Needed

K. Reports to be Received/Filed

1. Mt. Vernon Fire Department Annual Review
2. Mt. Vernon Police Report
3. Mt. Vernon Public Works Report
4. Mt. Vernon Parks and Recreation Report

L. Discussion Items (No Action)

1. Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance

M. Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

1. Mayor's Report
2. Council Reports
3. Committee Reports
4. City Administrator's Report

N. Adjournment

Pursuant to §21.4(2) of the Code of Iowa, the City has the right to amend this agenda up until 24 hours before the posted meeting time.

If anyone with a disability would like to attend the meeting, please call City Hall at 895-8742 to arrange for accommodations.

C. Communications

Chris Nosbisch

From: SteveIowa <steveiowa@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Chris Nosbisch
Subject: Community mural presentation on city council agenda

Chris,

Steve Maravetz of the Mount Vernon Area Arts Council here. We're making great progress on the community mural planning. I'm writing to request time on the city council agenda for the April 17 meeting for an update on the project. The presentation will include the mural design. It will take no more than 10 minutes. Thanks.

Steve Maravetz
President, Mount Vernon Area Arts Council 319-521-1209.

Sent from my iPad

D. Consent Agenda

The Mount Vernon City Council met April 3, 2017 at the Mount Vernon City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Roudabush, Wieseler, Christensen and Rose. Absent: Tuerler.

Call to Order. Mayor Jamie Hampton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Agenda change/correction: Agenda items D-3 and D-4, committee appointments, are tabled.

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. Motion to approve the agenda with the agenda change was made by Rose, seconded by Wieseler. Carried all. Absent: Tuerler.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – March 20, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Approval of City Council Minutes – March 27, 2017 Council Work Session

Appoint Jay Delancey - Sustainability Committee

Appoint Keith Huebner - Mt. Vernon Zoning Board of Adjustment

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #4-3-2017A: Approving and Adopting a Revenue Purpose Statement for the Use of Revenues from Electric and Natural Gas Franchise Fees. Nosbisch explained that this resolution includes all applicable uses identified within Iowa Code Chapter 384.3A except property tax relief. The franchise fee dollars would be used for capital improvement projects and could prevent Council from having to raise property taxes for those projects. If approved, the next step is to work with Alliant Energy on the ordinances amending the franchise agreements. Resident Ernest Foss told Council that as a homeowner living on a fixed income the new franchise fee and Alliant Energy increase would be a hardship for them. Wieseler said that when he ran for council he understood that the \$12.99 base rate property tax levy had not increased for many years but also it can't stay that way forever; at some point it will have to increase. Wieseler continued saying that because it is spread out to a larger base (the non-profits and Cornell) and it's based on usage it is a "fairer tax, if there is such a thing". Roudabush agreed with Wieseler and added that this one can be "pulled back" in the future if not needed. Christensen stated that the justification for this seems to be a lack of alternative funding for street projects and while that purpose is included the allowed purposes are much more broad than that. Nosbisch said the argument to keep it broad based is so that it doesn't lock this council or future councils into projects that haven't even been thought about. As an example, Nosbisch said there is funding for trails but there isn't funding for other park amenities. Christensen said this should be a funding source for projects which have no other funding source; he is not a fan of items d-Public Safety and g-Property Tax Abatements. He would like to see it more narrowly defined and specific to projects that the City has no funding for. Nosbisch cautioned Council about narrowing the purpose statement too much saying that a future CIP could have a project that this funding would fit. Christensen asked if this resolution could be updated in the future to which Nosbisch replied that he would have to reach out to Alliant Energy for the answer but because it is a resolution the entire process may have to be repeated. Rose argued against limiting the purpose, not because he disagreed with Christensen but because this should be put in place for the long term. Wieseler motioned to approve Resolution #4-3-2017A but remove d (Public Safety) & g (Property tax abatements), seconded by Roudabush. Roll call vote. Ayes: Rose, Wieseler, Christensen, Roudabush. Nays: none. Absent: Tuerler.

Resolution #4-3-2017B: Approving the Disposal of Municipal Owned Property. Nobsisch explained that this is for two Allis lawn mowers. Both tractors are over thirty years old and not being used. Public Works Director Nick Nissen has suggested they be sold through Highway 64 Auctions, Baldwin, Iowa. Motion to approve Resolution #4-3-2017B made by Christensen, seconded by Rose. Roll call vote. Ayes: Christensen, Roudabush, Rose, Wieseler. Nays: none. Absent: Tuerler.

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	55,657.54
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WASTEWATER FACILITY PLAN	10,202.80
KOSS INTERNATIONAL CORP	CTW CHALK-P&REC	3,980.20
BSN SPORTS COLLEGIATE PACIFIC	SOCCER GOALS,BALLS-P&REC	3,692.14
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	10TH ST/PAL RD INTERSECTION	3,360.00
SLEUTH SYSTEMS	SOFTWARE SUPPORT-PD	3,020.00
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	2,975.00
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	F450/BLOWER MOTOR,EVAP CORE	1,323.98
BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC	T-SHIRTS-P&REC	1,301.00
STORM STEEL	ANGLE IRON-RUT	831.35
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-PW	763.37
ELLIOTT'S UPTOWN FITNESS CENTER	RENT-P&REC	630.00
ROTO-ROOTER	CAMERA CRAWL-SEW	570.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	512.75
TRANS IOWA EQUIPMENT INC	ELGIN BROOM-S/W	467.39
INTOXIMETERS	EQUIPMENT-PD	395.00
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CORP	INFORMATION SYSTEMS-PW	319.60
AERO RENTAL, INC	TRAILER-RUT	297.00
COGRAN SYSTEMS	ONLINE REGISTRATION FEES-P&REC	174.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	NATURE PARK TRAIL PRELIM	153.00
JOE'S QUALITY WINDOW CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING-P&A	150.00
CHRIS NOBISCH	MILEAGE-P&A	88.11
VERMEER	CHIPPER JACK STAND-S/W	72.25
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	HYDRAULIC LINE/GRAPPLE-RUT	71.05
FRANCESCA LEE THOMPSON	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	60.00
JOAN BURGE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	60.00
IOWA MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER	ANNUAL DUES-P&A	50.00
KIECKS	UNIFORMS-FD	39.82
GORDON LUMBER COMPANY	BLDG SUPPLIES-RUT	31.50
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT	31.16
AAA PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL-P&A	30.00
IOWA PARK & REC ASSOCIATION	AQUATIC #9 WORKSHOP	25.00
WAPSI WASTE SERVICE	GB,RECY,LEAF-SW	22,735.67
UTILITY SERVICE INC	WAT TOWER MAINT CONTRACT	12,449.08
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	3,916.00
LINN COUNTY PLANNING & DEV	BLDG PERMIT FEES/INSPECTIONS	2,610.00
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES	1,791.08
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	ALLEY EVALUATION	1,666.00
HAWKINS INC	CHLORINE-WAT	1,627.00
L.L. PELLING CO INC	COLD PATCH/MAIN BREAK-WAT	1,543.32
MARKET STREET TECHNOLOGIES INC	WEBSITE DEV/TRAINING-MVHPC	1,250.00
SPEER FINANCIAL INC	FY16 MSRB FILING FEE-P&A	375.00
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,S/W	373.22
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	DBR BACKUP-ALL DEPTS	350.00
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-ALL DEPTS	330.88

BIJOU MOVIE THEATER	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC,POOL	300.00
IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	ON LINE WARRANTS-PD	300.00
OVERHEAD DOOR CO	SHED/DOOR OFF TRACK-P&REC	215.00
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	PARK MAINT-P&REC	166.06
NICK NISSEN	MILEAGE-RUT	154.08
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	QRTLTY MAINTENANCE-ALL DEPTS	150.00
INT'L SOC OF FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS	MEMBERSHIP-EMA	125.00
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER INC	2015 INT-FD	124.38
FRANCESCA LEE THOMPSON	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	120.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-FD	117.80
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES INC	CHEMICALS-POOL	116.60
BAUMAN AND COMPANY	UNIFORMS-PW	113.85
TRANS IOWA EQUIPMENT INC	POSITION SENSOR/2000 PELICAN	95.56
LINN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC	TAGS-FD	81.50
MOUNT VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT	CPR CARDS-FD	76.00
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	CODE 1 CONFERENCE-FD	57.50
MOUNT VERNON BANK	NSF CHECK-WAT	57.02
ARAMARK	RUGS-FD	53.75
ARAMARK	RUGS-FD	53.75
GALLS INC	CHARGER KIT-PD	53.34
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	LEGAL FEES-P&A	45.00
GALLS INC	GLOVES-PD	33.31
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING SERV	WATER/SALT-P&A	25.15
IOWA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP-EMA	25.00
GALLS INC	HIGH RIDE BELT LOOP-PD	19.95
	TOTAL	145,031.86

Discussion and Consideration of OPN Architecture Introduction - Council Action as Needed. Matthew Stewart and Justin Bishop, engineers with OPN Architecture were introduced to Council and gave a brief presentation regarding the Phase I, conceptual design, of the community center.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Committee Reports. Wieseler said that the State of Iowa Economic Development is having a meeting at the Cedar Rapids Library on April 4th regarding dividing up the \$21 million that Iowa received from the Volkswagen settlement. Part of this includes electric car charging stations which the Sustainability Committee is interested in. Wieseler said that he filled out a survey, on behalf of the City, with the hope that Mount Vernon would be awarded some of these additional resources.

