Legislative Session Minutes

July 26, 2021

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Police and Kids United (PAK) Program

Clintonville W/WW Project

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
Samantha Scoles	First Ward	Present
Tammy Woods	Third Ward	Present
Julia Warga	At Large	Present
Amber Keener	At Large	Present
Bruce Hawkins	President	Present

Others in attendance: Mayor Starr; Safety Service Director, Rick Dzik; Auditor, Terry Scott; Treasurer, David Stuller; Chief of Police, Robert Morgan; Assistant Clerk of Council, Lindsay Hoar; Knox Pages Reporter Cheryl Splain; Emily McKinley; Brennan Durbin; Greg Colopy; Thomas Cassel and many others

INVOCATION

Will be given by Pastor Marvin Haught from Brandon Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited in unison.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- City Council - Legislative Session - Jul 12, 2021 7:30 PM

RESULT:	**ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	John Francis, Second Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Scoles, Woods, Warga, Keener

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Warga spoke about meeting with Ariel Foundation to begin discussing snow shoveling along potentially Coshocton Avenue and maybe a couple others in the city.

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

PROCLAMATION

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

Brennan Durbin, 17745 Nashville Road, Danville, Ohio, spoke about deer hunting in the city limits and deer damage done to his property.

Greg Colopy, 300 Kimberly Drive, spoke about the traffic caused by Sandusky Street construction project.

Tom Cassell, 111 Miller Avenue, spoke about the traffic caused by Sandusky Street construction project.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-65

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

Finance and Budget: Francis, Hillier

Ms. Scoles asked the reason for suspending the rules.

RESULT:	**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Scoles, Woods, Warga, Keener

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 1 - 6 5

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

Finance and Budget: Francis, Hillier

Mr. Francis - Rick, this particular vehicle, how long has it been available for sale?
Mr. Dzik - It hasn't been for sale yet but if the resolution's approved we'll put it up. This is a 2007 Dodge Durango. It was bought at that time as a command vehicle for the Fire Department. Throughout its life it eventually became more of a station car for trainings. I've made available a vehicle that the Safety Service Director used to use pretty regularly for them to utilize as a station car. They've also recently procured a planned command vehicle to provide. There's no time sensitive part of this. I will say that Lt. Tharp has really been taking over our GovDeals operation. I think he has some vehicles later in the agenda here. It might just be easier to get them all listed together. Chief said the repairs to make it safe and road worthy would be prohibitive. He said the wheel fell off. I don't know if that's an exaggeration or not - it's just not really useful for them anymore.
Mr. Francis - Now these are being sold by sealed bid or trade?
Mr. Dzik - As Mr. Broeren stated before, the two ordinances, Ohio Revised Code Sections and I'll look to Brittney too, 721.01 and 721.15 allow for sealed bid, you passed a resolution at the beginning of each year allowing for GovDeals so that's how he would intend to sell it.

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

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 1 - 6 6

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE CLINTONVILLE SANITARY AND STORM SEWER PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Woods, Seavolt

Mrs. Woods - As a reminder to council, the reason for the suspension of the rules per our committee meeting earlier, this is time sensitive for the EPA notification.

RESULT:	**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Scoles, Woods, Warga, Keener

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 1 - 6 6

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Utilities: Woods, Seavolt

Mrs. Woods - We had a pretty good meeting earlier and I want to thank Emily and Brian for the information they gave earlier. I thought it was very thorough. Council, any other questions after the earlier meeting?
Mr. Hillier - Not a question, I do appreciate Emily getting the letters out to the people in the neighborhoods. It seems like they had a little more time to review it than we may have since we're down to suspending the rules. I do appreciate your work in getting the letters out. You said that went to everybody there, right?
Ms. McKinley - Yeah, I just did a loop around Pearl, Grange and Fearn when we notified them about the survey that was going on. I just talked about the project and that there would be surveyors there and then I'll send out one to two more as we make a couple meetings available and other items.
Mr. Hillier - And I just ask that Council would get cc'd in on those letters so if we get a phone call we know what's going on. Thank you.

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

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 1 - 6 7

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Finance and Budget: Francis, Hillier

RESULT:	**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Scoles, Woods, Warga, Keener

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 1 - 6 7

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Finance and Budget: Francis, Hillier

Mr. Francis - Mr. Scott I know you will explain this but the question was brought up before we started the meeting. It wasn't too long ago that we appropriated money to put into this fund, do we want to try and put more money into the fund at one time or is it just as we need to use it?
Mr. Scott - Let me share with you, Mr. Francis and council, what this piece of legislation is really doing for you. This is a supplemental appropriation. This is new money coming into the city, not that we're adding more in appropriations within our operations. We have finally made connections with the State of Ohio, the Ohio Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board, finally we have gotten reimbursements. This is five reimbursements that we have coming back into the treasury for which we have already provided for so this is kind of like a reimbursement if you will. We will be continuing, now we're connected, we've got everything going correctly and so as we have those indigent burials coming through, we'll still have to front them and make that resolution there. But, within our 60 day window we'll file with the State of Ohio and we'll continue now at getting our monies coming back into us. We met with Snyder Funeral home about a month ago, had a big conversation about this because in the DeWine administration on a biannual basis, the State has appropriated one million dollars over a two year period for these types of reimbursements. The maximum you can get is $1,000 per case. We are only getting $900 because that's all that the funeral directors charge. Consequently, we met with them and found out through their association as well that this was being very little utilization on behalf of people

