

Legislative Session Minutes

December 12, 2022

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mount Vernon City Council
Committee Meeting Schedule
December 12, 2022

6:25-6:41 p.m.	Executive session: Personnel	Employee & Community Relations Francis
6:44-6:53 p.m.	Service Depts personnel, compensation	Employee & Community Relations Francis
6:53-6:56 p.m.	Organizational meeting	Finance & Budget Keener
6:56-7:16 p.m.	Shade Tree Commission	Parks & Lands Keener

- 12-12-22 Committee Meeting Schedule

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
Tammy Woods	Third Ward	Present
Amber Keener	At Large	Present
Mel Severns	Councilman	Present
Bruce Hawkins	President	Present
James Mahan	First Ward	Present

<RollCallList Status="Absent">

{ Attendee(*) : First Last }	{ Attendee(*) : Title }	Absent
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INVOCATION

Todd Risser, Mount Vernon First Church of the Nazarene, performed the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited in unison.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Seavolt made a motion to accept the minutes from Council's Legislative Session of Nov. 28, 2022 and Council's special meeting of Dec. 5, 2022, with a second by Keener. Motion to accept passed by a voice vote of 7-0.

- City Council - Legislative Session - Nov 28, 2022 7:30 PM
- City Council - Special Meeting - Dec 5, 2022 6:50 PM

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council accepted without comment the minutes for the two Fire, Police and Civil Defense Committee meetings of Nov. 28, 2022, the Utilities Committee and Planning and Zoning Committee meetings of Nov. 28, 2022, and the Fire, Police and Civil Defense and Utilities Committee meetings of Dec. 5, 2022.

- 11-28-22A Fire, Police and Civil Defense Committee Meeting Minutes
- 11-28-22B Fire, Police and Civil Defense Committee Meeting Minutes
- 11-28-22 Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes
- 11-28-22 Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes
- 12-05-22 Fire, Police and Civil Defense Committee Meeting Minutes
- 12-05-22 Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

None.

PROCLAMATION

None.

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

Zach Green, commissioner of Knox Public Health, gave a quarterly update from his organization, focusing on influenza, measles, statistics, the agency's search for a new headquarters and transit issues.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD 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

Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-116, with a second by Keener. Engineer Brian Ball said adoption of the legislation would put the City in planning mode for rehabilitation of the Water Treatment Plant. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Amber Keener, At Large
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND 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

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-120, with a second by Mahan. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-120, with a second by Mahan. Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik explained that a FEMA grant would be used to pay for a contract for fire hose procurement. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan

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

Seavolt made a motion to postpone Resolution No. 2022-121 indefinitely, with a second by Mahan. Motion to postpone passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	POSTPONED INDEFINITELY [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan

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

Seavolt made a motion to postpone Resolution No. 2022-122 indefinitely, with a second by Mahan. Motion to postpone passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	POSTPONED INDEFINITELY [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan

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

Francis made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-123, with a second by Hillier. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Francis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-123, with a second by Hillier. Mayor Matt Starr detailed the qualifications of Jarell House to be an alternate member of the Recreation Board. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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

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

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-124, with a second by Mahan. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-124, with a second by Mahan. Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik explained that the resolution would allow the City to sell a vacuum truck valued at \$10,000 to the Village of Fredericktown for \$5,000 while continuing the City's mutual aid agreement with the village. Engineer Brian Ball noted that the City recently spent \$69,000 on repairs to the vehicle, and Hillier questioned why the City was now seeking to sell it for \$5,000. Ball added that staffers' access to supervisors in that department has been an issue. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan

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

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-125, with a second by Mahan. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-125, with a second by Mahan. Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik explained that the legislation would allow the City to sell an unneeded dump truck. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-128

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE HARMONY PLAYGROUND RESTROOM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Parks and Lands: Keener, Woods

Resolution No. 2022-128 was given a first reading. Keener asked for a 15-minute Parks and Lands Committee meeting on the legislation on Dec. 27, 2022.

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 12/27/2022 7:30 PM
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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-129

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNOX COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Planning and Zoning: Hillier, Severns

Resolution No. 2022-129 was given a first reading.

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 12/27/2022 7:30 PM
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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-130

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

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Mahan

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-130, with a second by Mahan. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-130, with a second by Mahan. Auditor Terry Scott detailed the legislation, and noted that Resolution Nos. 2022-121 and 2022-122 were postponed indefinitely because they had been superseded by Resolution Nos. 2022-130 and 2022-131, respectively. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-130 passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-131

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

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Mahan

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-131, with a second by Mahan. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-131, with a second by Mahan. Auditor Terry Scott detailed the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-132

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SYNAGRO CENTRAL, LLC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Woods, Keener

Woods made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-132, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-132, with a second by Keener. Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik explained that the City received two bids for the handling of sewage sludge and that Synagro Central was the low bidder. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Amber Keener, At Large
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan

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

Francis made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-39, with a second by Hillier. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-1, with Hillier voting no.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Francis, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan
NAYS:	Hillier

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

Francis made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-40, with a second by Hillier. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-1, with Hillier voting no.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Francis, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan
NAYS:	Hillier

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

None.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-42

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF 0.562 ACRES,
PARCEL NUMBER 59-02288.000, FROM PLEASANT TOWNSHIP INTO THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Planning and Zoning: Hillier, Severns

Ordinance No. 2022-42 was given a first reading. Hillier requested a 10-minute meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee on the legislation for Dec. 27, 2022.

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 12/27/2022 7:30 PM
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ORDINANCE NO. 2022-43

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Hillier

Francis made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2022-43, with a second by Hillier. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Francis made a motion to adopt

Ordinance No. 2022-43, with a second by Hillier. Francis noted that Ordinance Nos. 2022-43, 2022-44 and 2022-45 were discussed by the Employee and Community Relations Committee in executive session earlier in the evening. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-43 passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-44

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES TO THE POSITION OF INTERIM DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Hillier

Francis made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2022-44, with a second by Hillier. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Francis made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-44, with a second by Hillier. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-45

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Hillier

Francis made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2022-45, with a second by Hillier. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Francis made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-45, with a second by Hillier. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Matt Starr noted that work on the municipal parking garage is nearing completion, that a clarifier rehabilitation at the Water Treatment Plant has been completed, and discussed recent leadership training. Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik announced that the City's new interim Utilities Director will start Dec. 19. Auditor Terry Scott asked Council to schedule a special meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 21, 2023 for an appropriations work session. Law Director Rob Broeren announced that Steven Potts was recently hired as an Assistant Director of Law in his office, and thanked Human Resources Director Denise Johnson for her efforts in hiring him.

