

Legislative Session Minutes

November 28, 2022

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mount Vernon City Council
Committee Meeting Schedule
November 28, 2022

6:02-6:20 p.m.	Fire Department quarterly update	Fire, Police, Civil Defense Mahan
6:20-6:41 p.m.	Fire Department vehicles	Fire, Police, Civil Defense Mahan
6:41-6:52 p.m.	Water Plant rehabilitation	Utilities Woods
6:52-7:10 p.m.	New TIF district	Planning & Zoning Hillier
7:30 p.m.	City Council Legislative Meeting	Ref: Agenda

- 11-28-22 Committee Meeting Schedule

MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Attendee	Title	Status
Mike Hillier	Fourth Ward	Present
Janis Seavolt	At Large	Present
Tammy Woods	Third Ward	Present
Amber Keener	At Large	Present
Mel Severns	Councilman	Present
Bruce Hawkins	President	Present
John Francis	Second Ward	Excused
James Mahan	First Ward	Excused

Woods made a motion to excuse Mahan and Francis, with a second by Keener. Motion passed by a voice vote of 5-0.

INVOCATION

Sheila Kent, Riley Chapel Baptist Church, performed the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited in unison.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- City Council - Legislative Session - Nov 14, 2022 7:30 PM

Seavolt made a motion to accept the minutes from Council's Legislative Session of Nov. 14, 2022, with a second by Keener. Motion to accept passed by a voice vote of 5-0.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	Amber Keener, At Large
AYES:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns
EXCUSED:	Francis, Mahan

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council accepted without comment the minutes for the two Utilities Committee meetings, the two Employee and Community Relations meetings, and the meetings of the Planning and Zoning, Parks and Lands, and Fire, Police, Civil Defense committees, all of Nov. 14, 2022.

- 11-14-22A Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes
- 11-14-22A Employee and Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
- 11-14-22 Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes
- 11-14-22 Parks and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes
- 11-14-22 Fire, Police, Civil Defense Committee Meeting Minutes
- 11-14-22B Employee and Community Relations Meeting Minutes
- 11-14-22B Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

None.

PROCLAMATION

None.

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

Trina Trainor and Debbie Ruggles, director and treasurer, respectively, of the Mount Vernon Music and Arts Festival, spoke to Council about the event's desire to have the City assist financially with trash and security expenses. They noted that the event subsists largely on sponsorships along with a few grants, and generally breaks even each year. They added that the festival will be trimmed to the three days of Friday, Saturday and Sunday next year, eliminating Thursday. Hillier and Keener asked to see the event's financial figures before making a decision, and Trainor and Ruggles said those figures would be provided.

- 11-28-22 MVMAF Review #2

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-116**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR IDENTIFYING AND SELECTING A QUALIFIED FIRM OR FIRMS TO OVERSEE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE CITY'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Woods, Keener

Resolution No. 2022-116 was given a second reading.

RESULT: SECOND READING

Next: 12/12/2022 7:30 PM

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-120**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR FIRE HOSE PROCUREMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Mahan

Resolution No. 2022-120 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 12/12/2022 7:30 PM

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-121

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

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Mahan

Resolution No. 2022-121 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 12/7/2022 5:30 PM

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-122

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

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Mahan

Resolution No. 2022-122 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING**Next: 12/12/2022 7:30 PM****RESOLUTION NO. 2022-123**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JARELL HOUSE TO THE RECREATION BOARD AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Hillier

Resolution No. 2022-123 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING**Next: 12/12/2022 7:30 PM****RESOLUTION NO. 2022-124**

A RESOLUTION TO SELL A SURPLUS WATER/WASTEWATER VEHICLE TO OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Mahan

Resolution No. 2022-124 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING**Next: 12/12/2022 7:30 PM****RESOLUTION NO. 2022-125**

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: Seavolt, Mahan

Resolution No. 2022-125 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING**Next: 12/12/2022 7:30 PM****RESOLUTION NO. 2022-126**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO WAIVE BIDS AND NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH UNITED AGGREGATES, INC. FOR EMERGENCY LOADING, HAULING, MAINTAINING AND RESTORATION OF THE TEMPORARY LIME RESIDUAL RELOCATION SITE AT THE CITY'S WATER DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Woods, Keener

Resolution No. 2022-126 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING**Next: 12/12/2022 7:30 PM****ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING****ORDINANCE NO. 2022-39**

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

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Hillier

Hillier made a motion to postpone consideration of Ordinance No. 2022-39 to the next regular Council meeting of Dec. 12, 2022, given that the chair of the Employee and Community Relations Committee was absent. Seavolt seconded the motion, which passed by a roll-call vote of 5-0.

