

Legislative Session Minutes

December 27, 2023

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mount Vernon City Council
Committee Meeting Schedule
December 27, 2023

6:35-6:50 p.m.	Police Department quarterly report	Fire, Police & Civil Defense Mahan
6:50-7:00 p.m.	Upper Gilchrist Road construction	Streets & Public Buildings Severns
7:00-7:26 p.m.	Water/Wastewater staffing	Employee & Community Relations Woods

- 12-27-23 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
James Mahan	First Ward	Present
John Ruckman	Second Ward	Present
Bruce Hawkins	President	Present

<RollCall list Status="Absent">		
{Attendee(*)}:First Last}	{Attendee(*)}:Title	Absent

INVOCATION

Council Person Mel Severns delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited in unison.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- City Council - Legislative Session - Dec 11, 2023 7:30 PM

Seavolt made a motion to accept the minutes from Council's Legislative Session of Dec. 11, 2023, with a second by Keener. Motion to accept passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council accepted without comment the minutes for the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting of Dec. 11, 2023.

- 12-11-23 Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

None.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Matthew Starr presented an American flag that had flown over the City to Council Person Mike Hillier, who was retiring after 16 years of service on Council. Photographs were taken.

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

Don Carr, 4 Upland Terrace, thanked retiring Council Person Mike Hillier for his 16 years of service to the City.

Jim Brown, chair of the City's Shade Tree and Beautification Commission, gave an annual update on the commission's activities. He noted that 4,000 trees have been planted in the City over the past 10 years.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-104

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE KOKOSING GAP TRAIL AND KNOX COUNTY PARK DISTRICT IN THEIR APPLICATION FOR AN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM GRANT, TO ASSIST WITH THE COST OF REPAVING THE KOKOSING GAP TRAIL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Parks and Lands: Keener, Woods

Keener made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2023-104, with a second by Woods. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Keener made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-104, with a second by Woods. Hawkins noted that tourism is important to the City, and Keener noted that sections of the Kokosing Gap Trail need some work. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-105

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

Streets and Public Buildings: Severns, Ruckman

Severns made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2023-105, with a second by Ruckman. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Severns made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-105, with a second by Ruckman. Engineer Brian Ball commented on the legislation, characterizing it as a way to keep a watchful eye on developers building along Upper Gilchrist Road. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mel Severns, Councilman
SECONDER:	John Ruckman, Second Ward
AYES:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-106

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF JESSI BUSENBURG TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM AND OF GORDON GANTT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Woods, Hillier

Woods made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2023-106, with a second by Hillier. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-106, with a second by Hillier. Mayor Matthew Starr detailed the qualifications of Jessi Busenburg and Gordon Gantt to serve on the Utilities Commission. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-107

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. 2023-107, 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. 2023-107, with a second by Mahan. Auditor Terry Scott commented on the legislation, noting that revenues exceeded estimates in several funds. 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:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-108

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. 2023-108, 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. 2023-108, with a second by Mahan. Auditor Terry Scott commented on 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:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-109

A RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND SAID RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTS THE INTERIM APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, STATE OF OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Mahan

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2023-109, 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. 2023-109, with a second by Mahan. Auditor Terry Scott commented on the legislation, noting

that this interim appropriations resolution is \$1.2 million more than the last one. Council's 2024 budget meeting will be on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 9:00 a.m. in the Police Department training room. 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:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-110

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SAVANNAH CARMAN AND CHRISTOPHER C. CARMAN, DBA ANGRY ACRES FARM, LLC, TO LEASE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 51 PUBLIC SQUARE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets and Public Buildings: Severns, Ruckman

Severns made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2023-110, with a second by Ruckman. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Severns made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-110, with a second by Ruckman. Safety-Service Director Tanner Salyers and Engineer Brian Ball noted that the business wishing to rent 51 Public Square is a start-up, understands that the lease would be temporary, and would waive its relocation rights. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mel Severns, Councilman
SECONDER:	John Ruckman, Second Ward
AYES:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-111

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM (FEDERAL GRANT ID: 23-GD-11094200-363); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Parks and Lands: Keener, Woods