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

Woods asked for an update on the new contract for lime hauling, and Engineer Brian Ball responded that it hasn't been signed yet. Francis, along with other Council Persons, wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Hillier inquired about a parking attendant position, and Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik responded that he would look into it. Mahan discussed attending a recent PAK United meeting, announced that there will be a PAK United basketball game at Mount Vernon Nazarene University on Dec. 29, and reported that the Police Department's new K9 Unit is on duty. Keener discussed participating in a recent Blackjack Wetlands survey, noted that the Festival of Lights will be on Dec. 17, and suggested that the Administration bring in outside analysts when it's looking at raising water rates. Hawkins discussed the Food for the Hungry Drive, and noted that the next regular Council meeting will be on Tuesday, Dec. 27, since City offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26 in observance of Christmas Day.

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Seavolt made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Keener. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

Todd Hill, Clerk of Council

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 7, 2022

Mount Vernon City Council Committee Meeting Schedule December 12, 2022

6:25-6:40 p.m.	Executive session: Personnel	Employee & Community Relations Francis
6:40-6:50 p.m.	Service Departments hourly personnel, compensation	Employee & Community Relations Francis
6:50-6:55 p.m.	Organizational meeting	Finance & Budget Keener
6:55-7:15 p.m.	Shade Tree Commission	Parks & Lands Keener

The above listed meeting will be held to discuss the above items; but will not be limited to those listed.
Mount Vernon News - WMVO - WNZR – City Hall Bulletin Board



Fire, Police and Civil Defense Committee Meeting Minutes
Committee Meeting
November 28, 2022 – 6:02 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce E. Hawkins, President
 Tammy Woods, Third Ward
 Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
 Janis Seavolt, At-Large
 Amber Keener, At-Large
 Mel Severns, At-Large

ABSENT:

James Mahan, First Ward
 John Francis, Second Ward

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor
 Rob Broeren, Law Director
 Chad Christopher, Fire Chief
 Brian Ball, Engineer
 David Stuller, Treasurer
 Tom Marshall, Utilities Director
 Todd Hill, Clerk
 Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages

Fire Chief Chad Christopher provided a quarterly update from his department. He noted that there have 5,680 calls for the year to date, up 340 from the previous year. He added that his department's personnel have undergone 482 hours of training this year, and also spoke about personnel matters, FEMA and SAFER grants, and community events in which his department has been involved. He added that acquiring the fire and EMS operations of College Township has worked out well. No decisions were made, and no further committee meetings on the subject were scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Keener, Member
 Fire, Police, Civil Defense Committee,
 Mount Vernon City Council

JM/th



Fire, Police and Civil Defense Committee Meeting Minutes
Committee Meeting
November 28, 2022 – 6:20 p.m. to 6:41 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce E. Hawkins, President
 Tammy Woods, Third Ward
 Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
 Janis Seavolt, At-Large
 Amber Keener, At-Large
 Mel Severns, At-Large

ABSENT:

James Mahan, First Ward
 John Francis, Second Ward

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor
 Rob Broeren, Law Director
 Chad Christopher, Fire Chief
 Brian Ball, Engineer
 David Stuller, Treasurer
 Tom Marshall, Utilities Director
 Todd Hill, Clerk
 Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages

Fire Chief Chad Christopher explained that his department's vehicle fleet is aging, and is in need of a new engine and new medic vehicle, or ambulance. The cost of a new fire engine is \$855,000 and the cost of a new ambulance is \$275,000, with the cost of the engine expected to go up by 6 percent after Dec. 1. Law Director Robert Broeren explained that Auditor Terry Scott has received an outside legal opinion that would enable the City to borrow from its reserves with a bond issuance to sign a contract for the engine without a purchase order. He added that legislation to that effect could be drafted for the next Council meeting on Dec. 12, 2022. Keener requested a 20-minute committee meeting on the matter for Dec. 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Keener, Member
 Fire, Police, Civil Defense Committee,
 Mount Vernon City Council

JM/th



Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2022 – 6:41 p.m. to 6:52 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President
 Tammy Woods, Third Ward
 Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
 Janis Seavolt, At-Large
 Amber Keener, At-Large
 Mel Severns, At-Large

ABSENT:

James Mahan, First Ward
 John Francis, Second Ward

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Starr, Mayor
 Robert Broeren, Law Director
 Chad Christopher, Fire Chief
 Brian Ball, Engineer
 Tom Marshall, Utilities Director
 Todd Hill, Clerk
 Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
 Jeff Gottke, ADF

The committee discussed Resolution No. 2022-116, 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. Engineer Brian Ball explained that an engineering study is needed to enable the City to apply for EPA grants/loans for the plant's rehabilitation, and that \$200,000 to \$250,000 will be inserted into next year's budget to pay for that study. A discussion followed on a proposed 5 percent water rate increase. Resolution No. 2022-116 was up for a second reading at Council's Legislative Session later in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Woods, Chair
 Utilities Committee
 Mount Vernon City Council

TW/th



**Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2022 – 6:52 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, Council President
Tammy Woods, Third Ward
Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
Janis Seavolt, At-Large
Amber Keener, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

ABSENT:

James Mahan, First Ward
John Francis, Second Ward

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Starr, Mayor
Robert Broeren, Law Director
Chad Christopher, Fire Chief
Brian Ball, Engineer
David Stuller, Treasurer
Tom Marshall, Utilities Director
Todd Hill, Council Clerk
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Jeff Gottke, Area Development Foundation