RESULT:	POSTPONED TO A CERTAIN TIME [UNANIMOUS] Next: 12/12/2022 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns
EXCUSED:	Francis, Mahan

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-40

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITIONS AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT AND UTILITY ADMINISTRATION MANAGER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Hillier

Hillier made a motion to postpone consideration of Ordinance No. 2022-40 to the next regular Council meeting of Dec. 12, 2022, given that the chair of the Employee and Community Relations Committee was absent. Seavolt seconded the motion, which passed by a roll-call vote of 5-0.

RESULT:	POSTPONED TO A CERTAIN TIME [UNANIMOUS] Next: 12/12/2022 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns
EXCUSED:	Francis, Mahan

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

None.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

None.

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Matt Starr discussed the City's holiday-themed events of the previous weekend, as well as the importance of Shop Small Saturday and Giving Tuesday to local business and institutions.

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

Hillier requested a 15-minute Utilities Committee meeting on Resolution No. 2022-126 for Dec. 12, 2022 and a 10-minute Employee and Community Relations Committee meeting on both Ordinances 39-2022 and 40-2022 for Dec. 12, 2022. He also discussed the City's holiday-themed events of the past weekend. Woods asked that the Administration perform due diligence in considering an increase in water rates. Keener discussed the City's holiday-themed events of the past weekend, noting that there were many shoppers downtown, and mentioned the upcoming "A Christmas Carol," to be performed Dec. 1-4 to benefit the Winter Sanctuary. Hawkins also mentioned the upcoming "A Christmas Carol."

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Seavolt made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Keener. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

Todd Hill, Clerk of Council

CD on file/th



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Mount Vernon, OH 43050

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 23, 2022

Mount Vernon City Council Committee Meeting Schedule November 28, 2022

6:00-6:20 p.m.	Fire Department quarterly update	Fire, Police, Civil Defense Mahan
6:20-6:40 p.m.	Fire Department vehicles	Fire, Police, Civil Defense Mahan
6:40-6:50 p.m.	Water Plant rehabilitation	Utilities Woods
6:50-7:05 p.m.	New TIF district	Planning & Zoning Hillier
7:05-7:15 p.m.	Service Departments hourly personnel, compensation	Employee & Community Relations Francis
7:30 p.m.	City Council Legislative Meeting	Ref: Agenda

The above listed meeting will be held to discuss the above items; but will not be limited to those listed.
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Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2022 – 5:46 p.m. to 6:08 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President
James Mahan, First Ward
John Francis, Second Ward
Tammy Woods, Third Ward
Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
Janis Seavolt, At-Large
Amber Keener, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Starr, Mayor
Richard Dzik, Safety-Service Director
Robert Broeren, Law Director
Terry Scott, Auditor
Denise Johnson, HR Director

Woods made a motion at 5:46 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. The motion was seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 7-0. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn executive session at 6:08 p.m. Motion passed by a voice vote of 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Woods, Chair
Utilities Committee
Mount Vernon City Council

TW/th



**Employee and Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
Committee Meeting**

November 14, 2022 – 6:08 p.m. to 6:27 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, Council President
James Mahan, First Ward
John Francis, Second Ward
Tammy Woods, Third Ward
Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
Janis Seavolt, At-Large
Amber Keener, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Starr, Mayor
Richard Dzik, Safety-Service Director
Robert Broeren, Law Director
Terry Scott, Auditor
Denise Johnson, HR Director

Francis made a motion at 6:08 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 7-0. Francis made a motion to adjourn executive session at 6:27 p.m., with a second by Keener. Motion passed by a voice vote of 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