Keener made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2023-111, with a second by Ruckman. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Keener made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-111, with a second by Woods. Jim Brown, chair of the City's Shade Tree and Beautification Commission, explained that the grant the City is seeking would be used to plant trees along West High Street. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

None.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-45

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

Employee and Community Rel.: Woods, Hillier

Ruckman made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2023-45, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 5-2, with Woods and Hillier voting no. Severns made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2023-45, to change the number of Operations and Maintenance Technicians in the Wastewater Plant from 9 to 8. Ruckman seconded the motion to so amend Ordinance No. 2023-45, which passed by a roll-call vote of 5-2, with Woods and Hillier voting no. Ruckman made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-45 as amended, with a second by Mahan. Motion to adopt as amended passed by a roll-call vote of 5-2, with Woods and Hillier voting no.

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	John Ruckman, Second Ward
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Seavolt, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
NAYS:	Hillier, Woods

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-46

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE POSITIONS OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES (WATER) AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES (MAINTENANCE) IN THE DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Woods, Hillier

Ruckman made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2023-46, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 5-2, with Woods and Hillier voting no. Ruckman made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2023-46 to change the salary of the Assistant Director of Utilities (Water) from \$72,500.00 to \$74,000.00 and to change the salary of the Assistant Director of Utilities (Maintenance) from \$72,500.00 to \$65,000.00. Keener seconded the motion to so amend Ordinance No. 2023-46, which passed by a roll-call vote of 5-2, with Woods and Hillier voting no.

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	John Ruckman, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Amber Keener, At Large
AYES:	Seavolt, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
NAYS:	Hillier, Woods

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-47**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1175 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING SIGNS;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Planning and Zoning: Hillier, Severns

Hillier made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2023-47, with a second by Severns. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-1, with Keener voting no. Hillier made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2023-47 to strike Section 2, the emergency clause. Law Director Rob Broeren noted that it is his legal opinion that as currently written the City's ordinance on temporary political signs is not enforceable. Hillier made a motion to call the question, ending discussion on the proposed amendment, with a second by Severns. Motion to call the question passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Severns seconded the motion to so amend Ordinance No. 2023-47, which passed by a roll-call vote of 6-1, with Ruckman voting no. Hillier made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-47 as amended, with a second by Severns. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-47 as amended defeated by a roll-call vote of 1-6, with Mahan voting yes.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [1 TO 6]
MOVER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
SECONDER:	Mel Severns, Councilman
AYES:	Mahan
NAYS:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Ruckman

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Matthew Starr thanked all the City's employees for their efforts throughout the year, and noted that the City's Streets crews are ready to remove snow from the streets when it falls. Safety-Service Director Tanner Salyers thanked Council for its passage of Ordinance Nos. 2023-45 and 2023-46. Treasurer David Stuller presented a summary of the City's income tax receipts for the year, and noted that the figure of \$20 million was a record high.

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

Woods thanked retiring Council Person Hillier for his 16 years of service on Council. Seavolt wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mahan thanked Hillier for his service on Council and for his guidance. Keener thanked Hillier for his service on Council, and asked when various planned changes to Riverside Park would be happening. Engineer Brian Ball responded that there were no firm dates yet. Ruckman thanked Hillier for his service on Council and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Severns thanked Hillier for his service on Council and for his guidance. Hillier thanked everyone for their compliments, the Mayor for presenting him with a retired American flag, and also thanked his wife, his full-time employer and various former members of Council. He also noted that in 16 years he missed only one Council meeting. Hawkins thanked Hillier for his service on Council.

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Hillier made a motion to adjourn sine die, with a second by Severns. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

Todd Hill, Clerk of Council

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 20, 2023

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6:50-7:00 p.m.	Upper Gilchrist Road construction	Streets & Public Buildings Severns
7:00-7:15 p.m.	Water/Wastewater staffing	Employee & Community Relations Woods

The above listed meeting will be held to discuss the above items; but will not be limited to those listed.
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**Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Amber Keener, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Starr, Mayor
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
Robert Broeren, Law Director
Terry Scott, Auditor
David Stuller, Treasurer
Aaron Reinhart, Utilities Director
Todd Hill, Clerk
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages

The committee discussed the renovation of the old middle school at North Mulberry and West Hamtramck streets into several apartment units. The developer of the site, Joel Mazza, was unable to attend the meeting. Safety-Service Director Tanner Salyers noted that mud on the adjacent streets from the construction work could represent a stormwater violation. Casey Alexander, 107 N. Gay St., asked if the development would be targeting a certain demographic, and Salyers responded that it would not be. Law Director Rob Broeren added that townhomes could be added behind the school in a later phase of the development. Salyers noted that a directive from earlier in the year to make West Hamtramck a two-way street for 90 days has expired and that the street has to go back to one way, unless Council decides otherwise. No further meetings on the matter were requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2023-104

Meeting: 12/27/23 7:30 PM
Dept: Parks and Lands
Keener, Woods
Category: Grant
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3917

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE KOKOSING GAP TRAIL AND KNOX COUNTY PARK DISTRICT IN THEIR APPLICATION FOR AN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM GRANT, TO ASSIST WITH THE COST OF REPAVING THE KOKOSING GAP TRAIL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Kokosing Gap Trail is a paved, 14-mile recreational trail built on a former Pennsylvania Railroad line with endpoints in Mount Vernon and Danville, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Kokosing Gap Trail, which is owned by the Knox County Commissioners, is overseen by a 15-member volunteer board first appointed by the Commissioners in 1987 that's responsible for all day-to-day maintenance, development and special projects on the trail and must raise its own funds, in cooperation with the Knox County Park District; and

WHEREAS, the trail board received its nonprofit 501(c)(3) status in 1989, with this board, along with many volunteers, having used gifts and donations to enhance the park with improvements such as restrooms, water fountains, parking lots, benches, a playground and a restored steam locomotive and caboose, with donations also being used to purchase maintenance supplies and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Kokosing Gap Trail and Knox County Park District are collaborating on applying for an ODOT Transportation Alternative Program grant to assist with the repaving of the trail, as the trail's asphalt will be 20 years old in 2024, with multiple engineers agreeing that it is time to plan for repaving.

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

SECTION 1: That the City of Mount Vernon supports the Kokosing Gap Trail and the Knox County Park District in its application for an ODOT Transportation Alternative Program grant to assist with the repaving of the trail to keep it in good working order for the many people who enjoy it as a recreational resource from the City of Mount Vernon, Knox County and beyond.

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 Kokosing Gap Trail board to apply for a needed grant to continue to allow the trail to provide recreation to the citizens of the City of Mount Vernon 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:

12/11/23

City Council

FIRST READING

Resolution No. 2023-104 was given a first reading.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Keener made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2023-104, with a second by Woods. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Keener made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-104, with a second by Woods. Hawkins noted that tourism is important to the City, and Keener noted that sections of the Kokosing Gap Trail need some work. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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



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Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2023-105

Meeting: 12/27/23 7:30 PM
Dept: Streets and Public Buildings
Severns, Ruckman
Category: Contract
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3920

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio, 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 Road to Finish LLC to provide construction inspection services in 2024.

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:

12/11/23 City Council FIRST READING

Resolution No. 2023-105 was given a first reading. Severns requested a 10-minute meeting of the Streets and Public Buildings Committee on the legislation for Dec. 27, 2023.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Severns made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2023-105, with a second by Ruckman. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Severns made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-105, with a second by Ruckman. Engineer Brian Ball commented on the legislation, characterizing it as a way to keep a watchful eye on developers building along Upper Gilchrist Road. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mel Severns, Councilman
SECONDER:	John Ruckman, Second Ward
AYES:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman



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Meeting: 12/27/23 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.

Woods, Hillier

Category: Appointment

Prepared By: Todd Hill

Initiator: Todd Hill

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2023-106

DOC ID: 3921

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF JESSI BUSENBURG TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM AND OF GORDON GANTT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON FOR A TWO (2) 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 Jessi Busenburg, 3 Laurel Court, Mount Vernon, Ohio, to the Utilities Commission of the City of Mount Vernon, fulfilling the unexpired term of Mike Miller, beginning January 1, 2024 and expiring on March 10, 2024.