The committee discussed the formation of two new Tax Incentive Financing (TIF) districts in the City, one along State Route 13 on the south side of town and the other along U.S. Route 36 on the east side of town. Jeff Gottke, president of the Knox County Area Development Foundation, provided background on TIFs as economic development tools, and noted that they provide a tax diversion, not an abatement. He added that the Coshocton Avenue TIF can also be used for infrastructure improvements on U.S. Route 36, until 2025. Mayor Matt Starr and Law Director Robert Broeren explained that legislation to create the two new TIFs has been delayed. No decisions were made, and no further meetings were scheduled on the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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

MH/th



Fire, Police and Civil Defense Committee Meeting Minutes
Committee Meeting
December 5, 2022 – 6:12 p.m. to 6:34 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
 Robert Broeren, Law Director
 Terry Scott, Auditor
 Todd Hill, Clerk

The committee discussed Resolution No. 2022-127, to purchase a fire engine and ambulance for the Fire Department, and Ordinance No. 2022-41, providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$1,143,160 for the purpose of paying the costs of the acquisition and equipping of emergency medical vehicles including an ambulance and a fire truck. The cost of a new fire engine is \$855,000 and the cost of a new ambulance is \$275,000. Auditor Terry Scott explained that the debt service would be paid for out of EMS billing, and that the City would have the option to pre-pay. He characterized the arrangement as the City borrowing from itself, with the interest going to the taxpayers. He further explained how the interest rate of 3.5 percent was arrived at, and noted that although Ordinance No. 2022-41 includes a provision for a tax levy the Administration does not intend to pursue that. Law Director Robert Broeren noted that passage of the legislation would allow the City to purchase the two vehicles at the prices in effect before 6 percent price increases kicked in on Dec. 1. Resolution No. 2022-127 and Ordinance No. 2022-41 were both up for a first reading at Council's special Legislative Session later in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

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

JM/th



Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. to 6:12 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
Robert Broeren, Law Director
Terry Scott, Auditor
Todd Hill, Clerk

The committee discussed Resolution No. 2022-126, 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. The new contract would not exceed \$125,000 for the remainder of 2022. The Administration was asked how this relates to the Ohio EPA order to remove the lime by various deadlines, which the City is appealing, whether any of the \$125,000 could be continued into 2023 and if the contract could go out to bid if there is a weather delay. Law Director Robert Broeren explained that the City is attempting to stay ahead of the EPA deadlines, regardless of the outcome of the appeal, and that the intention is to put the contract out to bid in 2023. Auditor Terry Scott said funds left over from 2022 can be carried over into 2023. Resolution No. 2022-126 was up for a second reading at Council's special Legislative Session later in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Woods, Chair
Utilities Committee
Mount Vernon City Council

TW/th



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-116

Meeting: 12/12/22 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
11/28/22	City Council	SECOND READING

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-116, with a second by Keener. Engineer Brian Ball said adoption of the legislation would put the City in planning mode for rehabilitation of the Water Treatment Plant. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Amber Keener, At Large
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan



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City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-120

Meeting: 12/12/22 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.

HISTORY:

11/28/22 City Council FIRST READING

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-120, with a second by Mahan. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-120, with a second by Mahan. Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik explained that a FEMA grant would be used to pay for a contract for fire hose procurement. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan



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TABLED

RESOLUTION 2022-121

Meeting: 12/12/22 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.

HISTORY:

11/28/22 City Council FIRST READING

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Seavolt made a motion to postpone Resolution No. 2022-121 indefinitely, with a second by Mahan. Motion to postpone passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	POSTPONED INDEFINITELY [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan



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RESOLUTION 2022-122

Meeting: 12/12/22 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.

HISTORY:

11/28/22

City Council

FIRST READING

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Seavolt made a motion to postpone Resolution No. 2022-122 indefinitely, with a second by Mahan. Motion to postpone passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT: **POSTPONED INDEFINITELY [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER: James Mahan, First Ward
AYES: Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan



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Meeting: 12/12/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.

Francis, Hillier

Category: Appointment

Prepared By: Todd Hill

Initiator: Todd Hill

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-123

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.

HISTORY:

11/28/22

City Council

FIRST READING

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Francis made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-123, with a second by Hillier. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Francis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-123, with a second by Hillier. Mayor Matt Starr detailed the qualifications of Jarell House to be an alternate member of the Recreation Board. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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



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ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-124

Meeting: 12/12/22 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.

HISTORY:

11/28/22 City Council FIRST READING

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-124, with a second by Mahan. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Seavolt

made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-124, with a second by Mahan. Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik explained that the resolution would allow the City to sell a vacuum truck valued at \$10,000 to the Village of Fredericktown for \$5,000 while continuing the City's mutual aid agreement with the village. Engineer Brian Ball noted that the City recently spent \$69,000 on repairs to the vehicle, and Hillier questioned why the City was now seeking to sell it for \$5,000. Ball added that staffers' access to supervisors in that department has been an issue. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan



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ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-125

Meeting: 12/12/22 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.

HISTORY:

11/28/22 City Council FIRST READING

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-125, with a second by Mahan. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-125, with a second by Mahan. Safety-Service

Director Rick Dzik explained that the legislation would allow the City to sell an unneeded dump truck. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan



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SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2022-128

Meeting: 12/12/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Parks and Lands
Keener, Woods
Category: Parks
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3705

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE HARMONY PLAYGROUND RESTROOM; 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 Harmony Playground Restroom. This project may be combined with previously authorized bids and awards.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that bids must be solicited to assure timely completion of this project, 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. 2022-128 was given a first reading. Keener asked for a 15-minute Parks and Lands Committee meeting on the legislation on Dec. 27, 2022.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 12/27/2022 7:30 PM



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SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2022-129

Meeting: 12/12/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Planning and Zoning
Hillier, Severns
Category: Appointment
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3702

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNOX COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon desires to participate with the Knox County Regional Planning Commission in the implementation of a plan for the orderly development growth of the City and to establish an attractive region within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Mount Vernon desires to provide its residents the services of the Knox County Planning Commission to promote the public health, safety, convenience, comfort, prosperity and general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Mount Vernon.

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

SECTION 1: That the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio be a member of the Knox County Regional Planning Commission for planning services for the period beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023.