filing with the State of Ohio on the million dollars. So we're started, we're in it and now that we've got it going we'll continue. This is money coming back into us, not that we need to do something within our operations. You'll continue to see these come along the way. Now I can tell you over the last three weeks we've already had three additional. I can just give you a snapshot within the last month, so there are several that come along our way. We appreciate on behalf of Snyder's Funeral Services helping us get there as well. New money and we'll keep getting it back into the treasury as we make those filings.
Ms. Scoles - Is there any kind of yearly cap to what we'd be qualified for?
Mr. Scott - No. The only thing is you're competing with everybody else in the state of Ohio but as you can tell, there's not too many people doing it so the more you are the better off you'll be.
Mr. Hillier - So these are cremations and so the City, what we're doing free gratis is pretty minimal.
Mr. Scott - True, that's correct. This is the $900 outlay that we actually have paid to the funeral director.
Mr. Hillier - And then the City does not have a lot in that, time wise, since it's a cremation.
Mr. Scott - It depends upon what's going on. In the $900 fee there isn't. If in face no body claims the remains we have some more due diligence that we have to go through. Which means yes we have to do an internment. Yes, we have to in a year's time, put a marker up. These are all in the ORC, it requires the local entity to do that. The converse to that is if somebody wants to take the remains themselves, (inaudible) them or just keep them - whatever their case is, that eliminates a lot of the necessities there. Overall, it can be a plus or it can be a minus depending upon how the outcome is.

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

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 1 - 6 8

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS.

Finance and Budget: Francis, Hillier

RESULT:	**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Scoles, Woods, Warga, Keener

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 1 - 6 8

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS.

Finance and Budget: Francis, Hillier

Mr. Francis - Terry, we'll just let you walk us through these.
Mr. Scott - Thank you Mr. Francis and Council. On this resolution, the first two items for $10,000 each will be putting some money over into Fire Maintenance of Equipment and $10,000 over into the EMS Maintenance side. They continue to have some significant repair bills on their vehicles and equipment. Item 3, we are going to be working through on another assessment as Ms. Scoles has tasked us to do in regards to our HR services, so $6,000 will get that going for us as well. Item 4, folks we have about six emergency warning sirens throughout the city. We have had an assessment done of those this season and find that we do have three that are in need of battery replacements and one of those units also needed to have some major repairs done to it. We appropriate about $7,500 annually just in case we need those - in this particular case we needed an additional $1,600 to meet for the repairs that need to be done to one of warning sirens. It happens to be on the south end of town and

we'll get three battery replacements as well. We'll continue throughout the next couple of years in doing all of our battery replacements and at the same time there's no other repairs of major significance that our communications company has looked at. Item 5 is in regards to $1,950 in payroll cost adjustments through the court system. Item 6 for final employee payoff. We have had, outside of Mr. Orndorf retiring, which is our major expenses in items 6 & 7, we do have additional people who are retiring on behalf of the city throughout this year. We'll need to put the said $10,000 in on the Water side and $8,000 on the Wastewater side so that we can meet those obligations for those retirees. Thank you Mr. Francis.

Mr. Hillier - Terry, 1 & 2, $20,000 for the Fire Department, you say we've having some increase in problems. I know we're running our squad to Gambier when needed and our fire truck, I know we're taking personnel - is that due to that increase?

Mr. Scott - Not according to the Chief. I think it's just some regular maintenance that's coming about. It could be some of the fire trucks, it could be some of the ambulances because he's splitting it between the two of them. It seems to me like he's got a little bit going in both.

Mr. Hillier - We have major issues with which vehicle?

Mr. Scott - He didn't indicate for sure.

Mr. Dzik - I can speak to that. Right in January of this year, Chief informed me of a $10,000 engine repair that he had to make and I think that depleted that fund pretty quick

Mr. Scott - Fire truck.

Mr. Dzik - Yeah. That's the only major repair I'm aware of right now, other than minor repairs.

Mr. Scott - Fuel costs is becoming another issue for us as the costs have gone up. That was another thing, they're not sure. It has come down just a little bit, I realize that but that fluctuation will cause some differences as well. That was one of the many things he was concerned about is knowing what fuel costs are going to be.

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

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 1 - 6 9

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SELL OR DISPOSE, BY ANY METHOD AUTHORIZED BY REVISED CODE SECTION 721.15, VEHICLES 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]**
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Scoles, Woods, Warga, Keener

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 1 - 6 9

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Finance and Budget: Francis, Hillier