There will be a Smithsonian Exhibit fund raiser Friday, April 7, 2017 from 6-9:00 p.m. at One Mission Fundraising.

City Administrator's Report. Staff visited community/recreation centers in Williamsburg and Wellman. The Downtown Design committee has met regarding the proposed improvements in the CIP. The City is accepting resumes for the summer intern. Staff has discussed the need to have ALICE training for employees. The City is also working to complete CPR and defibrillator training.

Adjournment. As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:15 p.m., April 3, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Ripke

City Clerk

G. Resolutions for Approval

AGENDA ITEM # G – 1

**AGENDA INFORMATION
MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

DATE:	April 17, 2017
AGENDA ITEM:	Resolution – Setting Salaries
ACTION:	Motion

SYNOPSIS: Attached is the resolution approving the salary increases for the non-union personnel of the City of Mt. Vernon. All of the employees listed, with the exception of the Police Chief, were evaluated by the City Administrator. Those reviews averaged a 4 out of 5 rating across the board. This information was shared with the personnel committee and a recommendation of 3% for non-union personnel was recommended. The resolution reflects a 3% increase, which is the same increase identified for union staff. It was determined, given all of the changes to Chapter 20, the City should wait to make changes to a compensation schedule until FY 18.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbisch

DATE PREPARED: 4/13/17

RESOLUTION #4-17-2017A

**RESOLUTION SETTING THE SALARIES FOR THE APPOINTED OFFICERS AND
EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, IOWA:

SECTION 1. The following persons and positions shall be paid salaries or wages indicated and the City Clerk is authorized to issue warrants less legally required authorized deductions from the amounts set out below, bi-weekly or monthly; and make such contributions to IPERS and FICA and other purposes as required by law or authorization of the Council, subject to audit and review by the City Council:

Police:	Current	Effective July 1, 2017
Shannon, Doug	\$77,116.63	\$79,430.13
Public Works:		
Nissen, Nick	\$68,328.75	\$70,378.61
Volkov, Alex	\$70,168.62	\$72,273.68
Administration:		
Nosbisch, Chris	\$93,000.00	\$95,790.00
Ripke, Sue	\$70,168.62	\$72,273.68
Parks, Recreation & Pool:		
Siders, Matt	\$51,880.27	\$53,436.68

(Receives an additional \$5,000 for Zoning, no raise has ever been given)

This Resolution shall be effective as of the first pay date in July.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of April, 2017.

Jamie Hampton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sue Ripke, City Clerk/Deputy City Administrator

H. Mayoral Proclamation

Arbor Day Proclamation

- Whereas,** In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and
- Whereas,** the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and
- Whereas,** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and
- Whereas,** trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and
- Whereas,** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our houses, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and
- Whereas,** trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and
- Whereas,** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jamie Hampton, Mayor of the City of Mt. Vernon, do hereby proclaim April 28th, 2017 as

Arbor Day

in the City of Mt. Vernon, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Jamie Hampton
Mayor of Mt. Vernon, Iowa

Sue Ripke
City Clerk of Mt. Vernon, Iowa

J. Motions for Approval

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON
CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL, APRIL 17, 2017

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP	HOTEL/MOTEL TAX PYMT-ECON DEV	7,823.53
TECHNICOM COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS	PHONE EQUIP UPGRADE-PD	5,254.00
CARGILL INCORPORATED	SALT/ICE CONTROL-RUT	3,387.22
KIESLER'S POLICE SUPPLY INC	TRAINING-PD	1,266.31
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&A	1,244.76
WEX BANK	FUEL-PD,PW	1,200.88
TECHNICOM COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS	PHONE EQUP UPGRADE-PD	911.85
WAPSI WASTE SERVICE	RECY-SW	907.82
LINN COUNTY SHERIFF	SHARED SERVICES-PD	900.00
PACE SUPPLY	SNAPSHOT WEED PREVENTER-P&REC	600.00
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINTENANCE PLAN/COPIES-ALL DEPTS	509.21
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	PRINTER MOVE,SPARE PC-RUT	467.50
EVER-GREEN LANDSCAPE NURSERY	TREES FOREVER (2)-RUT	450.00
NATHAN GOODLOVE	FIRE CHIEF PAY-FD	416.67
PACE SUPPLY	SNAPSHOT WEED PREVENTER-P&REC	400.00
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	396.47
AERO RENTAL, INC	4000 PSI WASHER RENTAL-POOL	280.50
CURTIS ENGLISH	PORTABLE RR RENTALS-P&REC	255.00
PLUMB SUPPLY CO	2" COPPER PIPE-RUT	244.70
BROWN SUPPLY COMPANY	MANHOLE LID REMOVERS (2)-RUT	240.00
BROWN SUPPLY COMPANY	MANHOLE LID REMOVERS (2)-SEW	240.00
INTERNATIONAL ASSOC OF FIRE CHIEFS	MEMBERSHIP-EMA	234.00
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ASSOCIATION	LAB MATERIALS-SEW	204.24
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	VPN SETUP,SQUAD PC2-PD	187.50
MATT SIDERS	MILEAGE-P&REC	120.91
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	116.17
WAPSI WASTE SERVICE	FLAMMABLE SOLIDS-PD	99.00
SPRAY-LAND USA	PRESSURE WASHER TIP-RUT	83.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	78.30
PACE SUPPLY	WATER SOLUBLE FERT-RUT	77.90
FRANCESCA LEE THOMPSON	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	60.00
JOAN BURGE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	60.00
CHAMPEAU, BRIAN	UNIFORMS-WAT,SEW	59.99
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL FEE-PW	57.32
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CEDAR RAPIDS	GLOVES-RUT	38.70
CR SIGNS INC	EDITH CURRENT PLAQUE-P&REC	30.00
ROBERT BUSER	PAGER COVERS,HARDHAT-EMA	27.22
DAKATO SCHEE	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	21.15
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER	2015 INT-FD	10.00
MOORE MEDICAL CORP	GLOVES-PD	7.53
	TOTAL	28,969.35

AGENDA ITEM # J – 2

**AGENDA INFORMATION
MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

DATE: April 17, 2017

AGENDA ITEM: Tube Slide

ACTION: Motion

SYNOPSIS: One of the tube slides at the swimming pool broke during last swim season. Staff was able to temporarily fix the slide, however it needs to be replaced before this season begins. Attached is a memo and supporting documents from Matt Siders regarding the new slide and the condition of the old slide. There are sufficient funds remaining from the previous bond issue to cover this expense.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: Parks and Rec

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: Supporting Documents

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbisch

DATE PREPARED: 4/13/17

Interoffice Memo

To: Honorary Mayor Hampton and Honorable Council Members

From: Matt Siders, Director of Parks and Recreation

CC: Chris Nosbisch, City Administrator

Date: April 12, 2017

Re: Request to purchase Pool Slide tube replacement

Dear Honorable Mayor Hampton and Honorary Council Members,

With this memo Parks and Recreation is requesting the purchase of a tube slide for the Model #185-215 Miracle Pool Slide in the amount of \$3,387.

The Mount Vernon Community Pool water slide is experiencing some "wear and tear" and age. **I have included some pictures for a visual.** It is one of the green tube slides on the north end of the pool. Public Works has done all it can to patch this for a short-term fix. Last year we were forced to shut this portion of the pool down for a couple of days until we could apply these short-term fixes. This is a safety concern that we will need to address. The cost for a new tube for the slide is \$3,387 delivered.