SECTION 2: That the following be the regular member of Council to represent the City Council and its members on the Knox County Regional Planning Commission and one alternate to serve in the name and place of said regular member in the absence of the regular member:

Regular Member

Mike Hillier
215 E. Sugar St.
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050
mhillier@mountvernonohio.org

Alternate Member

Amber Keener
702 E. High St.
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050
akeener@mountvernonohio.org

SECTION 3: That the following be the member of the City of Mount Vernon Planning Commission to represent the City Planning Commission as its member to the Knox County Regional Planning Commission:

City Planning Commission Member

Matthew T. Starr
40 Public Square
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

740-393-9517
mtvmayor@mountvernonohio.org

SECTION 4: That the following be the citizen members to the Knox County Regional Planning Commission to represent the municipality:

Citizen Member

Sibley Poland
 307 N. Gay St.
 Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050
 740-485-0502
spoland@mountvernonohio.org

Citizen Member

Ahmad Takrouri
 615 E. Vine St.
 Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050
 740-398-8571
atakrouri@mountvernonohio.org

SECTION 5: That the following be the alternate to serve in the name and place of members named in Sections 3 and 4 above in the absence of such member:

Alternate Member

Lacie Blankenhorn
 40 Public Square
 Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050
 740-393-2033
dsm@mountvernonohio.org

SECTION 6: 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 providing continuous representation of the City on the Regional Planning Commission 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. 2022-129 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 12/27/2022 7:30 PM



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ADOPTED

RESOLUTION (ID # 3703)

Meeting: 12/12/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Mahan
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Terry Scott
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3703

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 \$15,000.00.
(Ohio Attorney General, Crime Victim Section-Grant for Victim's Advocate)
2. To Account 101.3600.54493, July 4th Celebration, in the amount of \$7,500.00.
(Ariel Corporation - Grant Contribution for 2022 Event)
3. To Account 101.1785.51112, Probation-Special Docket Grant, in the amount of \$2,000.00.
(Grant from Mental Health & Recovery for Licking/Knox Counties)
4. To Account 701.2740.55511, Equipment, in the amount of \$500.00.
To Account 720.2840.55511, Equipment, in the amount of \$500.00.
(Grant from Public Entities Pool of Ohio - Gas Monitoring Equipment)

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:

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-130, with a second by Mahan. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-130, with a second by Mahan. Auditor Terry Scott detailed the legislation, and noted that Resolution Nos. 2022-121 and 2022-122 were postponed indefinitely because they had been superseded by Resolution Nos. 2022-130 and 2022-131, respectively. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-130 passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan



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ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-131

Meeting: 12/12/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Mahan
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Terry Scott
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3704 A

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 720.2840.55511, Employee Final Payoff, in the amount of \$20,000.00.
6. Transfer from Account 720.2820.55511, Plant Equipment, to Account 720.2840.54118, Environmental Consultants, in the amount of \$13,750.00.
7. Transfer from Account 701.2780.52121, P.E.R.S., to Account 701.2780.55511, Employee Final Payoff, in the amount of \$4,000.00.
8. Transfer from Account 101.2400.51112, Assistants & Clerks, to Account 101.2400.51114, Project Manager, in the amount of \$11,000.00.
9. Transfer from Account 720.2820.53211, Plant Chemicals, to Account 720.2840.55514, Line Maintenance & Repairs, in the amount of \$40,000.00.
10. Transfer from Account 701.2780.54486, Transfer to Water Utility Reserve, to Account 701.2740.55514, Line Maintenance & Repairs, in the amount of \$28,000.00.
11. Transfer from Account 720.2820.53211, Plant Chemicals, to Account 720.2820.54114, Sludge Removal, in the amount of \$30,000.00.
12. Transfer from Account 226.2150.53214, Maintenance of Equipment, to Account 226.2150.55511, Equipment, in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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:

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-131, with a second by Mahan. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-131, with a second by Mahan. Auditor Terry Scott detailed the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan



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ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-132

Meeting: 12/12/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Utilities
Woods, Keener
Category: Contract
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3706

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SYNAGRO CENTRAL, LLC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon be and he herewith is authorized and directed to enter into contract with Synagro Central, LLC for land application of liquid-stabilized wastewater sludge.

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 to provide uninterrupted wastewater services to the City 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:

Woods made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-132, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-132, with a second by Keener. Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik explained that the City received two bids for the handling of sewage sludge and that Synagro Central was the low bidder. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Amber Keener, At Large
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan



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Meeting: 12/12/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.

Francis, Hillier

Category: Personnel

Prepared By: Todd Hill

Initiator: Todd Hill

ADOPTED

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
11/14/22	City Council	SECOND READING
11/28/22	City Council	POSTPONED TO A CERTAIN TIME

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Francis made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-39, with a second by Hillier. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-1, with Hillier voting no.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Francis, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan
NAYS:	Mike Hillier



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 12/12/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.

Francis, Hillier

Category: Personnel

Prepared By: Todd Hill

Initiator: Todd Hill

ADOPTED

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
11/14/22	City Council	SECOND READING
11/28/22	City Council	POSTPONED TO A CERTAIN TIME

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Francis made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-40, with a second by Hillier. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-1, with Hillier voting no.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Francis, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan
NAYS:	Mike Hillier



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

ORDINANCE 2022-42

Meeting: 12/12/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Planning and Zoning
Hillier, Severns
Category: Planning and Zoning
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3701

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF 0.562 ACRES, PARCEL NUMBER 59-02288.000, FROM PLEASANT TOWNSHIP INTO THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; 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 September 20, 2022, the Knox County Board of Commissioners approved the petition of the owner of 0.562 acres located in Pleasant Township to annex the property into the City of Mount Vernon under the Expedited Type 2 process; and

WHEREAS, Revised Code sections 709.04 and 709.10 require the City to accept or reject the approved annexation petition in no less than 60 and no more than 120 days after the approval of the petition by the Knox County Board of Commissioners.

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 709.10, the City of Mount Vernon accepts the annexation of 0.562 acres, Parcel Number 59-02288.000, located in Pleasant Township proposed in the owner's petition and approved by the Knox County Board of Commissioners on September 20, 2022 (attached as Exhibit A).

