

Legislative Session Minutes

February 8, 2021

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Executive Session: Collective Bargaining Matters

Sidewalks

Ord. 2020-42

Chief Christopher – Station Location Analysis

MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Attendee	Title	Status
John Francis	Second Ward	Present
Mike Hillier	Fourth Ward	Present
Janis Seavolt	At Large	Present
Tanner Salyers	At Large	Present
Samantha Scoles	First Ward	Present
Tammy Woods	Third Ward	Present
Julia Warga	At Large	Present
Bruce Hawkins	President	Present

Others in Attendance: Mayor Starr, Safety Service Director Rick Dzik, Auditor Terry Scott, Law Director Rob Broeren, Clerk Tanya Newell, City Treasurer David Stuller, Police Chief Morgan, Police Captain McKnight, Chief Christopher, Laura Coykandall, and many others.

INVOCATION

Was given by Laura Coykandall- Police Chaplin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited in unison.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- City Council - Legislative Session - Jan 25, 2021 7:30 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Salyers, Scoles, Woods, Warga

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS****LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE****PROCLAMATION****PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN****RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING****RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING****RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING****RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 2021 STREET RESURFACING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets and Public Buildings: Warga, Francis

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 2/22/2021 7:30 PM
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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08

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Finance and Budget: Francis, Hillier

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TANNER SALYERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MAIN STREET MOUNT VERNON OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Scoles, Woods

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [6 TO 0]
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SECONDER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
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ABSTAIN:	Salyers

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ABSTAIN:	Salyers

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JANIS SEAVOLT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE KNOX COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Employee and Community Rel.: Scoles, Woods

Ms. Scoles - As the previous resolution, this would extend Mrs. Seavolt's appointment on the CVB Board for the remainder of the year. Personally I am excited to work with her on this board because I know there are a lot of exciting and beneficial things for our community that are going to happen in 2021.

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ABSTAIN:	Seavolt

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MYRA WILSON TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A SIX (6) YEAR TERM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Scoles, Woods

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Employee and Community Rel.: Scoles, Woods

Ms. Scoles - Ms. Wilson is a very respected resident of the city and she comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in the HR field and she will, from my perspective, bring a fresh view point to the civil service commission.

Mayor - Myra is exceptional at her leadership ability and her training in leadership, HR and I'm excited to have Myra take the place, and by the way to let you know she has worked all around the country, she worked for Cooper Energy Services out of Denver and Houston, she's also at the KCCC and OSU and has her own LLC that provides business consulting. Takes the place of David Rigg who by the way was appointed by Ernie Farmer in 1994 and he has officially resigned his position effective immediately. We appreciated David for his many years of service.

Mr. Salyers - How do you feel about a 6-year term?

Ms. Wilson - I wasn't quite sure it was going to be 6 years.

Mayor - She is fulfilling the rest of David's term which expires in 2022 and then if she wants to we can reappoint.

Mr. Salyers - The reason I ask is we have a variety of different term lengths and often times we don't have our nominees in front of us to ask.

Mr. Scoles - The Mayor and I have been talking about this and I am actually researching what some other communities are doing to see what we can do to adjust some of these. I think some are too short and some are too long.

Mr. Hillier - Dealing with police and fire and some of the things that they do I would hate to see this be a 3-year term let alone a 2. I think the experience in this position in viewing more than one contract time is very important. I think it's important when we look at the terms and volunteer positions that we take everything into consideration as to what they are doing in those positions.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
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SECONDER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Salyers, Scoles, Woods, Warga

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SELL BY TRADE-IN OF A VEHICLE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance and Budget: Francis, Hillier

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
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AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Salyers, Scoles, Woods, Warga

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DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance and Budget: Francis, Hillier

Chief Morgan - This is a 2007 Ford 500 vehicle, it has served its useful life, our mechanics told us pretty much that we are living on borrowed time with it so we've contacted some local dealerships to see what we could get on trade and we believe it's a fair, above average price that they are going to give us towards a new vehicle for the detective division.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
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SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Salyers, Scoles, Woods, Warga

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PAY BILLS FROM 2020; AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY.

Finance and Budget: Francis, Hillier

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
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AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Salyers, Scoles, Woods, Warga

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Finance and Budget: Francis, Hillier

Mr. Scott - These nine items carry the same designation as they are old bills from 2020 indicating that the utilization of 2021 appropriations are being used to satisfy these invoices. We would like to get these settled and paid timely if we could.

Mr. Hillier - Item 6, Licking County Goodwill, do they do contract for us?

Mr. Scott - They do our janitorial service and provide supplies.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Salyers, Scoles, Woods, Warga

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-42

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-34 FIXING THE NUMBER OF HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON.