John Francis, Chair
Employee and Community Relations Committee
Mount Vernon City Council

JF/th



**Planning and Zoning Committee Public Hearing Minutes
November 14, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. to 6:41 p.m.**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, Council President
James Mahan, First Ward
John Francis, Second Ward
Tammy Woods, Third Ward
Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
Janis Seavolt, At-Large
Amber Keener, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Starr, Mayor
Richard Dzik, Safety-Service Director
Terry Scott, Auditor
Robert Broeren, Law Director
Robert Morgan, Police Chief
Todd Hill, Council Clerk
Grant Pepper, Knox Pages
Jeff Gottke, Area Development Foundation

The committee discussed the formation of a new Tax Incentive Financing (TIF) district in the City. Auditor Terry Scott explained that legislation to create the district will be coming before Council within the next month in an attempt to get the district in place before 2023 in order to take advantage of tax revenue from 2022. The chair requested a 15-minute committee meeting on the matter for Nov. 28, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hillier, Chair
Planning and Zoning Committee
Mount Vernon City Council

MH/th



**Parks and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2022 – 6:41 p.m. to 6:47 p.m.**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce E. Hawkins, President
James Mahan, First Ward
John Francis, Second Ward
Tammy Woods, Third Ward
Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
Janis Seavolt, At-Large
Amber Keener, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Starr, Mayor
Rick Dzik, Safety-Service Director
Terry Scott, Auditor
Rob Broeren, Law Director
Robert Morgan, Police Chief
Todd Hill, Clerk
Grant Pepper, Knox Pages
Mark Fritz, Ariel-Foundation Park

Mark Fritz, executive director of Ariel-Foundation Park, presented an update on the facility, touching on the Harmony Park playground, a new park office, community concerts, installation of industrial fans, event center improvements, and a fire suppression system that's being installed. No decisions were made, and no further committee meetings on the subject were scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Keener, Chair
Parks and Lands Committee
Mount Vernon City Council

AK/th



Fire, Police and Civil Defense Committee Meeting Minutes
Committee Meeting
November 14, 2022 – 6:47 p.m. to 6:56 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce E. Hawkins, President
 James Mahan, First Ward
 John Francis, Second Ward
 Tammy Woods, Third Ward
 Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
 Janis Seavolt, At-Large
 Amber Keener, At-Large
 Mel Severns, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor
 Rick Dzik, Safety Service Director
 Rob Broeren, Law Director
 Terry Scott, Auditor
 Robert K. Morgan, Police Chief
 Todd Hill, Clerk
 Grant Pepper, Knox Pages

Police Chief Robert Morgan provided a quarterly update from his department. He noted that Police activity is back to pre-COVID levels, and that there have been 106 felony drug indictments, 41 non-fatal drug overdoses and four fatal ones. Additionally, the community advocate has responded to 1,000 calls, officers have undergone 30 hours of training, and the PAK United program has remained active. The department is currently fully staffed, a new K9 unit has been acquired, and two new cruisers have arrived. Morgan also noted that the department is over budget on fuel expenditures. No decisions were made, and no further committee meetings on the subject were scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

James Mahan, Chair
 Fire, Police, Civil Defense Committee,
 Mount Vernon City Council

JM/th



**Employee and Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
Committee Meeting**

November 14, 2022 – 6:56 p.m. to 7:01 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, Council President
James Mahan, First Ward
John Francis, Second Ward
Tammy Woods, Third Ward
Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
Janis Seavolt, At-Large
Amber Keener, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Starr, Mayor
Richard Dzik, Safety-Service Director
Robert Broeren, Law Director
Terry Scott, Auditor
Robert K. Morgan, Police Chief
Todd Hill, Clerk
Grant Pepper, Knox Pages

The committee discussed Ordinance No. 2022-39, fixing the number of hourly employees in the Water and Wastewater departments, and Ordinance No. 2022-40, creating the positions and establishing compensation for Wastewater Superintendent and Utility Administration Manager. To save time, the chair requested a 10-minute committee meeting on the legislation for Nov. 28, 2022. Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik was asked if the union had any thoughts on the legislation, and responded that that would be forthcoming for the next committee meeting. Ordinance Nos. 2022-39 and 2022-40 were up for second readings at Council's Legislative Session later in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