SECTION 2: That the annexation is subject to the conditions set for in Ordinance 2022-29, adopted by Council on September 12, 2022.

SECTION 3: 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 709.04 requires Council to act on the annexation within a short window, therefore, it become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ordinance No. 2022-42 was given a first reading. Hillier requested a 10-minute meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee on the legislation for Dec. 27, 2022.

RESULT: FIRST READING**Next: 12/27/2022 7:30 PM**



Knox County Board of Commissioners

Teresa A. Bemiller

Thom Collier

Bill Pursel

County Administrator

Jason E. Booth

Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Penny Doyle

Fiscal Coordinator

Robin Santo

September 20, 2022

RESOLUTION 2022-826--APPROVE TYPE 2 ANNEXATION OF 0.562 ACRES FROM PLEASANT TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO, ZACHARY DIMARCO, ATTORNEY AT LAW WITH CRITCHFIELD, CRITCHFIELD & JOHNSTON, LTD, AGENT. PARCEL #59-02288.000 – PHILIP A. GREENE AND RENEE L. GREENE – 8712 MARTINSBURG ROAD, MOUNT VERNON, OHIO.

Mr. Bill Pursel moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Knox County Commissioners proceeded the 20TH day of September, 2022, to hear the petition of Zachary DiMarco, Attorney at Law with Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston, LTD, Agent, to obtain annexation of territory consisting of 0.562 acres in Pleasant Township, in the County of Knox, and adjacent to the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio, finds that said petition meets the conditions listed in ORC 709.023; that its statements are true; that the territory sought to be annexed is adjacent to the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio; that the petition contains a full description of said territory; that the map of said territory attached to the petition is accurate; and that it is right and proper that said petition should be granted;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Knox County Commissioners of Knox County, Ohio, that the prayer of the petition be granted, specifically being that the territory situated in the Township of Pleasant, County of Knox, and State of Ohio, be annexed to the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio, Ohio;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that all orders and proceedings of this Board relative to said petition and map attached thereto and all papers on file relating to said matter, be deposited with the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio.

A copy of said annexation and all supporting documents are attached to Journal No. 2022.

Mr. Thom Collier seconded the adoption of the foregoing resolution and upon roll call, the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Teresa A. Bemiller, Absent

Mr. Thom Collier, Aye

Mr. Bill Pursel, Aye

CERTIFICATION

I, Penny R. Doyle, the duly appointed Clerk/Administrative Assistant of the Board of Knox County Commissioners of Knox County, Ohio, do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a regular session of the Board of Knox County Commissioners held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, and entered into Commissioner's Journal No. 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Penny Doyle".

Penny Doyle, Clerk/Administrative Assistant
Board of Knox County Commissioners


City of Mount Vernon

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Law Director

John Thatcher
Judge

David Stuller
Treasurer

Terry L. Scott
Auditor

Todd Hill
Clerk of Council

Lindsay N. Hoar
Assistant Clerk of Council

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Knox County Commissioners
117 E. High St., #161
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Dear Commissioners,

Attached please find a certified copy of City of Mount Vernon Ordinance 2022-29, adopted by the Mount Vernon City Council on September 12, 2022, consenting to the annexation of 0.562 acres, parcel number 59-02288.000, from Pleasant 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.

Sincerely,

Todd Hill
City Council Clerk, City of Mount Vernon

Encl.



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

ORDINANCE 2022-29

Meeting: 08/08/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Planning and Zoning
Hillier, Severns
Category: Planning and Zoning
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3612

AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF 0.562 ACRES, PARCEL NUMBER 59-02288.000, FROM PLEASANT 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 21, 2022 the owner of 0.562 acres, Parcel Number 59-02288.000, located in Pleasant 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) Stormwater Utility Services

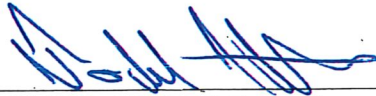
SECTION 3: That City Council finds that the annexation parcel is currently subject to Pleasant Township Zoning, pursuant to Chapter 519 of the Revised Code. If the territory is annexed and becomes subject to zoning by the City of Mount Vernon, and City zoning permits uses in the annexed territory that 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

Ordinance 2022-29

Meeting of August 8, 2022

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.


 Bruce Hawkins, Council President
PASSED: SEPTEMBER 12, 2022
 ATTEST: 
 Todd Hill, Clerk of Council
APPROVED: September 12, 2022

 Matthew T. Starr, Mayor

I hereby certify that this is an exact
copy of the original on file in office.


 TODD HILL
 CLERK OF COUNCIL
 CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO

KNOX CTY COMMISSIONERS
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PETITION FOR ANNEXATION – EXPEDITED TYPE 2

Philip A. Greene and Renee L. Greene, being all of the owners of real estate in the territory hereinafter described, hereby petition for the annexation of the following described territory to the City of Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, being filed under **Sections 709.021(A) & 709.023(A)** of the Revised Code of Ohio.

Petitioner has attached hereto and made a part of this petition a legal description of the perimeter of the territory sought to be annexed, marked as **Exhibit “A.”**

The petition meets all requirements set forth in section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code. The petitioners are the owners of the territory proposed for annexation and constitute all owners of the territory. The described territory is contiguous with the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio and does not exceed 500 acres. The described territory shares a contiguous boundary with the City of Mount Vernon for a continuous length of greater than 5% of the perimeter. The annexation of the described territory will not create an unincorporated area completely surrounded by territory to annexed.

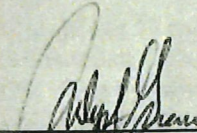
Petitioner has attached hereto and made a part of this petition, an accurate map or plat of the territory sought to be annexed, marked **Exhibit “B.”**

Zachary H. DiMarco, attorney with Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston, Ltd. is hereby appointed agent for the undersigned Petitioner as required by Revised Code Section 709.02(C)(3), with full power and authority hereby granted to said agent to amend, alter, change, correct, withdraw, refile, substitute, compromise, increase or delete the area, to do any and all things essential thereto, and to take any action necessary for obtaining the granting of this Petition. Said amendment, alteration, change, correction, withdrawal, refiling, substitution, compromise, increase or deletion or other things or action for granting of this Petition shall be made in the Petition, description and plat by said agent without further expressed consent of the Petitioners.