SECTION 2: That the Council for the City of Mount Vernon confirm the Mayor's appointment of Gordon Gantt, 302 E. Gambier St., Mount Vernon, Ohio, to the Utilities Commission of the City of Mount Vernon as an alternate member for a two (2) year term beginning January 1, 2024 and expiring on December 31, 2025.

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 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:

Woods made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2023-106, with a second by Hillier. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-106, with a second by Hillier. Mayor Matthew Starr detailed the qualifications of Jessi Busenburg and Gordon Gantt to serve on the Utilities Commission. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER: Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES: Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman



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ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2023-107

Meeting: 12/27/23 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Mahan
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Terry Scott
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3923

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 208.1900.51111, Chief, Captain, Patrolmen, in the amount of \$280,000.00.
2. To Account 208.2100.51111, Chief, Captain, Firemen, in the amount of \$420,000.00.
(Exceeded Estimated Revenues for the Year of 2023)
3. To Account 101.3600.54453, EMS Billing Charges, in the amount of \$13,000.00.
(Exceeded Estimated Revenues for the Year of 2023)
4. To Account 708.2800.54492, Wastewater Services (Clinton) in the amount of \$56,335.00.
(Exceeded Estimated Revenues for the Year of 2023)
5. To Account 101.1500.51112, Law Director Clerks, in the amount of \$31,000.00.
6. To Account 101.2320.51111, Human Resource Director, in the amount of \$5,200.00.
(Exceeded Estimated Revenues-General Fund for the Year of 2023)
7. To Account 219.1300.54492, Services Received, in the amount of \$12,162.00.
(Exceeded Estimated Revenues-Lodging Excise Tax for the Year of 2023)

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. 2023-107, 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. 2023-107, with a second by Mahan. Auditor Terry Scott commented on the legislation, noting that revenues exceeded estimates in several funds. 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: Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman



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ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2023-108

Meeting: 12/27/23 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Mahan
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Terry Scott
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3924 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. From Account 101.3600.52125, Employee Insurance, to Account 101.1600.54465, Income Tax Refunds, in the amount of \$75,000.00.
2. From Account 720.2820.51111, Plant Employees, to Account 720.2880.52121, P.E.R.S., in the amount of \$20,000.00.
3. From Account 101.2600.51113, Seasonal Employees, to Account 101.2600.51112, Parks Employees, in the amount of \$5,743.00.
4. From Account 101.3600.52125, Employee Insurance, to Account 101.3600.52121, P. E. R. S., in the amount of \$20,000.00.
5. From Account 701.2740.54118, Environmental Consultants, to Account 701.2740.55511, Distribution Employees, in the amount of \$15,000.00.
6. From Account 701.2740.55514, Line Maintenance & Repairs, to Account 701.2780.52121, P. E. R. S., in the amount of \$20,000.00.
7. From Account 701.2740.55514, Line Maintenance & Repairs, to Account 701.2740.51111, Distribution Employees, in the amount of \$15,000.00.
8. From Account 720.2820.51111, Plant Employees, to Account 720.2800.51111, Office Employees, in the amount of \$19,000.00.
9. From Account 720.2880.52125, Employee Insurance, to Account 720.2880.52121, P. E. R. S., in the amount of \$20,000.00.
10. From Account 101.2650.56613, Arbor Plantings, to Account 101.2650.56614, Arbor Removal/Sidewalks, in the amount of \$25,000.00.
11. From Account 101.2400.54115, Contract Engineering, to Account 101.3600.51111, Employee Final Payoff, in the amount of \$17,000.00.
12. From Account 224.1900.51111, Chief, Captain, Policemen, to Account 224.1900.51112, Radio Clerk & Executive Secretaries, in the amount of \$18,000.00.
13. From Account 701.2720.51111, Water Plant Employees, to Account 701.2700.51112, Water Office - Regular Employees, in the amount of \$17,000.00.
14. From Account 701.2720.51111, Water Plant Employees, to Account 701.2740.51111, Water Distribution Employees, in the amount of \$12,000.00.
15. From Account 720.2820.51111, Sewer Plant Employees, to Account 720.2800.51111, Sewer Office Employees, in the amount of \$16,500.00.