Mr. Francis - We got seven vehicles, and I think the last couple of council meetings, I think this is why it's questioned a lot of times. Are we collecting the vehicles and then picking a time to sell them at one time?
Chief Morgan - This is a little bit different scenario than the Fire Department's request for selling a vehicle. We do have one old police car that we are looking to put on GovDeals and sell. The other vehicles you'll notice up there, the Dodge Ram, the GMC Jimmy, the Pontiac Grand Prix, the GMC Jimmy maroon, the Volvo, the Ford Ranger, the Ford Explorer is the Police vehicle. Those other vehicles are vehicles that we have impounded and have not had anybody come and claim. Therefore they become a city asset. In previous times we would have just scrapped these vehicles. We are attempting to maximize the City's return on what we can get for these vehicles instead of selling them for scrap. Scrap is down right now, it fluctuates. We've identified some vehicles that seem to be halfway decent vehicles that we could put on GovDeals and see what we get. See if we get a better return than just scrapping them.
Mr. Francis - Is that why Resolution 2021-65 is headed to sell by sealed bid or trade and this one it's sell or dispose by any method authorized?
Chief Morgan - Yes, the disposed is we have the ability by law, to dispose. Anything we buy, we can sell or trade. Anything that's forfeited to us, like these vehicles through the State we can dispose of. Brittney, it's a legal definition of how we get rid of them.
Mr. Francis - Okay, that's what I needed - the difference between the two of them.
Chief Morgan - The City bought the cruiser, the City buys the fire trucks, we can sell or trade them with Council's consent. Anything we get forfeited to us or turned over to us by the court we can dispose of.
Mr. Hillier - Alright, since you and I talked the other day, I just thought of something earlier this evening. I watch GovDeals for our business and I'm sure you don't have titles on all of these, also my sister's the one at the Title Office. If we sell this on GovDeals without a title, it can only be scrapped, correct?
Chief Morgan - These vehicles specifically have got titles that we can sell or dispose of and assign a title to somebody else. That is part of the deal. If we get a scrap only title, depending on how we've taken the vehicle and how the courts rule it, then we have to scrap the vehicle. These vehicles do have titles that we can dispose of as a city, legally and properly.
Mr. Hillier - Thank you. So, in the future, when you sell on GovDeals, you're only going to sell titled vehicles?
Chief Morgan - We are only going to sell vehicles on GovDeals that we can transfer a title from a city entity, which is us, to an individual or business. A lot of businesses bid on these vehicles. We sold the old two Police cars the last go around. I think we did fairly well on it. We had someone come from Washington State, flew into Port Columbus, took an Uber here and then drove the vehicle back to Washington.
Mr. Dzik - Chief, really quick, can you talk about how you as a Police Department can get titles from the Secretary of State for these types of vehicles.
Chief Morgan - What we do is, once we take a vehicle in under the ordinances that allow us to impound a vehicle, whether it's been left on the street, it's abandoned, it's an evidentiary seizure. Then what we do is we petition the State of Ohio through the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, they have a website and process. We tell them why we took the vehicle. We are then required by law, this is why it's labor intensive, we are required by law to send them the last known registered owner by VIN number. They certify the letter and claiming our intentions that you have x number of days to claim this vehicle. Some are ten, some are thirty. You have x number of days to claim this vehicle, if you do not the vehicle will be disposed of in accordance with the law. Whether it's ten days or thirty, we always give thirty days just so there's no question. After the thirty days is over, a lot of the letters we send out come back to us. We have to document that. We have to advise the State that we couldn't. The only way we have to do is by the BMV records is this car belonged to John Doe, lived at this address. We send it to that last known person and address. Once nobody's claimed it during that period of time then we file more paperwork, more procedures with the State and then we go down to see Kathy at the Title Office and we take our copies of the paperwork, they give us titles in the name of the City of Mount Vernon. Some of the other vehicles we have up here, people will come up and just sign them over to us. "I don't have the money to get it right now, I know you're going to take it anyway, here's the title." Most of them require the BMV procedure.

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

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 1 - 7 0

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO FILE THE NECCESARY DOCUMENTS TO OBTAIN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) OF 2021 FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance and Budget: Francis, Hillier

RESULT:	**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Scoles, Woods, Warga, Keener

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 1 - 7 0

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Finance and Budget: Francis, Hillier

Mr. Francis - Terry talked to me earlier about this, it's more of a safeguard that Mr. Scott brought up for this particular piece of legislation.

Mr. Scott - In regards to receiving the ARPA funds, it does require an authorized person on behalf of the City to sign certain documents. Although the Director from the US Treasury does not give any guidance as to how that's supposed to be accomplished, I thought it would be our due diligence as we would do in any other federal funds program would be to appoint someone to be able to do that task on behalf of our community. We're estimated to receive about 1.7 million dollars so I have this crafted as being the person who will actually execute that. As soon as we have this adoption with council as timely as we can, we will then petition for the Feds to begin. The first distribution of the two year distribution, it will be divided over two years, our first one will come as soon as we make the filing. Twelve months from there our second half would come through as well. There will be further conversations in your meeting with the Mayor and his closing remarks about the ARPA funds and where we're at in that particular process. This is only step one to get someone authorized to sign the documents.

Mr. Hawkins - We did have a meeting last week, the Mayor called that meeting to order. The 1.7 million will be distributed over two. There's a lot of social services agencies and a lot of great people that were there to discuss that. A lot of ideas came up and 1.7 million dollars won't go nearly as far as we want it to go. But I think there's a way we could work with other government entities that are getting funds. All this money that's going county-wide, some of the services we're asking for are going to benefit more than just Mount Vernon. So we need to work with other agencies to do that. Some of the things are daycare, I'm interested in transportation, interested in the stormwater. We have more ideas than we have money but I think we need to work together on this to make sure we can leverage this money as best we can for the best use of the city.