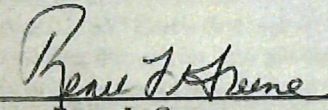
Attachment: Ex A - 09-26-22 KCBC Approve annexation of 0.562 ac (2022-42 : Accepting Annexation of 0.562 Acres from Pleasant Twp)

WHOEVER SIGNS THIS PETITION EXPRESSLY WAIVES THEIR RIGHT TO APPEAL IN LAW OR EQUITY FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ENTRY OF ANY RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THIS SPECIAL ANNEXATION PROCEDURE, ALTHOUGH A WRIT OF MANDAMUS MAY BE SOUGHT TO COMPEL THE BOARD TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES REQUIRED BY LAW FOR THIS SPECIAL ANNEXATION PROCEDURE.

Date: 6/20/22


Philip A. Greene

Date: 6.20.22


Renee L. Greene

ACCEPTANCE BY AGENT:


Signature of Agent
Zachary H. DiMarco, Attorney at Law
Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston, Ltd.
10 S. Gay Street, P.O. Box 469
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

740-397-4040, 740-397-6775
Phone Number/Fax Number

dimarco@ccj.com
Email Address (if applicable)

Exhibit A**Knox County Parcel Numbers: 59-02288.000****Landowner: Philip A. Greene and Renee L. Greene**

The following real estate, situated in Lot 10, Quarter 2, Township 6, Range 12, Pleasant Township, Knox County, Ohio, and being described as follows:

Commencing at an iron pipe found at the north east corner of Lot 12 on the west line of Lot 1; thence North 86 degrees 14' 40" West, along the north line of Lot 12, a distance of 150.00 feet to an iron pipe found; thence South 4 degrees 22' 55" West, along the east line of a 10.798 acre tract (See Survey Record H, Page 450) a distance of 1498.37 feet to the center of Martinsburg Road (State Route 586); thence South 66 degrees 08' 45" East, along said road, a distance of 229.21 feet to the south west corner and beginning point of the parcel herein described; thence North 11 degrees 28' 15" East, passing through an iron pin set at 30.71 feet, a total distance of 177.44 feet to a railroad spike set; thence South 85 degrees 02' 35" East a distance of 111.85 feet to an iron pin set; thence South 4 degrees 57' 25" West passing through an iron pin set at 189.76 feet, a total distance of 221.47 feet to a railroad spike set in the center of Martinsburg Road; thence North 66 degrees 08' 45" West, along the road, a distance of 139.50 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.562 of an acre, as surveyed in May, 1984, by Barnes & Tracy, Surveyors, Mount Vernon, Ohio, Thomas M. Tracy, Surveyor #6399, Ohio. North based on Survey Record H, Page 450. Being part of 108.60 acres described in Deed Volume 369, Page 648.

Prior Instrument Reference: Volume 1133, Page 666 of the Official Records, Knox County, Ohio

Exhibit B

(map or plat)