John Francis, Chair
Employee and Community Relations Committee
Mount Vernon City Council

JF/th



Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2022 – 7:01 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President
James Mahan, First Ward
John Francis, Second Ward
Tammy Woods, Third Ward
Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
Janis Seavolt, At-Large
Amber Keener, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Starr, Mayor
Richard Dzik, Safety-Service Director
Robert Broeren, Law Director
Terry Scott, Auditor
Robert K. Morgan, Police Chief
Todd Hill, Clerk
Grant Pepper, Knox Pages

The committee discussed Resolution No. 2022-112, authorizing and directing the Safety-Service Director to advertise for bids and enter into contract for sludge removal required for the years 2023, 2024 and 2025. Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik noted that the bid document has been amended to include both dry and wet sludge removal, and that the contract would be for three years with the possibility of renewal at one year. The chair indicated she would make a motion to amend the legislation during Council's Legislative Session later in the evening to remove "and enter into contract." Resolution No. 2022-112 was up for a third reading at Council's Legislative Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Woods, Chair
Utilities Committee
Mount Vernon City Council

TW/th

The Mount Vernon Music & Arts Festival

2022 – Annual Review

Forward

What is the Mount Vernon Music & Arts Festival?

The Mount Vernon Music and Arts Festival is the Premier Event for Mount Vernon and Knox County. The Festival seeks to create a long-lasting cultural impact by growing broad and deep community roots around experiences in the arts; funded in health by grassroots giving and community partnerships.

Mission

The Mount Vernon Music and Arts Festival exists to present a celebration of the arts; creating experiences that entertain, educate and inspire; uniting artists and audiences within the historic backdrop of Mount Vernon, Ohio.

History and Background

The Mount Vernon Music and Arts Festival traditionally begins the 2nd Thursday in August, runs through Sunday, and is located in downtown Mount Vernon (Knox County), Ohio.

The Festival was originally part of an event called ‘Dixie Days,’ which included sidewalk sales, a softball tournament, music and food. Eventually the weekend was named the ‘Dan Emmett Music and Arts Festival’ and became more focused on the artistic elements of the event. Some of the featured nationally-known acts included Jan and Dean, Peter Noone, The Fifth Dimension, Lee Greenwood, Crystal Gayle, The Osmonds, Sha-Na-Na, Paul Revere and the Raiders, Larry Gatlin, and Lorrie Morgan. Central Ohio mainstays Phil Dirt and the Dozers have also been a Festival favorite, along with a car show/cruise-in on Sunday. Local and regional artists, including youth performances, have always been a mainstay of our event.

In 2019, long time co-directors Pat and Sandy Crow announced their plans to retire. Existing board members, supported by Mount Vernon Mayor Richard Mavis and Mayor-elect Matthew Starr, worked to hold a 2019 Festival and re-brand the event for 2020. Despite being cancelled during the COVID-19 pandemic, MVMAF leaders organized several artistic activities around town in conjunction with Mount Vernon’s ‘Summer in the City’ effort.

We returned in a limited capacity in 2021 and were back to our fully operational Festival in August with The Little River Band as our Headliner. We are so excited about 2023! MVMAF continually seeks to create and develop a long-lasting cultural impact on our local community and surrounding areas including Central Ohio. In 2019, 95 different

performances took place and over 20,000 people attended the MVMAF. This past year was back on track for the same attendance and more.

As we look ahead, the Festival will seek to represent the core values of excellence, diversity, and relevance. Over the next five years, MVMAF seeks to increase the positive artistic, educational and musical impact on audiences and the community while building a financially stable and adaptable organization. The goals are: (1) deepen audience and community engagement (2) improve financial health of organization (3) strengthen key partnerships and develop new mutually beneficial relationships (4) further enhance and extend reputation of the festival (5) continuously improve leadership and administration.