Respectfully submitted,



Matt Siders

Director of Parks and Recreation

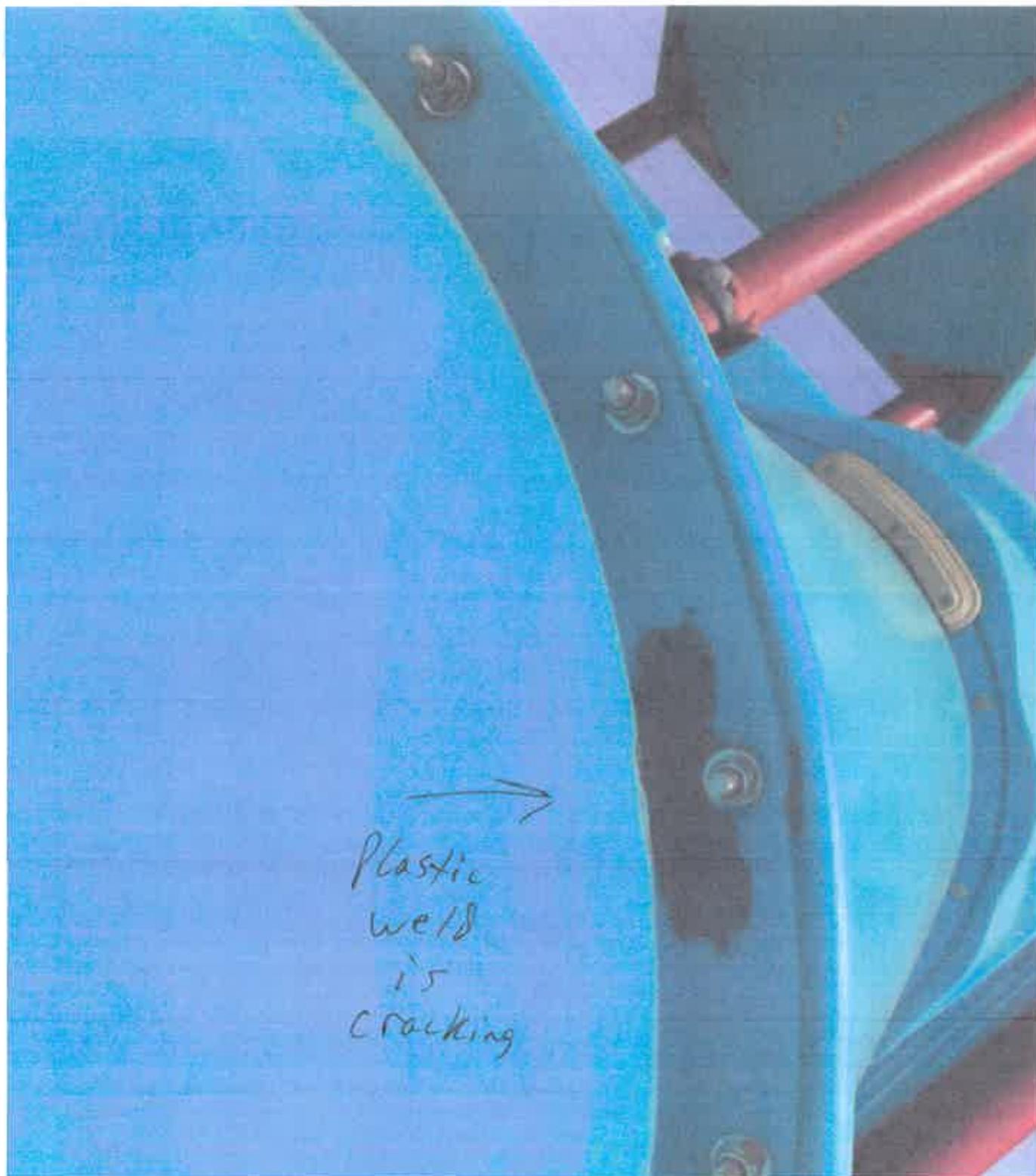
City of Mount Vernon IA

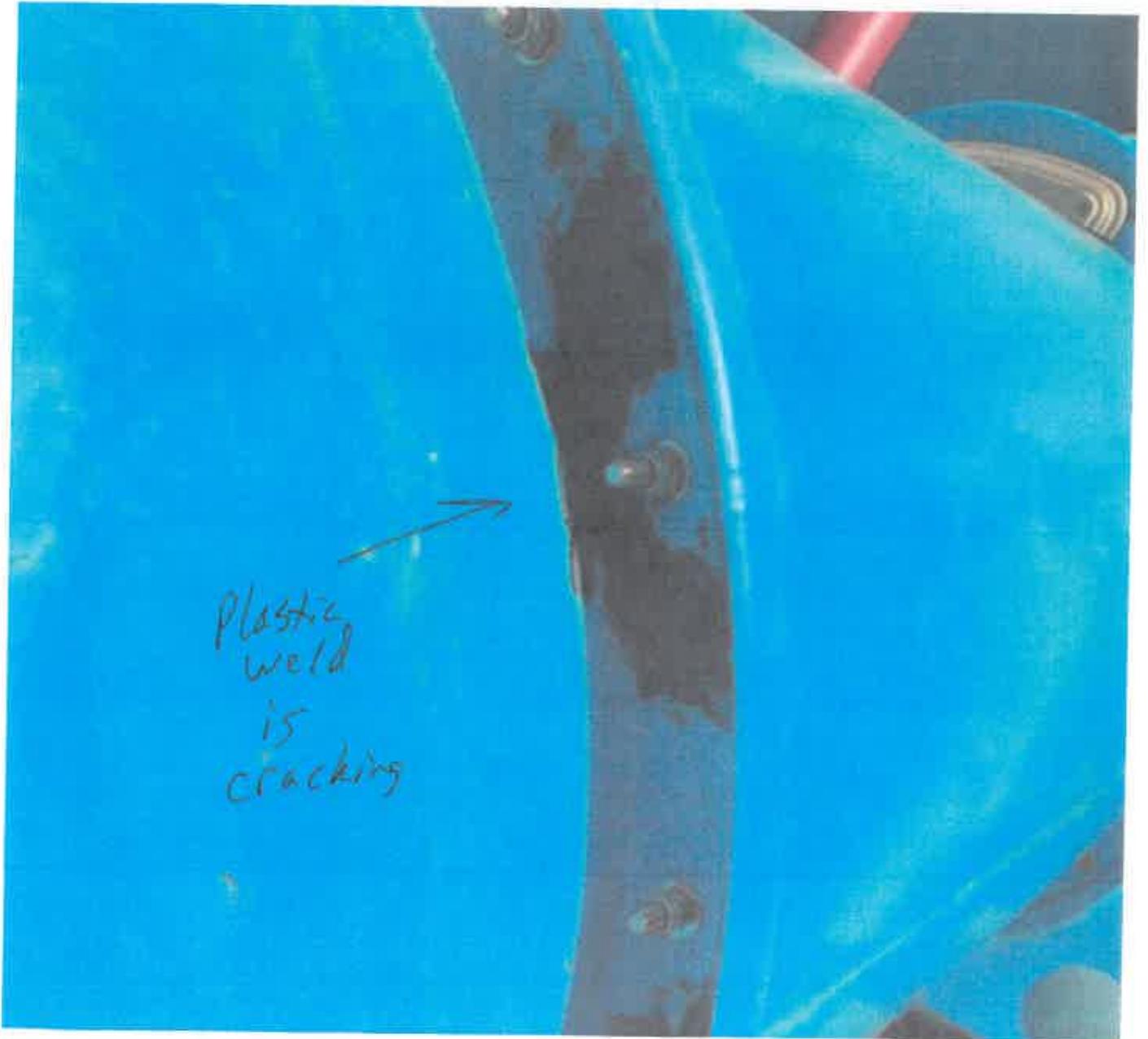
Phone: 319-895-9513

Cell: 319-551-9513

From: **Matt Siders** msiders@cityofmtvernon-ia.gov
Subject: **Pool slide**
Date: **Apr 12, 2017, 2:23:55 PM**
To: **Matt Siders** msiders@cityofmtvernon-ia.gov