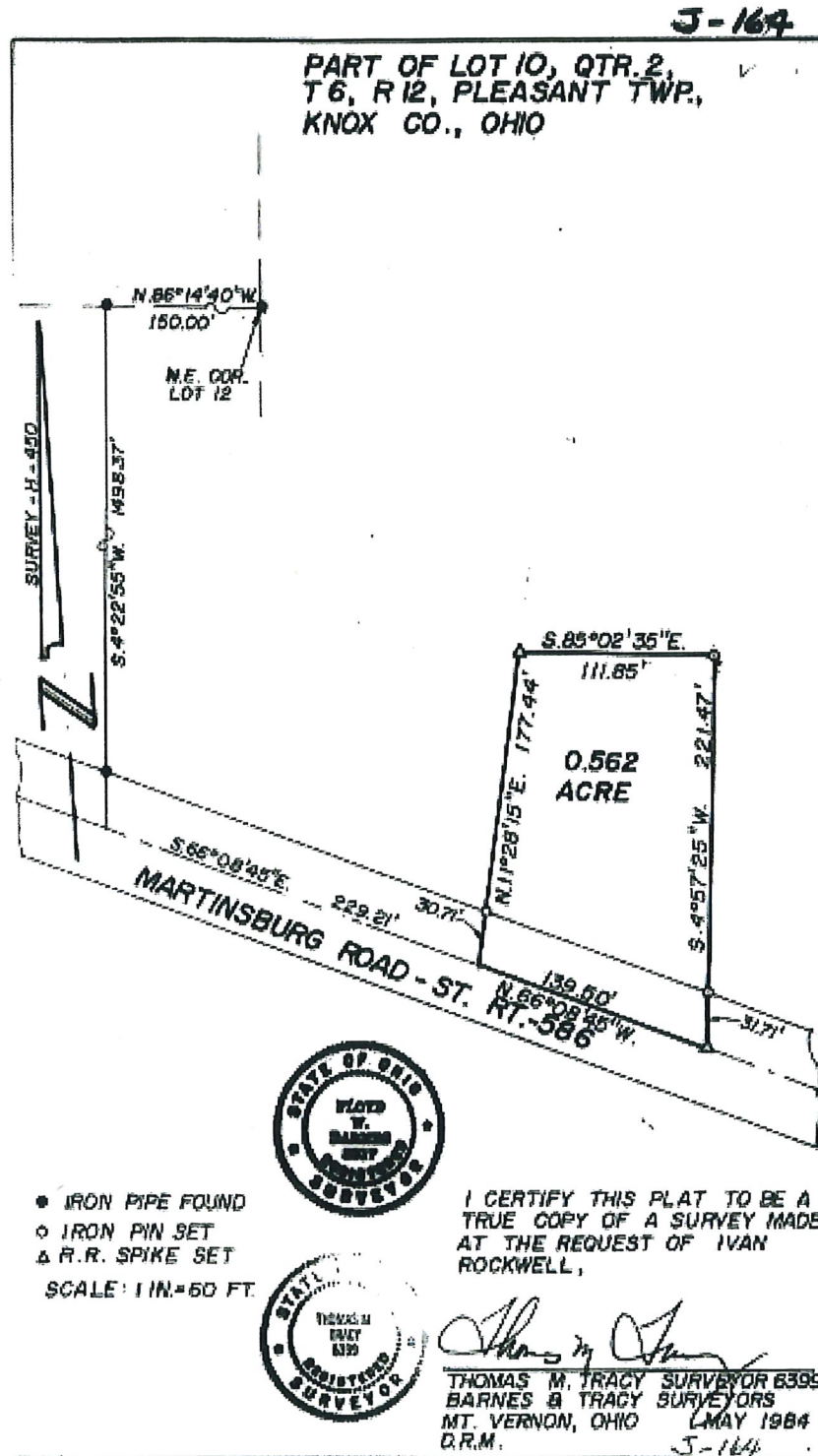
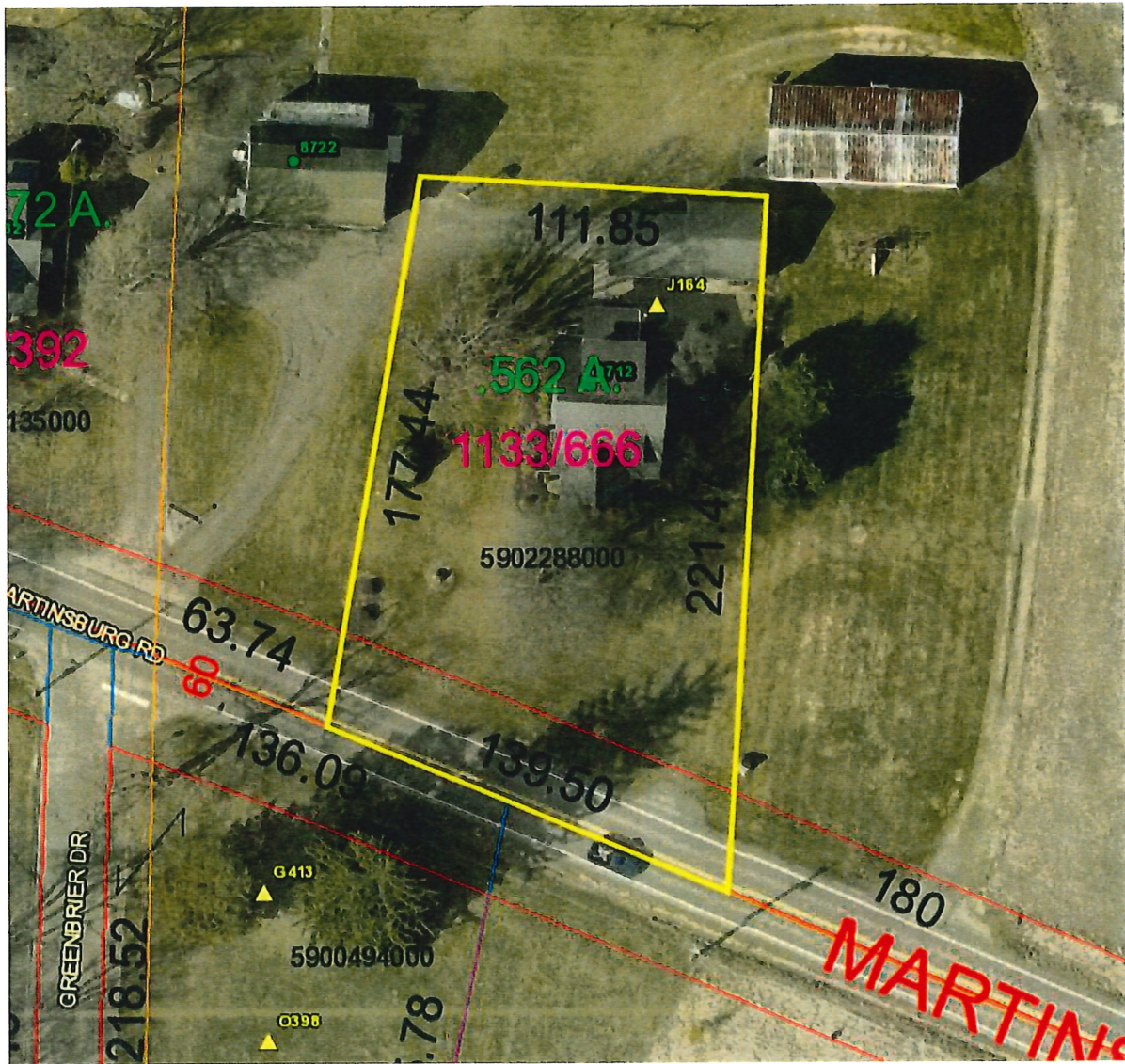
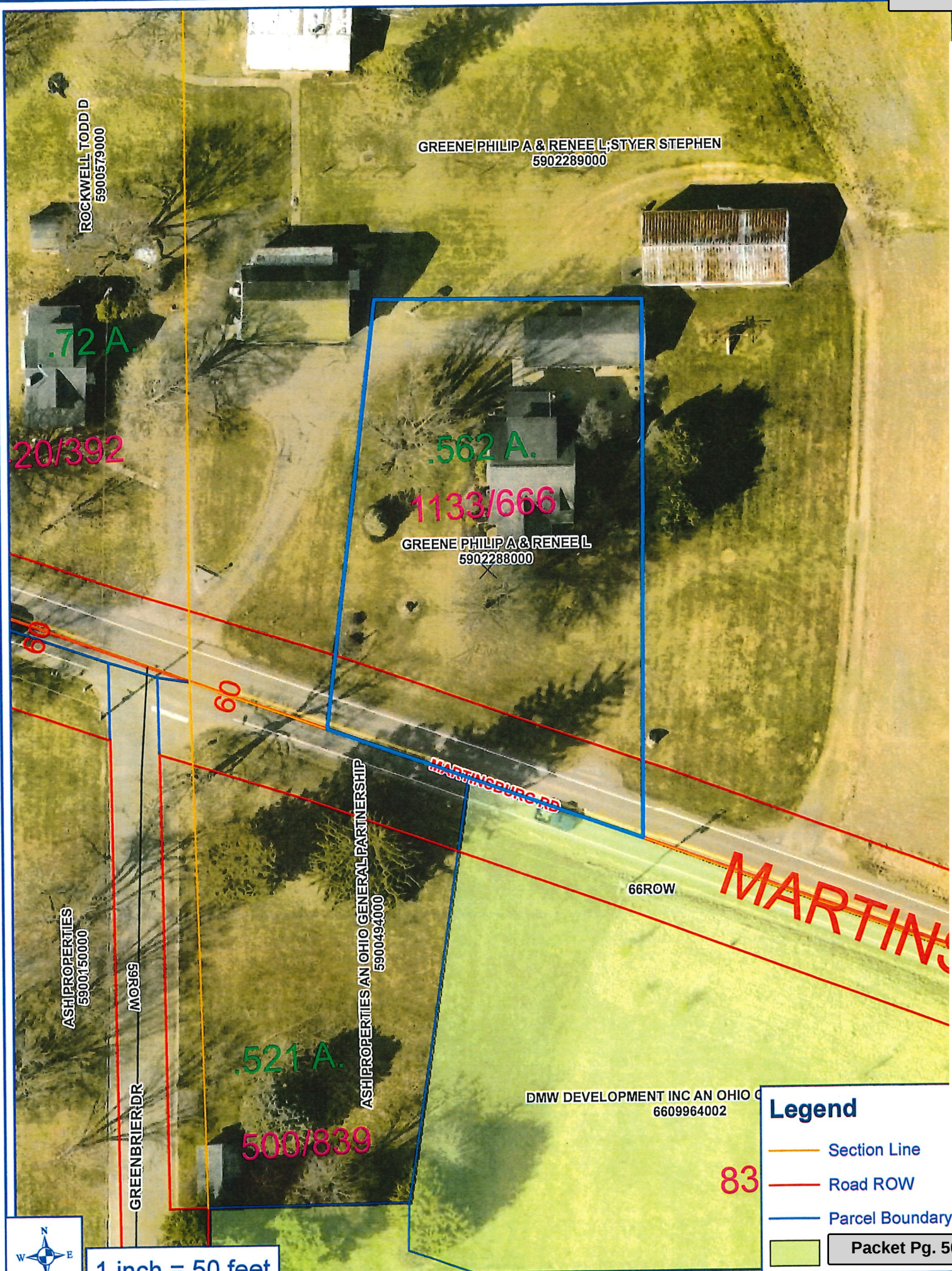