Mr. Scott - The partnership with that is the fact that every township is now a recipient of funds. I've been working now with two different townships to assist them on how they would begin to acquire their share of it, I've got a third one that we're working with as well. There's 22 townships within the county. All of those folks

will be able, if they want, to obtain their share of the allocation within our county. With them, the County also receiving their distribution and the City and villages - all of those pairing together for some of the things that Mr. President was describing to you won't be all of our burden on behalf of just the City of Mount Vernon because that umbrella is really going to span much bigger than that. There will be further additional information coming your way as soon as we're able to put that together. The Mayor will also share in his closing remarks about some of that as well.
Mr. Hawkins - 1.7 million sounds like a lot but it will go fast with all the different needs that we have.

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

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

O R D I N A N C E N O . 2 0 2 1 - 2 8

AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF 1.185 ACRES FROM MONROE TOWNSHIP INTO THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN CITY SERVICES TO THE ANNEXED PARCEL AND PROVIDING PROTECTIONS AGAINST INCOMPATIBLE USES UNDER EXISTING TOWNSHIP ZONING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Planning and Zoning: Hillier, Keener

RESULT:	**FIRST READING**	**Next: 8/9/2021 7:30 PM**

O R D I N A N C E N O . 2 0 2 1 - 2 9

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE MOUNT VERNON MUNICIPAL COURT EFFECTIVE JULY 5, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Scoles, Woods

RESULT:	**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Samantha Scoles, First Ward
SECONDER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Scoles, Woods, Warga, Keener

O R D I N A N C E N O . 2 0 2 1 - 2 9

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE MOUNT VERNON MUNICIPAL COURT EFFECTIVE JULY 5, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Scoles, Woods

Ms. Scoles - Judge Thatcher has a security officer who has made it through his probation period and then he is due a $.50 raise, is that correct?
Mr. Scott - Yes that was part of the employment agreement, that after six months if things worked out well then they would bump it $.50. Also, the department has the resources already within their operations to cover this cost.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-30

AN ORDINANCE TO CALCULATE THE AGE OF APPLICANTS WITH PRIOR LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE FOR ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fire, Police and Civil Defense: Seavolt, Scoles

RESULT:	**FIRST READING**	**Next: 8/9/2021 7:30 PM**

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Starr - Spoke about the Mount Vernon Girls Soccer Program, Mental Health and Recovery Board from Licking & Knox Counties and ARPA meeting.
Mr. Dzik - Spoke about indigent burials, Phase I City Strategic Plan, Organizational Assessments/Compensation Analysis, and reminded Council to update their IPads.
Mr. Scott - Spoke about the Knox County Airport.
Mr. Stuller - Spoke about the new window coverings at the Income Tax Office.
Ms. Whitney - Spoke about the PAK program.

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

Mrs. Woods - Thanked the Chief and Officers for the PAK program. Spoke about Coffee with Council on July 17, next one August 21 at 9:00 a.m.
Mr. Hillier - Spoke about Resolution 2021-59 and Ordinance 2021-28.
Mr. Francis - Thanked the Chief for the PAK program. Spoke about ditch on Beech Street.
Ms. Scoles - Spoke about members at the Police Department and requested HR Director conduct investigation regarding officers leaving department. Spoke about CARD position and asked to have HR Director come to a meeting.
Mrs. Keener - Spoke about the No Confidence vote that occurred while she was on vacation.
Mr. Hawkins - Spoke about Joel Mazza coming to the next meeting to give an update on old middle school and barriers in council chambers.

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Seavolt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Woods, second, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council Lindsay Hoar, Assistant Clerk of Council

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City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

Meeting: 07/26/21 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Francis, Hillier
Category: Finance and Budget
Prepared By: Lindsay Hoar
Initiator: Lindsay Hoar
DOC ID: 2362

RESOLUTION 2021-65

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SELL BY SEALED BID OR TRADE A VEHICLE 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 Fire Department owns a 2007 Dodge Durango, VIN# - 1D8HB38P87F568490 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:

Mr. Francis - Rick, this particular vehicle, how long has it been available for sale?

Mr. Dzik - It hasn't been for sale yet but if the resolution's approved we'll put it up. This is a 2007 Dodge Durango. It was bought at that time as a command vehicle for the Fire Department. Throughout its life it eventually became more of a station car for trainings. I've made available a vehicle that the Safety Service Director used to use pretty regularly for them to utilize as a station car. They've also recently procured a planned command vehicle to provide. There’s no time sensitive part of this. I will say that Lt. Tharp has really been taking over our GovDeals operation. I think he has some vehicles later in the agenda here. It might just be easier to get them all listed together. Chief said the repairs to make it safe and road worthy would be

prohibitive. He said the wheel fell off. I don't know if that's an exaggeration or not - it's just not really useful for them anymore.

Mr. Francis - Now these are being sold by sealed bid or trade?

Mr. Dzik - As Mr. Broeren stated before, the two ordinances, Ohio Revised Code Sections and I'll look to Brittney too, 721.01 and 721.15 allow for sealed bid, you passed a resolution at the beginning of each year allowing for GovDeals so that's how he would intend to sell it.