Employee and Community Rel.: Scoles, Woods

Ms. Scoles - I know some of you heard my opinion about postponing, but tonight I believe putting our partnership with the Ohio Collaboration should be a priority, I'm a little disturbed that we are not really reviewing our body cams. If this position will allow us to do that and put us in a better spot to do more training with our employees and to build confidence with our public in what our police department is doing I can be very supportive of this.

Mrs. Woods - I will echo that. I have been contacted by a few people who were disturbed that we were reducing the number of police officers on the streets, but the explanation has been very clear that in reality we're freeing up their time by creating this position and taking some of that administration load off of them.

Mr. Hillier - I have asked questions along the way. I am slightly skeptical of this, but I am being told by more than one that we're not going to take officers off the street, I can't emphasize anymore that this position does need evaluated and probably the other position that's already there doing the other job to make sure that we're getting 100% out of these two people. I think some of the things that you've talked about, especially the cameras, the inventory, those types of things, if we're not doing that we've got to do it so you have my support. Chief, you've done some good things prior to this, let's keep moving forward.

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ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE NUMBER OF HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON IN THE WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS.

Employee and Community Rel.: Scoles, Woods

RESULT:	SECOND READING	Next: 2/22/2021 7:30 PM
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ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Dzik - Spoke about Strategic Planning update and meetings.

Mr. Scott - Mentioned the monthly update that he sent.

Mr. Stuller - Spoke about Chief Christopher's report.
Mr. Broeren - Gave an update on the hiring of the new assistant.

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Hillier - Spoke about permits and getting info out regarding permits and mentioned discussion about sidewalks.
Mrs. Warga - Thanked Chief Christopher for her tour.
Mr. Francis - Thanked the Board of Elections for his oversight.
Mr. Salyers - Spoke about the cold weather and opening your home if you are able to as a warming station.
Mrs. Seavolt - Wished everyone a Happy Valentine's.
Mr. Hawkins - Spoke about cold weather and leaving a trickle of water so your pipes don't freeze. Thanked the media.

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Seavolt made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Francis, second, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

Tanya Newell, CMC, Clerk of Council

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City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2021-07

Meeting: 02/08/21 7:30 PM
Dept: Streets and Public Buildings
Warga, Francis
Category: Bid/Contract
Prepared By: Tanya Newell
Initiator: Tanya Newell
DOC ID: 2264

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 2021 STREET RESURFACING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Safety Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the 2021 annual street resurfacing.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that bids must be solicited to assure timely completion of street paving during good weather, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 2/22/2021 7:30 PM



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ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2021-08

Meeting: 02/08/21 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Francis, Hillier
Category: Finance and Budget
Prepared By: Tanya Newell
Initiator: Tanya Newell
DOC ID: 2266

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SELL BY SEALED BID OR DISPOSE OF EQUIPMENT IN THE STREET DEPARTMENT NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Sections 721.01 and 721.15 authorize municipalities to dispose of personal property and vehicles no longer needed for municipal use,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Council finds that the City of Mount Vernon Street Department owns the following vehicles or equipment that is no longer needed for public use:

- 1) 2013 John Deere 3320 Riding Mower, VIN# - 1LV3320HLDH910261
- 2) 1995 John Deere 6300 Arm Mowing Tractor, Serial# - L06300P148343
- 3) 2007 International 2 ½ Ton Dump Truck w/ Snow Plow & Salt Spreader Package, VIN# - 1HTWDAAR48J654090

Council also finds that the value of the vehicles and equipment are in excess of \$1,000.00.

SECTION 2: That the Safety Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon be authorized and directed to sell or dispose of the vehicle and equipment pursuant to any method authorized by Revised Code Section 721.15.

SECTION 3: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason of expediting the sale or trade of this item, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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Dept: Finance and Budget
Francis, Hillier
Category: Finance and Budget
Prepared By: Tanya Newell
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DOC ID: 2267

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Safety Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio, is authorized and directed to purchase the following items for the public works department:

Street Dept:

- 1) New Arm Mowing Tractor
- 2) New Riding Lawn Mower
- 3) New 2 1/2 -ton Dump Truck w/ Snow Plow & Salt Spreader Package

Parks Dept:

- 1) New ¾ Crew Cab Pickup Truck

PB&L Dept:

- 1) New Service Vehicle - 1-ton Van or Truck w/ a Utility Body

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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Meeting: 02/08/21 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Scoles, Woods

ADOPTED

Category: Reappointment
Prepared By: Tanya Newell
Initiator: Tanya Newell

RESOLUTION 2021-10

DOC ID: 2269 B

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TANNER SALYERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MAIN STREET MOUNT VERNON OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Article 6, Section 1 of the Code of Regulations of the Main Street Mount Vernon of Mount Vernon, Ohio provides that one member of the Board of Directors shall be a representative of City Council as determined by City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That Council member Tanner Salyers be reappointed to the Board of Directors of the Main Street Mount Vernon of Mount Vernon, Ohio, for a one-year term commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 2021.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason of assuring continuous City representation on this important civic organization, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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ABSTAIN:	Tanner Salyers



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Meeting: 02/08/21 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.