We believe our vibrant downtown, anchored by commerce, dining, retail, education and artistic venues, plus the recent addition of dozens of new parking spaces, is a wonderful backdrop for you and your family.

Unique Events

The Festival is proud to be a part of unique events which have included the Car and Motorcycle Cruise-In, Woodward Opera House Tours, Photo Booth, Ballet Folklorico, Mexican Ballet and the Wood Auction.

The Festival Serves Youth and Education

The future of Mount Vernon is our youth. The Festival has a unique platform to foster the arts over all different economic and social backgrounds. Some of these things have included the Cheer Competition, Stilt performers, live art performers, Youth Showcase, Make and Take workshops, live interactive demonstrations to name a few.

Correlated Events & Activities

The Quilt Show and the Flower Show and the Farmer's Market are three examples of correlated activities that are not actually part of the festival although they are scheduled to take advantage of the large Festival crowds. We are currently working on a few other partners for 2023 as well.

Finally

The primary draw to the Festival continues to be the the music and performances on our three stages of the well over 600 participants (avg.), mostly local youth and young adults, as well as the many and varied art events, shows, and other activities that make up the Mount Vernon Music & Arts Festival. We continue to develop partnerships that enable the Festival to showcase every talent Mount Vernon has to offer.

For any further information/financial information, please contact Debbie Ruggles at mtvfestivalvendor@gmail.com.



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2022-116

Meeting: 11/28/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Utilities
Woods, Keener
Category: Utilities
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3687

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR IDENTIFYING AND SELECTING A QUALIFIED FIRM OR FIRMS TO OVERSEE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE CITY'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Supreme Court determined that municipalities need not follow the bidding process laid out in the Ohio Revised Code where the contract involves specialized services, requiring particular skills and aptitudes; and

WHEREAS, Council determines that the engineering services for the rehabilitation of a water treatment plant, including planning, design, grant and loan application, site investigation, permit applications, public outreach and support during constitution involves specialized services.

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 release a Request for Proposals for identifying and selecting a qualified firm or firms to oversee engineering services for the rehabilitation of the City's Water Treatment Plant.

SECTION 2: That the Safety-Service Director is hereby further authorized, upon identifying and selecting a qualified firm or firms, to negotiate and enter into contract to oversee engineering services for the rehabilitation of the City's Water Treatment Plant.

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 that to allow sufficient time to advertise and select a firm or firms to oversee the engineering services for the rehabilitation of the City's Water Treatment Plant, 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.

HISTORY:

11/14/22 City Council FIRST READING

Resolution No. 2022-116 was given a first reading.

Resolution 2022-116

Meeting of November 28, 2022

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Resolution No. 2022-116 was given a second reading.

RESULT: SECOND READING

Next: 12/12/2022 7:30 PM



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2022-120

Meeting: 11/28/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Mahan
 Category: Bid/Contract
 Prepared By: Todd Hill
 Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3691

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO
 ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR FIRE HOSE PROCUREMENT;
 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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 be authorized and directed to advertise for bids and enter into contract for fire hose procurement for the Fire Department, all in accordance with plans and specifications now on file in the Office of the Safety-Service Director.

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 and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Resolution No. 2022-120 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 12/12/2022 7:30 PM



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2022-121

Meeting: 11/28/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Mahan
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Terry Scott
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3692

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 101.1510.51111, Personnel, in the amount of \$8,000.00.
(Ohio Attorney General, Crime Victim Section-Grant for Victim's Advocate)

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:

Resolution No. 2022-121 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 12/7/2022 5:30 PM



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2022-122

Meeting: 11/28/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Mahan
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Terry Scott
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3693

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 101.1700.51111, Municipal Court Judge Salary, to Account 101.1700.54451, Court-Computer Maintenance, in the amount of \$5,000.00.
2. Transfer from Account 101.1700.53111, Court-Dues/Supplies, to Account 101.1700.54451, Computer Maintenance, in the amount of \$5,000.00.
3. Transfer from Account 101.1720.54311, Court-Training/Travel, to Account 101.1700.54451, Computer Maintenance, in the amount of \$2,500.00.
4. Transfer from Account 720.2880.54489, Transfer to Sewer Reserve, to Account 720.2840.51111, Collection Employees, in the amount of \$75,500.00.
5. Transfer from Account 720.2880.52125, Employee Insurance, to Account 720.2840.51111, Collection Employees, in the amount of \$10,250.00.
6. Transfer from Account 720.2820.55511, Plant Equipment, to Account 720.2840.54118, Environmental Consultants, in the amount of \$13,750.00.