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

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

Meeting: 07/26/21 7:30 PM
Dept: Utilities
Woods, Seavolt
Category: Bid/Contract
Prepared By: Lindsay Hoar
Initiator: Lindsay Hoar
DOC ID: 2363

RESOLUTION 2021-66

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE CLINTONVILLE SANITARY AND STORM SEWER PROJECT; 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 Clintonville Sanitary and Storm Sewer Project.

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 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:

Mrs. Woods - We had a pretty good meeting earlier and I want to thank Emily and Brian for the information they gave earlier. I thought it was very thorough. Council, any other questions after the earlier meeting?

Mr. Hillier - Not a question, I do appreciate Emily getting the letters out to the people in the neighborhoods. It seems like they had a little more time to review it than we may have since we're down to suspending the rules. I do appreciate your work in getting the letters out. You said that went to everybody there, right?

Ms. McKinley - Yeah, I just did a loop around Pearl, Grange and Fearn when we notified them about the survey that was going on. I just talked about the project and that there would be surveyors there and then I'll send out one to two more as we make a couple meetings available and other items.

Mr. Hillier - And I just ask that Council would get cc'd in on those letters so if we get a phone call we know what's going on. Thank you.

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

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

Meeting: 07/26/21 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Francis, Hillier
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Terry Scott
Initiator: Tanya Newell
DOC ID: 2365 A

RESOLUTION 2021-67

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

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 make supplemental appropriations as follows:

1. To Account 204.3100.54462, Burial Relief, in the amount of $4,500.00.
   (State of Ohio; Ohio Embalmers & Funeral Directors Board-Indigent Burials)

SECTION 2: This Resolution provides for appropriations for the current expenses of the city, and therefore, pursuant to Revised Code Section 731.20, it shall become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Francis - Mr. Scott I know you will explain this but the question was brought up before we started the meeting. It wasn't too long ago that we appropriated money to put into this fund, do we want to try and put more money into the fund at one time or is it just as we need to use it?

Mr. Scott - Let me share with you, Mr. Francis and council, what this piece of legislation is really doing for you. This is a supplemental appropriation. This is new money coming into the city, not that we're adding more in appropriations within our operations. We have finally made connections with the State of Ohio, the Ohio Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board, finally we have gotten reimbursements. This is five reimbursements that we have coming back into the treasury for which we have already provided for so this is kind of like a reimbursement if you will. We will be continuing, now we're connected, we've got everything going correctly and so as we have those indigent burials coming through, we'll still have to front them and make that resolution there. But, within our 60 day window we'll file with the State of Ohio and we'll continue now at getting our monies coming back into us. We met with Snyder Funeral home about a month ago, had a big conversation about this because in the DeWine administration on a

biannual basis, the State has appropriated one million dollars over a two year period for these types of reimbursements. The maximum you can get is $1,000 per case. We are only getting $900 because that's all that the funeral directors charge. Consequently, we met with them and found out through their association as well that this was being very little utilization on behalf of people filing with the State of Ohio on the million dollars. So we're started, we're in it and now that we've got it going we'll continue. This is money coming back into us, not that we need to do something within our operations. You'll continue to see these come along the way. Now I can tell you over the last three weeks we've already had three additional. I can just give you a snapshot within the last month, so there are several that come along our way. We appreciate on behalf of Snyder's Funeral Services helping us get there as well. New money and we'll keep getting it back into the treasury as we make those filings.

Ms. Scoles - Is there any kind of yearly cap to what we'd be qualified for?

Mr. Scott - No. The only thing is you're competing with everybody else in the state of Ohio but as you can tell, there's not too many people doing it so the more you are the better off you'll be.

Mr. Hillier - So these are cremations and so the City, what we're doing free gratis is pretty minimal.

Mr. Scott - True, that's correct. This is the $900 outlay that we actually have paid to the funeral director.

Mr. Hillier - And then the City does not have a lot in that, time wise, since it's a cremation.

Mr. Scott - It depends upon what's going on. In the $900 fee there isn't. If in face no body claims the remains we have some more due diligence that we have to go through. Which means yes we have to do an internment. Yes, we have to in a year's time, put a marker up. These are all in the ORC, it requires the local entity to do that. The converse to that is if somebody wants to take the remains themselves, (inaudible) them or just keep them - whatever their case is, that eliminates a lot of the necessities there. Overall, it can be a plus or it can be a minus depending upon how the outcome is.

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

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

Meeting: 07/26/21 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Francis, Hillier
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Terry Scott
Initiator: Tanya Newell
DOC ID: 2366 A

RESOLUTION 2021-68

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS.

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 transfer funds as follows:

1. Transfer from Account 224.2100.55511, Fire-Equipment, to Account 224.2100.53214, Fire-Maintenance of Equipment, in the amount of $10,000.00.
2. Transfer from Account 224.2100.55511, Fire-Equipment, to Account 224.2150.53214, EMS-Maintenance of Equipment, in the amount of $10,000.00.
3. Transfer from Account 101.2320.51111, HR-Payroll, to Account 101.2320.54111, HR-Services Received, in the amount of $6,000.00.
4. From Account 101.3600.54119, Urban Improvements, to Account 101.3600.53312, Sirens, in the amount of $1,600.00.
5. From Account 218.1700.54451, Court Clerk-Computer Maintenance, to Account 218.1700.51111, Computer Personnel, in the amount of $1,950.00.
6. From Account 701.2780.54486, Transfer to Water Reserve, to Account 701.2780.51111, Employee Final Pay Off, in the amount of $10,000.00.
7. From Account 720.2840.54118, Environmental Consultants, to Account 720.2880.51111, Employee Final Pay Off, in the amount of $8,000.00.