Pool slide



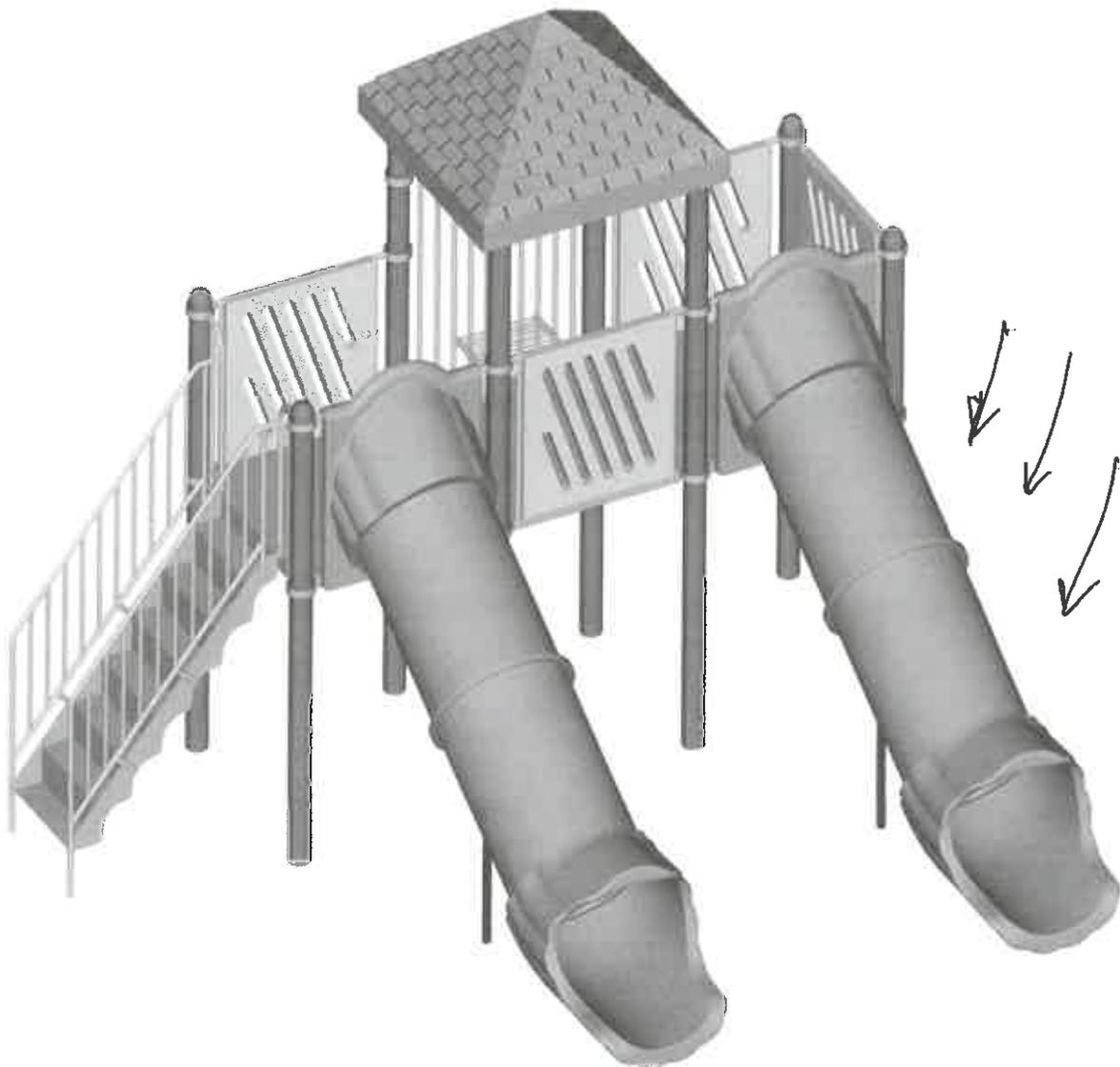




INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Pool Slides: Footings and Top Views

Model 185-215



185-215

Whole structure new is \$19,750

Re: Pool slide

Boland Recreation <iowaparkplace@mchsi.com>

Fri 4/7/2017 10:00 AM

To: Matt Siders <msiders@cityofmtvernon-ia.gov>;

Tube slide only is part number 185021 and costs \$3097 + \$ 290 freight for a total of \$ 3,387 delivered/per tube slide.

Sincerely,

Mark Boland
Boland Recreation, Inc.
2347 Oak Park Road
Marshalltown, Ia. 50158
800-798-7589
www.bolandrecreation.com

-----Original Message-----

From: Matt Siders
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Boland Recreation
Subject: Re: Pool slide

How much for just one whole tube slide?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 7, 2017, at 9:27 AM, Boland Recreation <iowaparkplace@mchsi.com>
> wrote:

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> I just forwarded you an email I sent in March with the pricing.
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> Let me know if this is what you are needing or if you need more
> information.

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> Sincerely,

>
> Mark Boland
> Boland Recreation, Inc.
> 2347 Oak Park Road
> Marshalltown, Ia. 50158
> 800-798-7589
> www.bolandrecreation.com

> -----Original Message----- From: Matt Siders
> Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 8:25 AM
> To: Boland Recreation
> Subject: Pool slide

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AGENDA ITEM # J – 3

**AGENDA INFORMATION
MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

DATE: April 17, 2017

AGENDA ITEM: PA System

ACTION: Motion

SYNOPSIS: Please see the supporting documents from Matt Siders. There were capital funds set aside in the current fiscal year to complete signage at the parks. The PA system was included in the FY 18 budget. Matt has asked and I concur, to swap the capital projects from FY 17 and FY 18 (based upon need). FY 17 will have more funds remaining as the signage allocation is more than the PA allocation.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: Parks and Rec

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: Supporting Documents

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbisch

DATE PREPARED: 4/13/17

Interoffice Memo

To: Chris Nosbisch, City Administrator
From: Matt Siders, Director of Parks and Recreation
CC:
Date: March 31, 2017
Re: Request to transfer use of funds between FY 17 and FY 18

Chris,

I am writing to request for the purchase of a new PA Sound System for Parks and Rec in this fiscal year (see attached). Parks and Rec has a budget line item in the amount \$3,000 for a new system in FY18, but would like to purchase it in this fiscal year FY17. In exchange, we would take the \$3,000 line item earmarked for Park Signage for FY17 and shift it into FY18.

The current sound system is over 12 years old and is an outdated system. There are too many pieces to move and it is too cumbersome to handle for one person efficiently. A more modern system would come in a single carrying case and would be mobile with a case that has wheels. The sound system is used by Parks and Rec and CDG quite frequently at many of the events and festivals such as Chalk The Walk, Easter Egg Dash, Chocolate Stroll, CDG Volunteer Appreciation, Magical Night, and more.

I hope I have explained my request in enough detail, but if you have questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Siders

Director of Parks and Recreation

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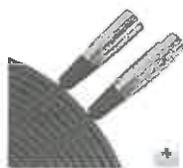
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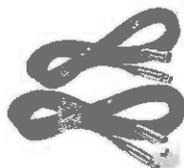
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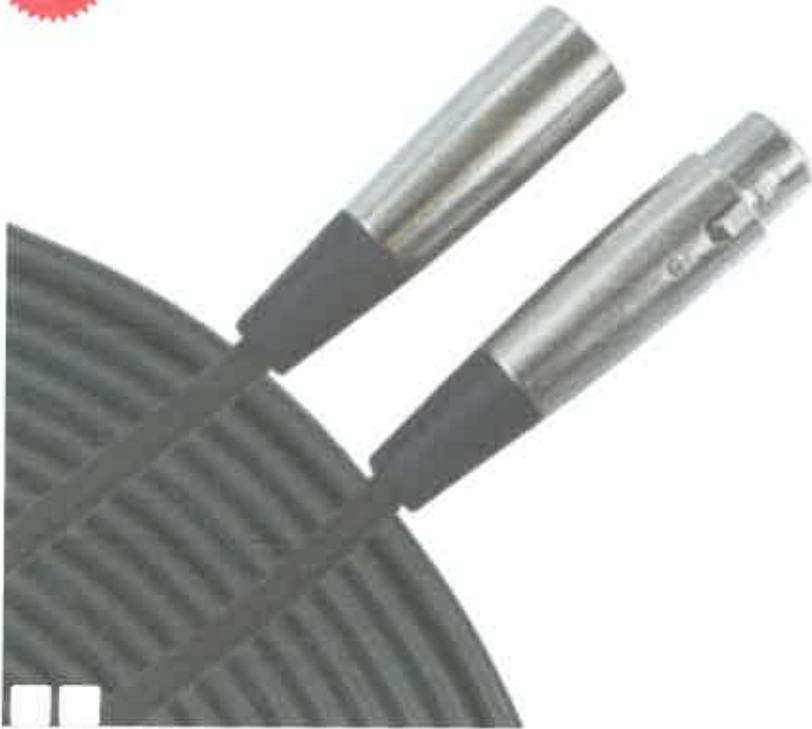
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AGENDA ITEM # J – 4

**AGENDA INFORMATION
MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

DATE:	April 17, 2017
AGENDA ITEM:	Outdoor Warning Signal
ACTION:	Motion

SYNOPSIS: I have attached a report from Mike Buser regarding the 10th St warning siren. City Hall was receiving complaints that the siren could not be heard during testing. It is believed that the issue is with the current AC power supply. If you look at the quote form Frontline, there is an explanation provided before the quoted equipment. The EMS budget may need to be amended to cover the \$4,500 expense.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: EMA

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: Supporting Documents

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbisch

DATE PREPARED: 4/13/17

City of Mount Vernon, 10th St Outdoor Warning Siren Report

2015, Frontline installed FPU with all new electronics

All testing reported 100% siren activation, high level of signal to noise was measured at siren base station, +40dBc

July 2016, All sirens had batteries replaced. Siren on 10th Street had high signal to noise measured at base station. Frontline installed new Omni-Directional Antenna with DC Shunt and Polyphasor. Unit reported back with better levels, 27dBc. All electronics pass inspection and testing.

October 2016, Siren reportedly did not activate during weekly tests. Upon inspection, All LED's on controller were locked on and siren would not respond. Under Warranty, Frontline replaced 2-Way Radio and Siren Controller. All testing reported back 100% and siren activated as it should. All other electronics pass inspection and testing.

March, 2017: Siren did not activate during weekly tests. Upon inspection, All LED's on controller were locked on again in same fashion as above. Frontline cleared memory from controller and reinstalled all information back to factory setting. Siren appears to be back online. Spoke to Whelen as to possible problem/remedy and factory tech's stated that sirens using utility AC power that share industrial areas are far more prone to higher levels of EMF and backfeed of DC power and static build up. This causes major interference issues onto electronics utilizing RF feeds. Factory recommends removing siren from local AC source and moving to an isolated Solar Power Source.