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:

Resolution No. 2022-122 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 12/12/2022 7:30 PM



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2022-123

Meeting: 11/28/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Francis, Hillier
Category: Appointment
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3694

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JARELL HOUSE TO THE RECREATION BOARD AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER FOR A FIVE (5) 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 for the City of Mount Vernon confirm the Mayor's appointment of Jarell House, 113 Marita Drive, to the Recreation Board as an alternate member, to serve in the name and place of a regular member in the absence of the regular member, for a five (5) year term, commencing immediately and expiring November 29, 2028.

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:

Resolution No. 2022-123 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 12/12/2022 7:30 PM



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2022-124

Meeting: 11/28/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Mahan
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3695

A RESOLUTION TO SELL A SURPLUS WATER/WASTEWATER VEHICLE TO OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Constitution grants certain Home Rule powers to municipalities, including the ability to sell municipal property to another public body if the sale would constitute a public municipal purpose;

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 Water and Wastewater Department owns the following equipment that is no longer needed for public use:

2000 Sterling Sewer Cleaner Combination Truck
VIN: 2FZNAJBB5YAG75582

Council also finds that the value of the vehicle is in excess of \$1,000.00.

SECTION 2: That the Council finds that selling this equipment to another public body would constitute a public municipal purpose, and that the Village of Fredericktown, Ohio is a public body.

SECTION 3: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon be authorized and directed to sell a 2000 Sterling Sewer Cleaner Combination Truck to the Village of Fredericktown, Ohio, as part of the City's ongoing mutual aid agreement with Fredericktown.

SECTION 4: 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 transfer of this equipment will assist the other public body in providing services to the people of Knox County, Ohio, 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:

Resolution No. 2022-124 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 12/12/2022 7:30 PM



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2022-125

Meeting: 11/28/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Mahan
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Lindsay Hoar
DOC ID: 3696

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 Water and Wastewater Departments own the following vehicle:

2000 Ford F450 Dump Truck
VIN: 1FDXF46F01EA34231

which is no longer needed for public use. Council also finds that the value of the vehicle is in excess of \$1,000.

SECTION 2: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon be authorized and directed to sell or dispose of this vehicle 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:

Resolution No. 2022-125 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 12/12/2022 7:30 PM



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2022-126

Meeting: 11/28/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Utilities
Woods, Keener
Category: Contract
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3697

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO WAIVE BIDS AND NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH UNITED AGGREGATES, INC. FOR EMERGENCY LOADING, HAULING, MAINTAINING AND RESTORATION OF THE TEMPORARY LIME RESIDUAL RELOCATION SITE AT THE CITY'S WATER DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Ohio EPA issued orders to the City regarding removal of the lime residuals from the temporary lime residual site at the City Water Department with very aggressive timetables; and

WHEREAS, the City will require assistance to meet the aggressive requirements of these orders; and

WHEREAS, the weather remains favorable and additional farmers have indicated that they would like to receive lime residuals from the City, and

WHEREAS, in case of an emergency in a municipal water department, such as the need to comply with Ohio EPA orders, R.C. section 743.11 allows the municipal legislative authority to authorize a contract to resolve the emergency situation without formal bidding or advertising by a two-thirds vote.

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 authorized and directed to waive bids and negotiate a contract with United Aggregates, Inc. for emergency loading, hauling, maintaining and restoration of the temporary lime residual relocation site at the City's Water Department. This new contract shall not exceed \$125,000.00 without further authorization from Council.

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 operation of the City's Water Department, and this 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.

Resolution 2022-126

Meeting of November 28, 2022

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Resolution No. 2022-126 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 12/12/2022 7:30 PM



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 11/28/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.