SECTION 2: This Resolution provides for appropriations for the current expenses of the city, and therefore, pursuant to Revised Code Section 731.30, it shall become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Francis - Terry, we'll just let you walk us through these.

Mr. Scott - Thank you Mr. Francis and Council. On this resolution, the first two items for $10,000 each will be putting some money over into Fire Maintenance of Equipment and $10,000

over into the EMS Maintenance side. They continue to have some significant repair bills on their vehicles and equipment. Item 3, we are going to be working through on another assessment as Ms. Scoles has tasked us to do in regards to our HR services, so $6,000 will get that going for us as well. Item 4, folks we have about six emergency warning sirens throughout the city. We have had an assessment done of those this season and find that we do have three that are in need of battery replacements and one of those units also needed to have some major repairs done to it. We appropriate about $7,500 annually just in case we need those - in this particular case we needed an additional $1,600 to meet for the repairs that need to be done to one of warning sirens. It happens to be on the south end of town and we'll get three battery replacements as well. We'll continue throughout the next couple of years in doing all of our battery replacements and at the same time there's no other repairs of major significance that our communications company has looked at. Item 5 is in regards to $1,950 in payroll cost adjustments through the court system. Item 6 for final employee payoff. We have had, outside of Mr. Orndorf retiring, which is our major expenses in items 6 & 7, we do have additional people who are retiring on behalf of the city throughout this year. We'll need to put the said $10,000 in on the Water side and $8,000 on the Wastewater side so that we can meet those obligations for those retirees. Thank you Mr. Francis.

Mr. Hillier - Terry, 1 & 2, $20,000 for the Fire Department, you say we've having some increase in problems. I know we're running our squad to Gambier when needed and our fire truck, I know we're taking personnel - is that due to that increase?

Mr. Scott - Not according to the Chief. I think it's just some regular maintenance that's coming about. It could be some of the fire trucks, it could be some of the ambulances because he's splitting it between the two of them. It seems to me like he's got a little bit going in both.

Mr. Hillier - We have major issues with which vehicle?

Mr. Scott - He didn't indicate for sure.

Mr. Dzik - I can speak to that. Right in January of this year, Chief informed me of a $10,000 engine repair that he had to make and I think that depleted that fund pretty quick

Mr. Scott - Fire truck.

Mr. Dzik - Yeah. That's the only major repair I'm aware of right now, other than minor repairs.

Mr. Scott - Fuel costs is becoming another issue for us as the costs have gone up. That was another thing, they're not sure. It has come down just a little bit, I realize that but that fluctuation will cause some differences as well. That was one of the many things he was concerned about is knowing what fuel costs are going to be.

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

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

Meeting: 07/26/21 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Francis, Hillier
Category: Finance and Budget
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Lindsay Hoar
DOC ID: 2368 A

RESOLUTION 2021-69

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SELL OR DISPOSE, BY ANY METHOD AUTHORIZED BY REVISED CODE SECTION 721.15, VEHICLES 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 the following vehicles:

1998 Dodge Ram 1500 Black
VIN: 1B7HF13Y0WJ192371

2001 GMC Jimmy Tan
VIN: 1GKDT13W912221377

2007 Pontiac Grand Prix Black
VIN: 2G2WC58C671133099

2000 GMC Jimmy Maroon
VIN: 1GKDT13W9Y2105154

2007 Volvo C70 T5 Taupe
VIN: YV1MC68257J014590

2000 Ford Ranger White
VIN: 1FTYR10V9YTB08802

2015 Ford Explorer White
VIN: 1FM5K8ARXFGC07809

which are no longer needed for public use. Council also finds that the value of each vehicle is 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 these vehicles 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 these items, 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:

Mr. Francis - We got seven vehicles, and I think the last couple of council meetings, I think this is why it's questioned a lot of times. Are we collecting the vehicles and then picking a time to sell them at one time?

Chief Morgan - This is a little bit different scenario than the Fire Department's request for selling a vehicle. We do have one old police car that we are looking to put on GovDeals and sell. The other vehicles you'll notice up there, the Dodge Ram, the GMC Jimmy, the Pontiac Grand Prix, the GMC Jimmy maroon, the Volvo, the Ford Ranger, the Ford Explorer is the Police vehicle. Those other vehicles are vehicles that we have impounded and have not had anybody come and claim. Therefore they become a city asset. In previous times we would have just scrapped these vehicles. We are attempting to maximize the City's return on what we can get for these vehicles instead of selling them for scrap. Scrap is down right now, it fluctuates. We've identified some vehicles that seem to be halfway decent vehicles that we could put on GovDeals and see what we get. See if we get a better return than just scrapping them.

Mr. Francis - Is that why Resolution 2021-65 is headed to sell by sealed bid or trade and this one it's sell or dispose by any method authorized?

Chief Morgan - Yes, the disposed is we have the ability by law, to dispose. Anything we buy, we can sell or trade. Anything that's forfeited to us, like these vehicles through the State we can dispose of. Brittney, it's a legal definition of how we get rid of them.