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Date
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Name / Address
City of Mount Vernon 213 First Street Northwest Mount Vernon, IA 52314 ATTN: Mike Buser

Terms	Due Date	REP Contact	FOB:
Net 20 Days	4/23/2017	SDG	FWS

Item	Description	Qty	Cost	Total
SOLAR POWER	This estimate for the City of Mount Vernon is to replace the incoming AC power and convert the Outdoor Warning Siren to Solar Power. Over the course of a year, utility AC service supplying the siren has had frequent spikes, surges or high induced EMF causing the Siren Controller to lock up. Under Warranty Frontline has replaced both the VHF radio and installed a new controller in an attempt to rectify the situation with limited success. Due to the safety concern of an irregular utility feed, it is the recommendation of both Whelen Engineering and Frontline to convert the Outdoor Warning Siren on 10th St. to Solar Power to limit the possibility of having a Siren offline due to future damage. Listed below is the costs associated to make the conversion with all labor, material and heavy equipment included. The price listed below will not change for the listed number of days or if the City wishes to change the scope of work which would require a accepted change order before proceeding. Two (2) 90 Watt, 20 Volt DC Solar Power Panels with junction boxes One (1) Aluminum pole mounting bracket with offset for attachment of Panels to siren pole, stainless steel hardware included Approx 30ft rigid metal conduit from siren control box to panel mounting location, 10ft LMFC for flexible entrance to junction boxes with all fittings straps and grounding of equipment per NEC code. Includes freight shipping of equipment (1 Skid) to location	1	3,200.00	3,200.00T
Labor	Labor rate for electrician from Frontline with 45ft Bucket Truck City of Mount Vernon must contact local utility supplying service to eliminate metered electrical service and to discontinue charges from provider. AC disconnect box to remain on pole as it is supplied from underground source.	1	1,300.00	1,300.00

QUOTE ONLY. 90 DAYS Above Date.		Subtotal	\$4,500.00
		Sales Tax (0.0%)	\$0.00
		Total	\$4,500.00

Chris Nosbisch

From: Mike Buser <buser18@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 11:59 AM
To: Chris Nosbisch; Sue Ripke
Subject: Re: 10th St Quote

Chris,
This is another email from Frontline the Vendor working on the Sirens.
We had the radio replaced in November and in March again.
What else can I get you to ensure this siren is working when we need it?
Respectfully,
Mike

From: Frontline Plus <support@frontlinewarningsystems.com>
To: buser18 <buser18@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, Mar 30, 2017 10:18 am
Subject: Service

Hi Mike,
Just to recap this morning, I've gone thru all sirens and spent time rebooting the siren on 10th St. The push to talk was locked on and all manual commands were ignored which is normally seen when high enough EMF, static electricity or when a utility feed has back voltage on the ground has been present. Being that we have now replaced a few parts into the siren under warranty with some success short term, I'm concerned that there is an outside source causing this problem, perhaps the utilities electrical feed. We see this issue every couple years across our region and the best known cure and Whelens recommendation is to convert the siren to solar power. The siren is back online, testing and reporting 100% but I am concerned that we may encounter another incident sometime in the future. When you have some time, please give me a call to further discuss.
Thanks,
Scott

Mike Buser
501 1st Avenue NW
Mount Vernon, IA 52314-1471
319-360-2883
buser18@aol.com



-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Nosbisch <cnosbisch@cityofmtvernon-ia.gov>
To: Mike Buser <buser18@aol.com>; Sue Ripke <sripke@cityofmtvernon-ia.gov>

Sent: Wed, Apr 5, 2017 11:01 am
Subject: RE: 10th St Quote

Mike,

This would short the budget about \$750 dollars if you didn't incur any more expenses over the remaining fiscal year. If this is an issue, it needs to be addressed and soon. I can have this on the next agenda if you feel we need to proceed.

Chris

From: Mike Buser [<mailto:buser18@aol.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 10:13 PM
To: Chris Nosbisch <cnosbisch@cityofmtvernon-ia.gov>; Sue Ripke <sripke@cityofmtvernon-ia.gov>
Subject: Fwd: 10th St Quote

Chris,

I would like to speak with you about this siren's maintenance.

We have been having issues with this particular siren for about two years and I am not sure why.

The recommendation is to convert it to solar if we would like the siren to work.

I believe we have exhausted the warranty and this will get expensive to keep replacing radio and accessories to keep the siren operational.

I do not believe this is in the budget to cover this extra expense.

Sue could you give me an idea on how short this would make our budget?

Respectfully,

Mike

Mike Buser
501 1st Avenue NW
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319-360-2883
buser18@aol.com



-----Original Message-----

From: Frontline Plus <support@frontlinewarningsystems.com>
To: Mike Buser <buser18@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Apr 4, 2017 7:50 am
Subject: 10th St Quote

Good morning Mike,

I apologize for the delay in getting you this quote, service calls have been taking up the schedule with the early spring season. Attached is the full estimate to do the upgrade as we have spoken about. All labor, materials and heavy equipment included. I know you mentioned that the city prefers invoices but with how our billing system is setup, I can only change it over once it is approved or it puts a kink in our books. So to possibly avoid that, I put a statement at the

AGENDA ITEM # J – 5

**AGENDA INFORMATION
MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

DATE:	April 17, 2017
AGENDA ITEM:	Alcohol in the Parks
ACTION:	Motion

SYNOPSIS: The Heritage Days Committee is requesting the City allow alcohol in Elliot Park. Staff has included Davis as well in case they decide to use the diamond there as well. The request is due to a softball tournament that will be held during the festivities.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: None

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbisch

DATE PREPARED: 4/13/17

AGENDA ITEM # J – 6

**AGENDA INFORMATION
MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

DATE:	April 17, 2017
AGENDA ITEM:	Set Public Hearing Date
ACTION:	Motion

SYNOPSIS: This is the time for setting a public hearing date for Monday, May 1, 2017 at 6:30. The public hearing will be to consider an ordinance repealing the existing franchise agreement for electric systems and replacing it with a new franchise agreement with Interstate Power and Light Company. The adoption of this ordinance is necessary to adopt the proposed franchise fees for the city. The franchise schedule is listed in Section nine of the ordinance.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion to Set Date

ATTACHMENTS: Supporting Documents

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbisch

DATE PREPARED: 4/13/17

**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, IOWA
ELECTRIC FRANCHISE**

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 12-6-2004A, AND GRANTING TO INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NON-EXCLUSIVE TWENTY-FIVE YEAR FRANCHISE TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, ERECT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE AN ELECTRIC SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, IOWA AND TO FURNISH AND SELL ELECTRIC ENERGY TO THE CITY AND ITS INHABITANTS, AND REQUIRING SAID COMPANY TO PAY A FRANCHISE FEE TO THE CITY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Linn County, Iowa, hereinafter referred to as the "City":

Section 1. There is hereby granted to Interstate Power and Light Company, hereinafter referred to as the "Company," its successors and assigns, the right and non-exclusive franchise to acquire, construct, reconstruct, erect, maintain and operate in the City, works and plants for the manufacture and generation of electricity and a distribution system for electric light, heat and power and the right to erect and maintain the necessary poles, lines, wires, conduits and other appliances for the distribution of electric current along, under and upon the streets, alleys and public places in the said City to supply individuals, corporations, communities, and municipalities both inside and outside of said City with electric light, heat and power for the period of twenty-five (25) years; also the right of eminent domain as provided in Section 364.2 of the Code of Iowa.

Section 2. The poles, lines, wires, circuits, and other appliances shall be placed and maintained so as not to unnecessarily interfere with the travel on said streets, alleys, and public places in said City nor unnecessarily interfere with the proper use of the same, including ordinary drainage, or with the sewers, underground pipe and other property of the City. The said Company, its successors and assigns shall hold the City free and harmless from all damages to the extent arising from the negligent acts or omissions of the Company in the erection or maintenance of said system.

Section 3. In making any excavations in any street, alley, or public place, Company, its successors and assigns, shall protect the site while work is in progress by guards, barriers or signals, shall not unnecessarily obstruct the use of the streets,

and shall back fill all openings in such manner as to prevent settling or depressions in surface, pavement or sidewalk of such excavations with same materials, restoring the condition as nearly as practical. The Company shall not be required to restore or modify public right of way, sidewalks or other areas in or adjacent to the Company project to a condition superior to its immediate previously existing condition.

Section 4. The Company shall, at its cost, locate and relocate its existing facilities or equipment in, on, over or under any public street or alley in the City in such a manner as the City may at any time reasonably require for the purposes of facilitating the construction, reconstruction, maintenance or repair of the street or alley or any public improvement thereof, in or about any such street or alley or reasonably promoting the efficient operation of any such improvement. If the City requires the Company to relocate facilities in the public right of way that have been relocated at Company expense at the direction of the City during the previous ten years, the reasonable costs of such relocation will be paid by the City.

If the City orders or requests the Company to relocate its existing facilities or equipment for any reason other than as specified above, or as the result of the initial request for a commercial, private or other non-public development, the Company shall receive payment for the cost of such relocation as a precondition to relocating its existing facilities or equipment.

The City shall consider reasonable alternatives in designing its public works projects so as not arbitrarily to cause the Company unreasonable additional expense in exercising its authority under this section. The City shall also provide a reasonable alternative location for the Company's facilities as part of its relocation request.

Section 5. Prior to the City abandoning or vacating any street, avenue, alley or public ground where the Company has electric facilities, the City shall grant the Company a utility easement for said facilities. If the City does not grant the Company a utility easement for said facilities prior to abandoning or vacating a street, avenue, alley or public place, the City shall at its cost and expense obtain easements for existing Company facilities.