EXHIBIT B
(continued)



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CRITCHFIELD

Attorneys at Law

July 5, 2022

Knox County Board of Commissioners
117 East High Street
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

RE: Philip A. Greene and Renee L. Greene
Petition for Annexation – City of Mount Vernon
Parcel: 59-02288.000
Pleasant Township, Knox County, Ohio

To the Knox County Commissioners:

Enclosed for your file, please find the returns of service evidencing service of the notice of annexation petition filing made by Philip A. Greene and Renee L. Greene upon the Pleasant Township Fiscal Officer and the Clerk of the City of Mount Vernon made by certified mail in accordance with ORC 709.023.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

CRITCHFIELD, CRITCHFIELD & JOHNSTON, LTD.



Zachary H. DiMarco
Attorney-at-Law

cc: Philip A. Greene and Renee L. Greene

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City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 12/12/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Francis, Hillier
Category: Personnel
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3707

ADOPTED

ORDINANCE 2022-43

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES; 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 position is hereby authorized at the salary listed and upon the appropriation times listed below:

Assistant Director of Utilities.....\$72,500.00

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:

<u>Year 6</u>	<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>	<u>Year 9</u>	<u>Year 10</u>
\$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, except that this position shall immediately be credited with 80 hours of vacation leave, which may be taken in the first year of employment.

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 provide needed supervision and certifications in the City's water and wastewater utility, 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:

Francis made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2022-43, with a second by Hillier. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Francis made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-43, with a second by Hillier. Francis noted that Ordinance Nos. 2022-43, 2022-44 and 2022-45 were discussed by the Employee and Community Relations Committee in executive session earlier in the evening. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-43 passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 12/12/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.

Francis, Hillier

Category: Personnel

Prepared By: Rob Broeren

Initiator: Todd Hill

ADOPTED

ORDINANCE 2022-44

DOC ID: 3708

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES TO THE POSITION OF INTERIM DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES; 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 Assistant Director of Utilities is appointed to the position of Interim Director of Utilities. The position of Interim Director of Utilities is hereby authorized at an annual base salary of \$7,500.00. This shall be paid bi-weekly in addition to the Assistant Director of Utilities' regularly authorized salary. The Interim Director of Utilities' salary shall be split evenly between the Water Fund and the Wastewater Fund. The position of Interim Director of Utilities shall terminate on the appointment of a permanent Director of Utilities.

SECTION 2: While in the position of Interim Director of Utilities, the employee remains eligible for annual longevity increments as specified for the Assistant Director of Utilities' position. The effective date of eligibility for any annual longevity increment shall be the anniversary date of his employment with the City of Mount Vernon as Assistant Director of Utilities.

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. The Interim Director of Utilities shall be subject to call whenever the need exists, and he 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 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 leadership continuity during the search for a permanent Director of Utilities, 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:

Francis made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2022-44, with a second by Hillier. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Francis

made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-44, with a second by Hillier. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 12/12/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.

Francis, Hillier
Category: Personnel

Prepared By: Rob Broeren

Initiator: Todd Hill

ADOPTED

ORDINANCE 2022-45

DOC ID: 3709

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES;
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 position is hereby authorized within the salary range and upon the appropriation times listed below:

Director of Utilities.....\$80,000.00 to \$90,000.00

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:

<u>Year 6</u>	<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>	<u>Year 9</u>	<u>Year 10</u>
\$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, except that this position may, with the concurrence of the Director of Safety-Service and Director of Human Resources, immediately be credited with no more than 80 hours of vacation leave, which may be taken in the first year of employment.

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

provide needed supervision and certifications in the City's water and wastewater utility, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Francis made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2022-45, with a second by Hillier. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Francis made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-45, with a second by Hillier. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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