Mr. Francis - Okay, that's what I needed - the difference between the two of them.

Chief Morgan - The City bought the cruiser, the City buys the fire trucks, we can sell or trade them with Council's consent. Anything we get forfeited to us or turned over to us by the court we can dispose of.

Mr. Hillier - Alright, since you and I talked the other day, I just thought of something earlier this evening. I watch GovDeals for our business and I'm sure you don't have titles on all of these, also my sister's the one at the Title Office. If we sell this on GovDeals without a title, it can only be scrapped, correct?

Chief Morgan - These vehicles specifically have got titles that we can sell or dispose of and assign a title to somebody else. That is part of the deal. If we get a scrap only title, depending on how we've taken the vehicle and how the courts rule it, then we have to scrap the vehicle. These vehicles do have titles that we can dispose of as a city, legally and properly.

Mr. Hillier - Thank you. So, in the future, when you sell on GovDeals, you're only going to sell titled vehicles?

Chief Morgan - We are only going to sell vehicles on GovDeals that we can transfer a title from a city entity, which is us, to an individual or business. A lot of businesses bid on these vehicles. We sold the old two Police cars the last go around. I think we did fairly well on it. We had someone come from Washington State, flew into Port Columbus, took an Uber here and then drove the vehicle back to Washington.

Mr. Dzik - Chief, really quick, can you talk about how you as a Police Department can get titles from the Secretary of State for these types of vehicles.

Chief Morgan - What we do is, once we take a vehicle in under the ordinances that allow us to impound a vehicle, whether it's been left on the street, it's abandoned, it's an evidentiary seizure. Then what we do is we petition the State of Ohio through the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, they have a website and process. We tell them why we took the vehicle. We are then required by law, this is why it's labor intensive, we are required by law to send them the last known registered owner by VIN number. They certify the letter and claiming our intentions that you have x number of days to claim this vehicle. Some are ten, some are thirty. You have x number of days to claim this vehicle, if you do not the vehicle will be disposed of in accordance with the law. Whether it's ten days or thirty, we always give thirty days just so there's no question. After the thirty days is over, a lot of the letters we send out come back to us. We have to document that. We have to advise the State that we couldn't. The only way we have to do is by the BMV records is this car belonged to John Doe, lived at this address. We send it to that last known person and address. Once nobody's claimed it during that period of time then we file more paperwork, more procedures with the State and then we go down to see Kathy at the Title Office and we take our copies of the paperwork, they give us titles in the name of the City of Mount Vernon. Some of the other vehicles we have up here, people will come up and just sign them over to us. "I don't have the money to get it right now, I know you're going to take it anyway, here's the title." Most of them require the BMV procedure.

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

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

Meeting: 07/26/21 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Francis, Hillier
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Terry Scott
Initiator: Lindsay Hoar
DOC ID: 2369 A

RESOLUTION 2021-70

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO FILE THE NECCESARY DOCUMENTS TO OBTAIN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) OF 2021 FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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 execute for and in behalf of the City of Mount Vernon, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Ohio, to file with the State Office of Budget & Management for the purpose of obtaining certain Federal funds so provided for in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021.

SECTION 2: That the City of Mount Vernon, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Ohio, hereby authorizes its agent to provide to the State all matters pertaining to such financial assistance and agreements as they relate to the public assistance program, ARPA of 2021.

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 provide for the accounting of the ARPA funding, 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:

Mr. Francis - Terry talked to me earlier about this, it's more of a safeguard that Mr. Scott brought up for this particular piece of legislation.

Mr. Scott - In regards to receiving the ARPA funds, it does require an authorized person on behalf of the City to sign certain documents. Although the Director from the US Treasury does not give any guidance as to how that's supposed to be accomplished, I thought it would be our due diligence as we would do in any other federal funds program would be to appoint someone to be able to do that task on behalf of our community. We're estimated to receive about 1.7 million dollars so I have this crafted as being the person who will actually execute that. As soon as we have this adoption with council as timely as we can, we will then petition for the Feds to begin. The first distribution of the two year distribution, it will be divided over two years, our first one will come as soon as we make the filing. Twelve months from there our second half would come through as well. There will be further conversations in your meeting with the Mayor and his closing remarks about the ARPA funds and where we're at in that particular process. This is only step one to get someone authorized to sign the documents.

Mr. Hawkins - We did have a meeting last week, the Mayor called that meeting to order. The 1.7 million will be distributed over two. There's a lot of social services agencies and a lot of great people that were there to discuss that. A lot of ideas came up and 1.7 million dollars won't go nearly as far as we want it to go. But I think there's a way we could work with other government entities that are getting funds. All this money that's going county-wide, some of the services we're asking for are going to benefit more than just Mount Vernon. So we need to work with other agencies to do that. Some of the things are daycare, I'm interested in transportation, interested in the stormwater. We have more ideas than we have money but I think we need to work together on this to make sure we can leverage this money as best we can for the best use of the city.