Section 6. The Company is authorized and empowered to prune or remove at Company expense any tree extending into any street, alley or public grounds to maintain electric reliability,

safety, to restore utility service and to prevent limbs, branches or trunks from interfering with the wires and facilities of the Company. The pruning and removal of trees shall be performed in accordance with Company's then current line clearance vegetation plan as filed and approved by the Iowa Utilities Board, as well as all applicable codes and standards referenced therein.

Section 7. During the term of this franchise, the Company shall furnish electric energy in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Iowa Utilities Board and the Company's tariffs. The Company will maintain compliance with Iowa Utilities Board regulatory standards for reliability.

Section 8. Service to be rendered by the Company under this franchise shall be continuous unless prevented from doing so by fire, acts of God, unavoidable accidents or casualties, or reasonable interruptions necessary to properly service the Company's equipment, and in such event service shall be resumed as quickly as is reasonably possible.

Section 9. There is hereby imposed a franchise fee of one percent (1%) upon the gross revenue generated from sales of electricity by the Company within the corporate limits of the City. The franchise fee shall become effective October 1, 2017; provided, however, that such fee shall increase to three percent (3%) effective October 1, 2018; to five percent (5%) effective October 1, 2019. The Company shall begin collecting the franchise fee upon receipt of written approval of the required tax rider tariff from the Iowa Utilities Board.

The amount of the franchise fee shall be shown separately on the utility bill to each customer. The Company shall remit franchise fee receipts to the City no more frequently than on or before the last business day of the month following each calendar year quarter.

The Company shall not, under any circumstances be required to return or refund any franchise fees that have been collected from customers and remitted to the City. In the event the Company is required to provide data or information in defense of the City's imposition of franchise fees or the Company is required to assist the City in identifying customers or calculating any franchise fee refunds for groups of or individual customers the City shall reimburse the Company for the expenses incurred by the Company to provide such data or information.

Section 10. The term of the franchise granted by this Ordinance and the rights granted thereunder shall continue for the period of twenty-five (25) years from and after written acceptance by the Company. The acceptance shall be filed with the City Clerk within ninety (90) days from passage of this Ordinance.

Section 11. If any section or provision of this ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of any other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid portion or portions and to this end each section and provision of this ordinance is severable.

Section 12. The expense of the publication of this Ordinance shall be paid by the Company.

Section 13. This Ordinance sets forth and constitutes the entire agreement between the Company and the City with respect to the rights contained herein, and may not be supplemented, superseded, modified or otherwise amended without the written approval and acceptance of the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the City enact or maintain any Ordinance or place any limitations, either operationally or through the assessment of fees other than those approved and accepted by the Company within this Ordinance, that create additional burdens upon the Company, or which delay utility operations.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Mount Vernon City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2017.

Jamie Hampton, Mayor

Attest:

Sue Ripke, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

AGENDA ITEM # J – 7

**AGENDA INFORMATION
MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

DATE:	April 17, 2017
AGENDA ITEM:	Set Public Hearing Date
ACTION:	Motion

SYNOPSIS: This is the time for setting a public hearing date for Monday, May 1, 2017 at 6:30. The public hearing will be to consider an ordinance repealing the existing franchise agreement for gas systems and replacing it with a new franchise agreement with Interstate Power and Light Company. The adoption of this ordinance is necessary to adopt the proposed franchise fees for the city. The franchise schedule is listed in Section seven of the ordinance.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion to Set Date

ATTACHMENTS: Supporting Documents

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbisch

DATE PREPARED: 4/13/17

**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, IOWA
NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE**

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 12-6-2004B AND GRANTING TO INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NON-EXCLUSIVE TWENTY-FIVE YEAR FRANCHISE TO ERECT, CONSTRUCT, RECONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE PLANT AND SYSTEMS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF NATURAL GAS IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, IOWA AND TO SELL, DISTRIBUTE, AND SUPPLY NATURAL GAS TO SAID CITY AND ITS INHABITANTS, AND REQUIRING SAID COMPANY TO PAY A FRANCHISE FEE TO THE CITY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Linn County, Iowa, hereinafter referred to as the "City":

Section 1. There is hereby granted to Interstate Power and Light Company, hereinafter referred to as the "Company," its successors and assigns, the right, privilege and non-exclusive franchise for the term of twenty-five (25) years from and after the passage, adoption, approval and acceptance of this Ordinance, to lay down, maintain and operate the necessary pipes, mains and other conductors and appliances in, along and under the streets, avenues, alleys and public places in the City as now or hereafter constituted, for the purpose of distributing, supplying and selling gas to said City and the residents thereof and to persons and corporations beyond the limits thereof; also the right of eminent domain as provided in Section 364.2 of the Code of Iowa. The term "gas" as used in this franchise shall be construed to mean natural gas only.

Section 2. The mains and pipes of the Company must be so placed as not to interfere unnecessarily with water pipes, drains, sewers and fire plugs which have been or may hereafter be placed in any street, alley and public places in said City nor unnecessarily interfere with the proper use of the same, including ordinary drainage, or with the sewers, underground pipe and other property of the City. The Company, its successors and assigns shall hold the City free and harmless from all damages arising from the negligent acts or omissions of the Company in the laying down, operation and maintenance of said natural gas distribution system.

Section 3. In making any excavations in any street, alley, or public place, Company, its successors and assigns, shall protect the site while work is in progress by guards, barriers or

signals, shall not unnecessarily obstruct the use of the streets, and shall back fill all openings in such manner as to prevent settling or depressions in surface, pavement or sidewalk of such excavations with same materials, restoring the condition as nearly as practical. The Company shall not be required to restore or modify public right of way, sidewalks or other areas in or adjacent to the Company project to a condition superior to its immediate previously existing condition.

Section 4. The Company shall, at its cost, locate and relocate its existing facilities or equipment in, on, over or under any public street or alley in the City in such a manner as the City may at any time reasonably require for the purposes of facilitating the construction, reconstruction, maintenance or repair of the street or alley or any public improvement thereof, in or about any such street or alley or reasonably promoting the efficient operation of any such improvement. If the City requires the Company to relocate facilities in the public right of way that have been relocated at Company expense at the direction of the City during the previous ten years, the reasonable costs of such relocation will be paid by the City.

If the City orders or requests the Company to relocate its existing facilities or equipment for any reason other than as specified above, or as the result of the initial request for a commercial, private or other non-public development, the Company shall receive payment for the cost of such relocation as a precondition to relocating its existing facilities or equipment.

The City shall consider reasonable alternatives in designing its public works projects so as not arbitrarily to cause the Company unreasonable additional expense in exercising its authority under this section. The City shall also provide a reasonable alternative location for the Company's facilities as part of its relocation request.

Section 5. Prior to the City abandoning or vacating any street, avenue, alley or public ground where the Company has gas facilities, the City shall grant the Company a utility easement for said facilities. If the City does not grant the Company a utility easement for said facilities prior to abandoning or vacating a street, avenue, alley or public place, the City shall at its cost and expense obtain easements for existing Company facilities.

Section 6. Said Company, its successors and assigns, shall throughout the term of the franchise distribute to all consumers

gas of good quality and shall furnish uninterrupted service, except as interruptible service may be specifically contracted for with consumers; provided, however, that any prevention of service caused by fire, act of God or unavoidable event or accident shall not be a breach of this condition if the Company resumes service as quickly as is reasonably practical after the happening of the act causing the interruption.

Section 7. There is hereby imposed a franchise fee of one percent (1%) upon the gross revenue generated from sales of natural gas by the Company within the corporate limits of the City. The franchise fee shall become effective October 1, 2017; provided, however, that such fee shall increase to three percent (3%) effective October 1, 2018; to five percent (5%) effective October 1, 2019. The Company shall begin collecting the franchise fee upon receipt of written approval of the required tax rider tariff from the Iowa Utilities Board.

The amount of the franchise fee shall be shown separately on the utility bill to each customer. The Company shall remit franchise fee receipts to the City no more frequently than on or before the last business day of the month following each calendar year quarter.

The Company shall not, under any circumstances be required to return or refund any franchise fees that have been collected from customers and remitted to the City. In the event the Company is required to provide data or information in defense of the City's imposition of franchise fees or the Company is required to assist the City in identifying customers or calculating any franchise fee refunds for groups of or individual customers the City shall reimburse the Company for the expenses incurred by the Company to provide such data or information.

Section 8. The term of the franchise granted by this Ordinance and the rights granted thereunder shall continue for the period of twenty-five (25) years from and after its written acceptance by the Company. The acceptance shall be filed with the City Clerk within ninety (90) days from passage of this Ordinance.

Section 9. If any section or provision of this ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of any other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid portion or portions and to this end each section and provision of this ordinance is severable.

Section 10. The expense of the publication of this Ordinance shall be paid by the Company.

Section 11. This Ordinance sets forth and constitutes the entire agreement between the Company and the City with respect to the rights contained herein, and may not be supplemented, superseded, modified or otherwise amended without the approval and acceptance of the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the City enact or maintain any ordinance or place any limitations, either operationally or through the assessment of fees, that create additional burdens upon the Company, or which delay utility operations.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Mount Vernon City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2017.