Francis, Hillier

Category: Personnel

Prepared By: Todd Hill

Initiator: Todd Hill

SCHEDULED

ORDINANCE 2022-39

DOC ID: 3683

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

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 DEPARTMENT:

~~1/2~~ 1 Utility Operations Crew Chief
~~1/2~~ Laboratory Technician/Pretreatment Coordinator
1 Chief Wastewater Operator
8 Operations and Maintenance Technicians
Not more than ~~7~~ 1/2 7 Public Utility Technicians
1 3/4 Customer Support Specialists I
~~1/2~~ Customer Support Specialist II

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:

~~1/2~~ 1 Utility Operations Crew Chief
~~1/2~~ Laboratory Technician/Pretreatment Coordinator
1 Chief Water Operator
6 1/2 Operations and Maintenance Technicians
Not more than ~~7~~ 1/2 7 Public Utility Technicians
1 3/4 Customer Support Specialists I
~~1/2~~ Customer Support Specialist II

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

SECTION 2: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and to allow the speedy implementation of the most recent contract for unionized employees in the City's Service Departments and said Ordinance 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.

HISTORY:

11/01/22 City Council **FIRST READING**

Ordinance No. 2022-39 was given a first reading. Francis requested a 10-minute Employee and Community Relations Committee meeting on the legislation for Nov. 14, 2022.

11/14/22 City Council **SECOND READING**

Ordinance No. 2022-39 was given a second reading.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Hillier made a motion to postpone consideration of Ordinance No. 2022-39 to the next regular Council meeting of Dec. 12, 2022, given that the chair of the Employee and Community Relations Committee was absent. Seavolt seconded the motion, which passed by a roll-call vote of 5-0.

RESULT:	POSTPONED TO A CERTAIN TIME [UNANIMOUS]Next: 12/12/2022 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns
EXCUSED:	John Francis, James Mahan



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 11/28/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.

Francis, Hillier

Category: Personnel

Prepared By: Todd Hill

Initiator: Todd Hill

SCHEDULED

ORDINANCE 2022-40

DOC ID: 3684

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITIONS AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION
FOR WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT AND UTILITY ADMINISTRATION MANAGER;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

SECTION 1: That the following supervisory positions are hereby authorized at the salary listed and upon the appropriation times listed below:

Wastewater Superintendent.....\$64,480.00
Utility Administration Manager.....\$56,347.00

The salary authorized by this Ordinance shall be payable bi-weekly.

SECTION 2: The salary listed is the base salary for the position. The position is eligible for annual longevity increments:

For the first five (5) years, \$400.00

Annual Longevity Increments after five (5) years:

Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
\$500.00	\$550.00	\$600.00	\$650.00	\$700.00

The effective date of eligibility for an annual longevity increment shall be the anniversary date of employment in that position.

SECTION 3: The normal work week for this position shall be forty (40) hours in pay status work on five (5) consecutive eight (8) hour days, Monday through Friday, exclusive of the time allotted for meals, during the period starting at 12:01 a.m. Sunday to 12:00 p.m. midnight, Saturday. Supervisory positions shall be subject to call whenever the need exists, and he or she shall not be entitled to overtime pay, compensatory time off, or flex time.

SECTION 4: This position shall be entitled to the benefits outlined in Section E of the Mount Vernon Employee Handbook effective August 2021, as amended.

SECTION 5: 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 to correct an omission regarding longevity from previous legislation, 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.

HISTORY:

11/01/22 City Council FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 2022-40 was given a first reading. Francis requested that the 10-minute Employee and Community Relations Committee meeting for Nov. 14, 2022 on Ordinance No. 2022-39 include this legislation as well.

11/14/22 City Council SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 2022-40 was given a second reading.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Hillier made a motion to postpone consideration of Ordinance No. 2022-40 to the next regular Council meeting of Dec. 12, 2022, given that the chair of the Employee and Community Relations Committee was absent. Seavolt seconded the motion, which passed by a roll-call vote of 5-0.

RESULT:	POSTPONED TO A CERTAIN TIME [UNANIMOUS]Next: 12/12/2022 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns
EXCUSED:	John Francis, James Mahan