Mr. Scott - The partnership with that is the fact that every township is now a recipient of funds. I've been working now with two different townships to assist them on how they would begin to acquire their share of it, I've got a third one that we're working with as well. There's 22 townships within the county. All of those folks will be able, if they want, to obtain their share of the allocation within our county. With them, the County also receiving their distribution and the City and villages - all of those pairing together for some of the things that Mr. President was describing to you won't be all of our burden on behalf of just the City of Mount Vernon because that umbrella is really going to span much bigger than that. There will be further additional information coming your way as soon as we're able to put that together. The Mayor will also share in his closing remarks about some of that as well.

Mr. Hawkins - 1.7 million sounds like a lot but it will go fast with all the different needs that we have.

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

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 07/26/21 7:30 PM
Dept: Planning and Zoning
Hillier, Keener
Category: Annexation
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Lindsay Hoar
DOC ID: 2364 A

ORDINANCE 2021-28

AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF 1.185 ACRES FROM MONROE TOWNSHIP INTO THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN CITY SERVICES TO THE ANNEXED PARCEL AND PROVIDING PROTECTIONS AGAINST INCOMPATIBLE USES UNDER EXISTING TOWNSHIP ZONING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 709.023 provides the process for an Expedited Type 2 annexation where the annexed territory remains subject to the real estate taxation of the township, and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021 the owner of 1.185 acres located in Monroe Township filed a petition with the Knox County Board of Commissioners to annex the property into the City of Mount Vernon under the Expedited Type 2 process.

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

SECTION 1: That pursuant to Revised Code Section 709.023(D), the City of Mount Vernon consents to the annexation proposed in the owner's petition.

SECTION 2: That upon annexation into the City of Mount Vernon, the City shall provide the following services to the annexed parcel:

a) Police Protection
b) Fire Protection
c) Emergency Medical Services
d) Potable Water Service
e) Wastewater Service

SECTION 3: That City Council finds that the annexation parcel is currently subject to Monroe Township Zoning, pursuant to Chapter 519 of the Revised Code. If the territory is annexed and becomes subject to zoning by the City of Mount Vernon, and City zoning permits uses in the annexed territory that the City determines are clearly incompatible with the uses permitted under current township zoning regulations in the adjacent land remaining within the township from which the territory was annexed, the City Council will require, in the zoning ordinance permitting the incompatible uses, the owner of the annexed territory to provide a buffer separating the use of the annexed territory and the adjacent land remaining within the township. “Buffer” includes open space, landscaping, fences, walls, and other structured elements; streets and street right-of-ways; and bicycle and pedestrian paths and sidewalks.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance 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 Revised Code Section 709.023(C) requires the City to act within 20 days of the filing of the annexation petition to state what municipal services it will provide to a parcel annexed through this process, 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.

RESULT:	**FIRST READING**	**Next: 8/9/2021 7:30 PM**

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City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

Meeting: 07/26/21 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Scoles, Woods
Category: Personnel
Prepared By: Terry Scott
Initiator: Tanya Newell
DOC ID: 2367 A

ORDINANCE 2021-29

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE MOUNT VERNON MUNICIPAL COURT EFFECTIVE JULY 5, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Sections 1901.31(C) (1), provides that the legislative authority of the municipality where a municipal court is located shall prescribe the compensation of the Court Security Officers;

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

SECTION 1: That this Ordinance fixed the compensation and benefits of certain employees of the Mount Vernon Municipal Court, commencing on July 5, 2021 as follows:

Court Security Officer (Full-time) **#2** **$16.50** per hour

SECTION 2: This position shall be entitled to the benefits as outlined in the Mount Vernon Municipal Court Employee Handbook, adopted January 1, 2015 and as amended.

SECTION 3: That Ordinance 2021-08 only as it pertains to Court Security Officer (Full-time) #2 shall be repealed entirely.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary 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 department of allowing the Auditor's office to proceed with 2021 payroll for the security officer, 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 - Judge Thatcher has a security officer who has made it through his probation period and then he is due a $.50 raise, is that correct?

Mr. Scott - Yes that was part of the employment agreement, that after six months if things worked out well then they would bump it $.50. Also, the department has the resources already within their operations to cover this cost.

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

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 07/26/21 7:30 PM
Dept: Fire, Police and Civil Defense
Seavolt, Scoles
Category: Police
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Lindsay Hoar
DOC ID: 2370 A

ORDINANCE 2021-30

AN ORDINANCE TO CALCULATE THE AGE OF APPLICANTS WITH PRIOR LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE FOR ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Ohio Constitution grants certain Home Rule powers to municipalities, including all powers of local self-government and to adopt and enforce within their limits such local police, sanitary and other similar regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon has seen a decrease in the number of applicants for original appointment to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon wishes to increase the number of persons seeking original appointment to the Police Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: Applicants over thirty-five (35) years old will be considered for an original appointment to City of Mount Vernon Police Department if they are a current certified OPOTA law enforcement officer and are currently employed full time in a law enforcement capacity as a peace officer as defined in section 2535.01 of the Ohio Revised Code. An applicant who meets the listed criteria shall have their years of service with the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, Ohio Public Employment Retirement System - Law Enforcement, and/or Ohio Highway Patrol Retirement System deducted from their age at the time of application with the City. If their age minus years of service is thirty-five (35) or less, they will be entitled to apply. The maximum credit of years of eligible service given to any candidate will be fifteen (15) years.

RESULT:	**FIRST READING**	**Next: 8/9/2021 7:30 PM**