Jamie Hampton, Mayor

Attest:

Sue Ripke, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

AGENDA ITEM # J – 8

**AGENDA INFORMATION
MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

DATE:	April 17, 2017
AGENDA ITEM:	Alley Issues Adjacent to Liberty Iron Works
ACTION:	Possible Motion

SYNOPSIS: Dave Schechinger from V&K Engineering will be present at the meeting to discuss the issues with the alley and possible corrective measures. Staff has left this as a possible action item in case there needs to be immediate action on the item.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: None

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbisch

DATE PREPARED: 4/13/17

AGENDA ITEM # J – 9

**AGENDA INFORMATION
MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

DATE:	April 17, 2017
AGENDA ITEM:	Set Public Hearing Date
ACTION:	Motion

SYNOPSIS: This is the time for setting a public hearing date for Monday, May 1, 2017 at 6:30. The public hearing will be to consider a resolution ordering construction, approving plans and specifications and setting bid dates for the Palisades Road and 10th Ave SW intersection. Attached is the public hearing notice that will be utilized.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion to Set Date

ATTACHMENTS: Supporting Documents

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbisch

DATE PREPARED: 4/13/17

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2017 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
INTERSECTION OF TENTH AVENUE SW AND PALISADES ROAD SW
MOUNT VERNON, IOWA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PROPOSED FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE 2017 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, INTERSECTION OF TENTH AVENUE SW AND PALISADES ROAD SW, CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, IOWA

The Council of the City of Mount Vernon, in Linn County, Iowa, will meet at the City Hall in said Municipality, on the 1st day of May, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., at which time and place, a hearing will be held on the plans and specifications, proposed form of contract and estimate of cost for the construction of the following improvements:

2017 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Construct 2017 Street Intersection project including all labor, materials, and equipment necessary for portland cement concrete pavement reconstruction improvements; , ADA ramps; storm sewer; intakes; fixture adjustments; removal and abandonment of existing pipes and structures; traffic control; and miscellaneous associated work including cleanup.

At said hearing, the Council will consider said plans and specifications, proposed form of contract and the estimate of cost for the project, the same now being on file in the office of the Clerk, reference to which is made for a more detailed and complete description of the proposed work, and at said time and place the said Council will also receive and consider any objections to said plans, specifications and form of contract or cost of such project made by any interested party.

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 213 1st Street NW Seventh, Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314, until 2:00 P.M. on the 11th day of May, 2017 for the construction of the 2017 Intersection Improvements, as described in the plans and specifications therefor, now on file in the office of the City Clerk of Mount Vernon, Iowa. Proposals received will be opened and tabulated immediately thereafter. Proposals will be acted upon by said City at that time or at such later time and place as then may be fixed.

Published by the order of the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa.

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, IOWA,

Jamie Hampton, Mayor

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K. Reports-Received/File

Mount Vernon Fire Department



2016

Annual Report

January 2016 Run Summary

Calls for Service- **21**

City	16
Cornell	0
Rural	4
Bertram	0
Mutual Aid	1

Vehicle Responses Per Vehicle

211 Command/EMS	15
214 Rescue/Engine	6
215 Suppression/Engine	0
216 Suppression/Engine	4
210 Tanker	1
219 Suppression/Brush Fire	0
Boat	0
ATV Suppression/Rescue	0

Call By Type

Emergency Medical	13
Fire	5
Vehicle Accident	2
HAZMAT	1
Rescue	0
Storm Watch	0
General Service	0

February 2016 Run Summary

Calls for Service- **21**

City	14
Cornell	2
Rural	3
Bertram	2
Mutual Aid	0

Vehicle Responses Per Vehicle

211 Command/EMS	14
214 Rescue/Engine	1
215 Suppression/Engine	0
216 Suppression/Engine	7
210 Tanker	0
219 Suppression/Brush Fire	0
Boat	0
ATV Suppression/Rescue	0

Call By Type

Emergency Medical	14
Fire	5
Vehicle Accident	0
HAZMAT	2
Rescue	0
Storm Watch	0
General Service	0

March 2016 Run Summary

Calls for Service- **16**

City	8
Cornell	2
Rural	6
Bertram	0
Mutual Aid	0

Vehicle Responses Per Vehicle

211 Command/EMS	13
214 Rescue/Engine	2
215 Suppression/Engine	1
216 Suppression/Engine	1
210 Tanker	4
219 Suppression/Brush Fire	2
Boat	0
ATV Suppression/Rescue	0

Call By Type

Emergency Medical	13
Fire	3
Vehicle Accident	0
HAZMAT	0
Rescue	0
Storm Watch	0
General Service	0

April 2016 Run Summary

Calls for Service- **22**

City	8
Cornell	2
Rural	7
Bertram	5
Mutual Aid	0

Vehicle Responses Per Vehicle

211 Command/EMS	14
214 Rescue/Engine	1
215 Suppression/Engine	1
216 Suppression/Engine	6
210 Tanker	2
219 Suppression/Brush Fire	2
Boat	1
ATV Suppression/Rescue	1

Call By Type

Emergency Medical	14
Fire	4
Vehicle Accident	2
HAZMAT	1
Rescue	1
Storm Watch	0
General Service	0

May 2016 Run Summary

Calls for Service- **23**

City	15
Cornell	0
Rural	4
Bertram	3
Mutual Aid	1

Vehicle Responses Per Vehicle

211 Command/EMS	18
214 Rescue/Engine	1
215 Suppression/Engine	0
216 Suppression/Engine	3
210 Tanker	1
219 Suppression/Brush Fire	0
Boat	0
ATV Suppression/Rescue	0

Call By Type

Emergency Medical	18
Fire	2
Vehicle Accident	1
HAZMAT	2
Rescue	0
Storm Watch	0
General Service	0

June 2016 Run Summary

Calls for Service- **17**

City	8
Cornell	0
Rural	6
Bertram	2
Mutual Aid	1

Vehicle Responses Per Vehicle

211 Command/EMS	8
214 Rescue/Engine	1
215 Suppression/Engine	1
216 Suppression/Engine	6
210 Tanker	0
219 Suppression/Brush Fire	1
Boat	0
ATV Suppression/Rescue	0

Call By Type

Emergency Medical	10
Fire	4
Vehicle Accident	1
HAZMAT	1
Rescue	0
Storm Watch	0
General Service	1

July 2016 Run Summary

Calls for Service- **33**

City	20
Cornell	1
Rural	6
Bertram	3
Mutual Aid	3

Vehicle Responses Per Vehicle

211 Command/EMS	23
214 Rescue/Engine	3
215 Suppression/Engine	0
216 Suppression/Engine	8
210 Tanker	1
219 Suppression/Brush Fire	0
Boat	1
ATV Suppression/Rescue	0

Call By Type

Emergency Medical	20
Fire	8
Vehicle Accident	3
HAZMAT	1
Rescue	1
Storm Watch	0
General Service	0

August 2016 Run Summary

Calls for Service- **21**

City	12
Cornell	1
Rural	4
Bertram	4
Mutual Aid	0

Vehicle Responses Per Vehicle

211 Command/EMS	13
214 Rescue/Engine	5
215 Suppression/Engine	3
216 Suppression/Engine	6
210 Tanker	2
219 Suppression/Brush Fire	0
Boat	0
ATV Suppression/Rescue	0

Call By Type

Emergency Medical	11
Fire	6
Vehicle Accident	3
HAZMAT	1
Rescue	0
Storm Watch	0
General Service	0

September 2016 Run Summary

Calls for Service- **24**

City	16
Cornell	2
Rural	5
Bertram	0
Mutual Aid	1

Vehicle Responses Per Vehicle

211 Command/EMS	18
214 Rescue/Engine	4
215 Suppression/Engine	0
216 Suppression/Engine	1
210 Tanker	1
219 Suppression/Brush Fire	1
Boat	0
ATV Suppression/Rescue	1

Call By Type

Emergency Medical	13
Fire	5
Vehicle Accident	2
HAZMAT	1
Rescue	0
Storm Watch	0
General Service	0

October 2016 Run Summary

Calls for Service- **20**

City	10
Cornell	1
Rural	5
Bertram	4
Mutual Aid	0

Vehicle Responses Per Vehicle

211 Command/EMS	11
214 Rescue/Engine	5
215 Suppression/Engine	1
216 Suppression/Engine	6
210 Tanker	1
219 Suppression/Brush Fire	0
Boat	0
ATV Suppression/Rescue	0

Call By Type

Emergency Medical	9
Fire	4
Vehicle Accident	5
HAZMAT	2
Rescue	0
Storm Watch	0
General Service	0

November 2016 Run Summary

Calls for Service- **19**

City	7
Cornell	3
Rural	5
Bertram	3
Mutual Aid	1

Vehicle Responses Per Vehicle

211 Command/EMS	15
214 Rescue/Engine	3
215 Suppression/Engine	1
216 Suppression/Engine	2
210 Tanker	1
219 Suppression/Brush Fire	2
Boat	0
ATV Suppression/Rescue	2