Scoles, Woods

Category: Reappointment

Prepared By: Tanya Newell

Initiator: Tanya Newell

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2021-11

DOC ID: 2270 A

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JANIS SEAVOLT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE KNOX COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the By-Laws of the Knox County Convention and Visitors Bureau provide that one member of the Board of Trustees shall be a representative of the City of Mount Vernon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That Council member Janis Seavolt be reappointed to the Board of Trustees of the Knox County Convention and Visitors Bureau, for a one-year term commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 2021.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason of assuring continuous City representation on this important civic organization, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ms. Scoles - As the previous resolution, this would extend Mrs. Seavolt's appointment on the CVB Board for the remainder of the year. Personally I am excited to work with her on this board because I know there are a lot of exciting and beneficial things for our community that are going to happen in 2021.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Samantha Scoles, First Ward
SECONDER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Salyers, Scoles, Woods, Warga
ABSTAIN:	Janis Seavolt



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 02/08/21 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Scoles, Woods
Category: Appointment
Prepared By: Tanya Newell
Initiator: Tanya Newell
DOC ID: 2272

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2021-12

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MYRA WILSON TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A SIX (6) YEAR TERM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Council of the City of Mount Vernon confirm the Mayor's appointment of Myra Wilson, 1442 Laurel Valley Drive, Mount Vernon, to the Civil Service Commission fulfilling the unexpired term of David Rigg commencing immediately and expiring September 12, 2022.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ms. Scoles - Ms. Wilson is a very respected resident of the city and she comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in the HR field and she will, from my perspective, bring a fresh view point to the civil service commission.

Mayor - Myra is exceptional at her leadership ability and her training in leadership, HR and I'm excited to have Myra take the place, and by the way to let you know she has worked all around the country, she worked for Cooper Energy Services out of Denver and Houston, she's also at the KCCC and OSU and has her own LLC that provides business consulting. Takes the place of David Rigg who by the way was appointed by Ernie Farmer in 1994 and he has officially resigned his position effective immediately. We appreciated David for his many years of service.

Mr. Salyers - How do you feel about a 6-year term?

Ms. Wilson - I wasn't quite sure it was going to be 6 years.

Mayor - She is fulfilling the rest of David's term which expires in 2022 and then if she wants to we can reappoint.

Mr. Salyers - The reason I ask is we have a variety of different term lengths and often times we don't have our nominees in front of us to ask.

Mr. Scoles - The Mayor and I have been talking about this and I am actually researching what some other communities are doing to see what we can do to adjust some of these. I think some are too short and some are too long.

Mr. Hillier - Dealing with police and fire and some of the things that they do I would hate to see this be a 3-year term let alone a 2. I think the experience in this position in viewing more than one contract time is very important. I think it's important when we look at the terms and volunteer positions that we take everything into consideration as to what they are doing in those positions.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Samantha Scoles, First Ward
SECONDER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Salyers, Scoles, Woods, Warga



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ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2021-13

Meeting: 02/08/21 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Francis, Hillier
Category: Finance and Budget
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Tanya Newell
DOC ID: 2274 A

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SELL BY TRADE-IN OF A VEHICLE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Sections 721.01 and 721.15 authorize municipalities to dispose of personal property and vehicles no longer needed for municipal use,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Council finds that the City of Mount Vernon Police Department owns a 2007 Ford Five Hundred, VIN - 1FAHP24117G140966 that is no longer needed for public use. Council also finds that the value of the vehicle and equipment is in excess of \$1,000.00. Council further finds that the city is in need of another vehicle and that it may be advantageous to authorize the trade-in of the surplus equipment.

SECTION 2: That the Safety Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon be authorized and directed to sell or dispose of the vehicle and equipment pursuant to any method authorized by Revised Code Section 721.15.