Call By Type

Emergency Medical	13
Fire	3
Vehicle Accident	2
HAZMAT	0
Rescue	1
Storm Watch	0
General Service	0

December 2016 Run Summary

Calls for Service- **19**

City	11
Cornell	4
Rural	1
Bertram	2
Mutual Aid	1

Vehicle Responses Per Vehicle

211 Command/EMS	11
214 Rescue/Engine	4
215 Suppression/Engine	1
216 Suppression/Engine	4
210 Tanker	1
219 Suppression/Brush Fire	0
Boat	0
ATV Suppression/Rescue	0

Call By Type

Emergency Medical	12
Fire	3
Vehicle Accident	2
HAZMAT	1
Rescue	1
Storm Watch	0
General Service	0

2016 Summary Totals

Calls for Service- 256

City	145
Cornell	18
Rural	56
Bertram	28
Mutual Aid	9 Springville x4 Lisbon x4 Swisher x1

Vehicle Responses Per Vehicle

211 Command/EMS	173
214 Rescue/Engine	36
215 Suppression/Engine	9
216 Suppression/Engine	54
210 Tanker	16
219 Suppression/Brush Fire	8
Boat	2
ATV Suppression/Rescue	4

Call By Type

Emergency Medical	167 (65.23%)
Fire	49 (19.14%)
Vehicle Accident	23 (8.98%)
HAZMAT	12 (4.69%)
Rescue	4 (1.56%)
Storm Watch	0 (0.00%)
General Service	1 (0.39%)

Call By Day of Week

Monday	36
Tuesday	36
Wednesday	35
Thursday	29
Friday	40
Saturday	40
Sunday	40

Time Statistics

Average response to scene	10.09 Minutes
Average time on scene	28.84 Minutes
Total time MVFD in service	143.7 Hours
Total Personnel Hours in service	681.68 Hours

Training Statistics

Hours of fire training provided	96
Hours of EMS training provided	64
Total training hours provided	160
Total training hours attended by members	1,768

Total Documented Volunteered Hours- 2,450

Notes of Interest for 2016.

MVFD saw a typical year in regards to call volume and types of calls throughout the year. Unfortunately 2016 will go down as one of the largest loss of property years in MVFD history. This is due to the multi-million dollar loss of the Johnson Residence on Arrowhead Lane. Structural loss of this magnitude is not often seen. With progressive construction techniques involving lightweight building materials and homes predominantly furnished with synthetic furnishings fires are progressing more rapidly in this day and age. Water quantity and application in the correct areas at the incipient phase of a structure fire of this magnitude directly effect a positive outcome. Location of this structure, as well as water supply hampered our operations greatly. Fires similar to this residential mega-structure are on the rise throughout the US. MVFD is working to stay ahead of the game by proper preplanning and training to gain as much insight into current construction techniques, building systems, and suppression methods to keep our members safe and successful in our operations.

EMS responses continued to maintain a large majority of our call volume for 2016. We have identified this as an area to enhance within our organization. In late 2016 MVFD moved to incorporate a Division of EMS within our organizational chart to assist with these calls. A number of residents in our Fire district had expressed a desire to volunteer but in a capacity that would encompass only EMS. Seeing this desire and not wanting to turn volunteers away we took this as an opportunity to grow our organization to better serve our community.

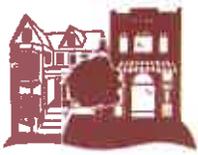
Training continues to be a large time commitment for our members. Currently each of our members are required to attend a minimum of 12 hours yearly to maintain their certifications as a firefighter. Those members that have become certified EMT's are required to complete another 12 hours yearly of formal continuing education hours. As a department we offer approximately 24 hours of in house fire training, along with providing the needed funds to attend outside training.

One of our major hurdles we continually work to overcome is day time staffing. As a bedroom community a large amount of our members work out of town during the daytime hours. We offset this issue with mutual aid agreements within the county as well as outside the county with our neighboring departments. This issue is not just familiar to Mount Vernon but throughout the country. We are always looking to community members who are available throughout the day to assist in our emergency coverage.

As Fire Chief I would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to the Council and staff for the continued support we receive. Your willingness and support to provide our fire department with some of the best tools and equipment allow us to function safely and effectively day in and day out. Without this support we would be hard pressed to continually recruit and retain the great members of the community we have to protect and serve.

Thank you.

Nathan Goodlove
Fire Chief



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Public Works Report
April 17, 2017

Parks

City crews have finished power washing the pool. Crews rented 2 power washers for this process that allowed them to remove years of paint build up on the pool. The amount of paint removed equated to 4 skid loader buckets taken out of the pool basin. Mount Vernon Construction will be filling the expansion joints in the pool. Crews have begun the process of filling large voids in the walls along with repairing the failing gutter line. After this is complete the next process will be to begin painting the pool.

Elliott, Davis, Bryant, and the *Pool* restrooms have been open to the public for about 2 weeks now. The Dog Park drinking fountain and Nature Park restrooms should be open in the next week or two.

The batting cages have been installed at both Davis and Elliott park.

Memorial Park

On the weekend of April 8th Sandra Fleckenstein, who maintains the flower beds around town for the city, had volunteers from the Latter-day Saints Church come in and clean up the park. The volunteers also removed all the day lilies around the gazebo seating area. This was done because of complaints about the flowers impeding the sight while trying to watch shows at the gazebo. Sandra will replant the area with something that will not inhibit sight. This project was spearheaded complete by Sandra, she set up the volunteer work along with organized and directed the volunteers when they showed up. The volunteers and Sandra did an incredible job.

Streets

Street sweeping around town has been completed. This season we were able to use just one sweeper. In the past, we had been using both street sweepers. I believe the city could try to sell the 1979 street sweeper out right. It would be hard to put a price on it though. Govdeals.com may be the best option for selling the unit.

Snow fence has been removed at Scobey Road.

The city of Marion has given Mount Vernon a cost to paint the center lines on 1st Street, Lisbon Road, Country Club Drive, and 8th Avenue NW. The cost is dependent on how much paint is used, Marion will be able to paint all the locations in 1-2 hours. They have some concerns with 1st Street West with the pour line painting that had been done prior to Marion painting. They are concerned that it will look bad. If it looks to terrible the city will grind off the old lines.



Parks and Recreation Department
Directors Report
March 15 to April 15 2017

Parks

- **Staff are working hard to complete all of the park maintenance items and spring start up projects such as ballfields, batting cages, water fountains, restrooms, soccer goals, etc.**
- **Master Parks Plan was reviewed at the last Park and Rec Board meeting.**
- **Trees Forever hosted a tree planting with 18 High School Rotary International Youth Exchange members at Sauter Park on April 1st. The City planted two trees here and the Rotary members completed the plantings and applied mulch.**
- **Trees Forever grant trees are ready and available for install in the next couple of weeks.**
- **The Park and Rec Board will be bringing a request to officially name a couple of unofficially named parks in the near future.**

Sports

- **Spring soccer is in full swing with games and practices. Season will be complete week of May 1st.**
- **Player Pitch, Coach Pitch, and Tball registration is going well. Deadline for Player Pitch (Baseball and Softball) will be April 24th and deadline for Tball and Coach Pitch will be May 8th.**

Pool

- **Pool Maintenance is going slow due to wet weather.**
- **Pool Open date is tentatively scheduled for May 27th.**
- **We are experiencing issues with one water slide part forcing us to request the purchase of a new slide.**
- **We are experiencing issues with a side wall and gutter on the north side of the pool. Hoping to have fixed soon.**



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Misc

Chalk the Walk

- **Artist registration is going quite well with 120 artists registered. Last year we hosted 133 artists. We could be well beyond that by the time you read this.**
- **Chalk has been delivered and Committee has been meeting every two weeks. There will be a couple of awesome features at the event this year, but you will have to wait until that weekend to find out.**
- **Still need many more volunteers for Chalk the Walk event on May 6-7. If you know someone have them register at <http://bit.ly/2lxaHtk>**

L. Discussion Items (No Action)

AGENDA ITEM # L - 1

**AGENDA INFORMATION
MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

DATE:	April 17, 2017
AGENDA ITEM:	Cedar Rapids Metro Alliance
ACTION:	None

SYNOPSIS: Staff has been meeting with representatives of the Cedar Rapids Metro Alliance regarding the possibility of joining their organization. The Alliance has indicated that they would welcome the City of Mt. Vernon, should Mt. Vernon desire to join. Economic Development has been at the forefront of the City Council goals and this may offer a less expensive alternative for the City.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: None

ATTACHMENTS: None

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbisch

DATE PREPARED: 4/13/17

M. Reports Mayor/Council/Admin.

**CITY OF MT. VERNON
CITY ADMINISTRATOR
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL
April 17, 2017**

- City Hall staff completed CPR and defibrillator training this past week.
- Public Works staff is currently painting the pool in preparation for the summer season.
- Staff will be reviewing resumes and meeting with candidates for the summer intern position over the course of the next two weeks.
- OPN Architects held there second visioning meeting with the community/recreation center building committee.