SECTION 3: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason of expediting the sale or trade of this item, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Chief Morgan - This is a 2007 Ford 500 vehicle, it has served its useful life, our mechanics told us pretty much that we are living on borrowed time with it so we've contacted some local dealerships to see what we could get on trade and we believe it's a fair, above average price that they are going to give us towards a new vehicle for the detective division.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Salyers, Scoles, Woods, Warga



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ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2021-14

Meeting: 02/08/21 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Francis, Hillier
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Terry Scott
Initiator: Tanya Newell
DOC ID: 2275 A

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PAY BILLS FROM 2020; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon did make the necessary inquiries that these billed amounts as indicated are legitimate and proper and did approve payment in the amounts shown; and

WHEREAS, these bills are now due and payable,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Auditor for the City of Mount Vernon be, and he herewith is, authorized and directed to pay the following:

1. Wade & Gatton Nursery & Landscape LLC, in the amount of \$17,500.00, to be taken from Account 101.2650.56613, Arbor Plantings.
2. Terry Totman, dba: Robert Renee' Uniform Apparel, LTD, in the amount of \$525.00, to be taken from Account 701.2740.52127, Uniforms, \$175.00, Account 720.2840.52127, Uniforms, \$175.00, and Account 701.2720.52127, Uniforms, \$175.00
3. Speer Mechanical, in the amount of \$998.37, to be taken from Account 101.2500.53312, PBL-Repairs & Maintenance.
4. Ralston Art Memorial, in the amount of \$935.00, to be taken from Account 204.3100.54112, Monument & Foundation Repairs.
5. Nalco Ecolab, in the amount of \$334.15, to be taken from Account 720.2820.54111, W/W Plant-Services Received.
6. Licking/Knox Goodwill Industries, in the amount of \$343.20, to be taken from Account 101.2500.53215, PBL-Janitorial Supplies.
7. HACH Company, in the amount of \$427.45, to be taken from Account 701.2720.53111, Water Plant-Dues/Supplies.
8. Gault Plaza Cleaners, in the amount of \$172.75, to be taken from Account 701.2740.52127-Distb-Uniforms, \$86.38, and from Account 720.2840.52127, Collection-Uniforms, \$86.37.
9. Cummins Bridgeway, in the amount of \$1,556.60, to be taken from Account 720.2820.53312, Plant Maintenance.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public, peace, health and safety, and for the preservation of the good credit of the City of Mount Vernon, therefore, it become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take

effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Scott - These nine items carry the same designation as they are old bills from 2020 indicating that the utilization of 2021 appropriations are being used to satisfy these invoices. We would like to get these settled and paid timely if we could.

Mr. Hillier - Item 6, Licking County Goodwill, do they do contract for us?

Mr. Scott - They do our janitorial service and provide supplies.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Salyers, Scoles, Woods, Warga



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Meeting: 02/08/21 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Scoles, Woods
Category: Personnel
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Tanya Newell
DOC ID: 2244 A

ADOPTED

ORDINANCE 2020-42

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-34 FIXING THE NUMBER OF
HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the following positions are hereby authorized as indicated:

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

~~Nine~~ **Ten** Supervisors (Sergeants and Corporals)
Not more than ~~20~~ **19** Police Officers
One Records Clerk

Use of all above mentioned said personnel is authorized as required to meet the work demands of the Police Department as appropriated.

WASTEWATER WORKS DEPT:

½ Utility Operations Crew Chief	
½ Utility Operations Assistant Crew Chief	
Four Plant Operators	½ Assistant Laboratory Technician (full time)
½ Clerk Typist IV	Assistant Laboratory Technician (part-time)
½ Two Utility Clerk Typist III	Sludge Operator
½ One Utility Clerk Typist II	½ Two Mechanic-Plant Maintenance
½ One Meter Reader and Repairer and Foreman Operators	Not more than 2 Equipment
½ Two Meter Readers and Repairers	Not more than 4 Maintenance Workers
½ Laboratory Technician/Pretreatment Coordinator II	¼ One Utility Clerk Typist
One Chief Wastewater Operator	

Use of all above mentioned said personnel is authorized as required to meet the work demands of the Wastewater Works Department as appropriated.

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT:

3 Technicians Clerk Typist IV

1 Aide

Use of all above mentioned said personnel is authorized as required to meet the work demands of the Engineer's Department as appropriated.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

2 Public Works Crew Leaders

1 Traffic Signal Technician/Equipment Operator

Not more than 4 Equipment Operators

Not more than 9 Maintenance Workers

2 Clerk Typists IV

Seasonal Personnel

Use of the above mentioned said personnel is authorized as required to meet the work demands of the Public Works Department as appropriated.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Three Captains

Three Lieutenants

Not more than 33 Firefighters and/or Firefighter/Paramedics

One Fire Prevention Officer

One EMS/Training Coordinator Lieutenant

Use of all above mentioned said personnel is authorized as required to meet the work demands of the Fire Department as appropriated.

WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT:

½ Utility Operations Crew Chief

½ Utility Operations Assistant Crew Chief

½ Laboratory Technician/Pretreatment Coordinator ½ Asst. Laboratory Technician
(Full Time)

½ One Clerk Typist IV

Four Plant Operators

½ Two Clerk Typists III

Not more than 2 Pipefitters

½ One Utility Clerk Typist II

Not more than 2 Equipment Operators

½ One Meter Reader and Repairer Foreman Not more than 3 Maintenance Workers

½ Two Meter Reader and Repairers One Chief Water Operator

½ Two Mechanic-Plant Maintenance ¼ One Utility Clerk Typist II

Use of all above mentioned said personnel is authorized as required to meet the work demands of the Water Works Department as appropriated.

HISTORY:

12/14/20	City Council	FIRST READING
12/28/20	City Council	SECOND READING
01/11/21	City Council	POSTPONED TO A CERTAIN TIME

Ms. Scoles - I would like to say that I have some concerns that I think Chief Morgan addressed earlier in regards to the make-up of the department and how he is planning on moving people around, but I am also very concerned with the 12-hour shifts and how that is going to work. In addition to, I've been asking for most of a year to bring in an HR person and then to have a department performance audits conducted. I've talked with Mr. Scott, both of those things are going to be in the appropriations conversation that we have in a couple weeks so I would like very much to get through the appropriations meeting and then see what information Mr. Scott has for us in regards to a performance audit for not just PD, but for all of our departments to see where we truly need to have more and or less employees.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ms. Scoles - I know some of you heard my opinion about postponing, but tonight I believe putting our partnership with the Ohio Collaboration should be a priority, I'm a little disturbed that we are not really reviewing our body cams. If this position will allow us to do that and put us in a better spot to do more training with our employees and to build confidence with our public in what our police department is doing I can be very supportive of this.

Mrs. Woods - I will echo that. I have been contacted by a few people who were disturbed that we were reducing the number of police officers on the streets, but the explanation has been very clear that in reality we're freeing up their time by creating this position and taking some of that administration load off of them.

Mr. Hillier - I have asked questions along the way. I am slightly skeptical of this, but I am being told by more than one that we're not going to take officers off the street, I can't emphasize anymore that this position does need evaluated and probably the other position that's already there doing the other job to make sure that we're getting 100% out of these two people. I think some of the things that you've talked about, especially the cameras, the inventory, those types of things, if we're not doing that we've got to do it so you have my support. Chief, you've done some good things prior to this, let's keep moving forward.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Samantha Scoles, First Ward
SECONDER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Salyers, Scoles, Woods, Warga



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SCHEDULED

ORDINANCE 2021-03

Meeting: 02/08/21 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Scoles, Woods
Category: Personnel
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Tanya Newell
DOC ID: 2261 A

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE NUMBER OF HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON IN THE WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the following positions are hereby authorized as indicated:

WASTEWATER WORKS DEPT:

½ Utility Operations Crew Chief
~~½ Utility Operations Assistant Crew Chief~~
Four Plant Operators
½ Assistant Laboratory Technician (full time)
½ Clerk Typist IV
Assistant Laboratory Technician (part-time)
½ Two Utility Clerk Typist III
Sludge Operator
½ One Utility Clerk Typist II
½ Two Mechanic-Plant Maintenance
½ One Meter Reader and Repairer and Foreman
Not more than 2 Equipment Operators
½ Two Meter Readers and Repairers
Not more than 4 Maintenance Workers
½ Laboratory Technician/Pretreatment Coordinator
¼ One Utility Clerk Typist II
One Chief Wastewater Operator
One Camera Operator

Use of all above mentioned said personnel is authorized as required to meet the work demands of the Wastewater Works Department as appropriated.

WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT:

½ Utility Operations Crew Chief
~~½ Utility Operations Assistant Crew Chief~~
½ Laboratory Technician/Pretreatment Coordinator
½ Asst. Laboratory Technician (Full Time)
½ One Clerk Typist IV
Four Plant Operators
½ Two Clerk Typists III
Not more than 2 Pipefitters
½ One Utility Clerk Typist II
Not more than 2 Equipment Operators
½ One Meter Reader and Repairer Foreman

Not more than 3 Maintenance Workers
½ Two Meter Reader and Repairers
One Chief Water Operator
½ Two Mechanic-Plant Maintenance
¼ One Utility Clerk Typist II

Use of all above mentioned said personnel is authorized as required to meet the work demands of the Water Works Department as appropriated.

HISTORY:

01/25/21

City Council

FIRST READING

RESULT: SECOND READING**Next: 2/22/2021 7:30 PM**