16. From Account 101.2400.54115, Contract Engineer, to Account 101.2400.51111, Engineer, in the amount of \$7,200.00.
17. From Account 101.2400.54115, Contract Engineer, to Account 101.2400.51114, Project Engineer, in the amount of \$7,100.00.

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. 2023-108, 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. 2023-108, with a second by Mahan. Auditor Terry Scott commented on 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:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2023-109

Meeting: 12/27/23 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Mahan
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Terry Scott
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3925 A

**A RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND SAID
RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTS THE INTERIM APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER
EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, STATE OF OHIO, DURING FISCAL
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.**

NOW,
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IT RESOLVED BY
THE Council of the
City of Mount
Vernon,
State of Ohio:

SECTION 1:

That the Auditor
of the City of
Mount Vernon be,
and he herewith is,
authorized and
directed to make
appropriations for
current expenses
to supplement the
interim
appropriations and
other expenditures
of the City of
Mount Vernon,
during the
fiscal year ending
December 31,
2024.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	APPROVAL	COUNCIL
101.1100.51111	COUNCIL PRESIDENT & MEMBERS	15,000.00
101.1100.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTAL	500.00
101.1100.53112	SECURITY	500.00
101.1100.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	500.00
	TOTAL COUNCIL	16,500.00
101.1200.51111	MAYOR SALARY	17,000.00

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101.1200.51112	MAYORS ADMIN ASSISTANT	11,000.00
101.1200.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTAL	2,000.00
101.1200.53113	TELEPHONE	250.00
101.1200.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	700.00
101.1200.54465	REFUND OVERPAYMENT	200.00
TOTAL MAYOR		31,150.00
101.1300.51111	AUDITOR SALARY	17,000.00
101.1300.51112	AUDITOR'S DEPUTY & ASST. DEPUTIES	27,000.00
101.1300.52121	P E R S (GENERAL)	35,000.00
101.1300.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTAL	5,000.00
101.1300.53112	BANK CHARGES	3,000.00
101.1300.53113	TELEPHONE	500.00
101.1300.54111	SERVICES RECEIVED-ACCRUAL	2,000.00
101.1300.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	0.00
101.1300.54451	COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	5,000.00
101.1300.54484	TRANSFER TO BOND RETIREMT	18,000.00
TOTAL AUDITOR		112,500.00
101.1400.51111	TREASURERS SALARY	1,800.00
101.1400.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTAL	50.00
TOTAL TREASURER		1,850.00
101.1500.51111	LAW DIRECTORS SALARY	26,000.00
101.1500.51112	LAW DIRECTOR ASSISTANT & CLERKS	68,000.00
101.1500.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTAL	1,650.00
101.1500.53113	TELEPHONE	650.00
101.1500.53114	LAW BOOKS	1,050.00
101.1500.53216	FURTHERANCE OF JUSTICE	2,500.00
101.1500.54422	INSURANCE DEFENSE FUND	5,000.00
101.1500.54451	COMPUTERIZATION	5,000.00
101.1510.51111	PERSONNEL-VICTIM'S ADVOCATE	11,000.00
TOTAL LAW DIRECTOR		120,850.00
101.1600.51111	INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR	11,500.00
101.1600.51112	INCOME TAX ASSISTANTS	17,000.00
101.1600.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTAL	10,000.00
101.1600.53113	TELEPHONE	500.00
101.1600.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	1,000.00
101.1600.54451	COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	1,500.00
101.1600.54465	INCOME TAX REFUNDS	50,000.00
101.1600.55511	EQUIPMENT	4,000.00
TOTAL INCOME TAX		95,500.00
101.1700.51111	MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES	10,975.00
101.1700.51112	MUN CT CLERK SALARY	11,350.00
101.1700.51113	MUN CT DEPUTY CLERKS	63,800.00
101.1700.52121	MUNICIPAL COURT P.E.R.S.	24,500.00
101.1700.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTAL	15,000.00
101.1700.53112	BANK CHARGES	150.00
101.1700.53113	TELEPHONE	1,250.00

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101.1700.53114	LAW LIBRARY	250.00
101.1700.54112	MERIT DRUG	2,000.00
101.1700.54113	YOUTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	500.00
101.1700.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	250.00
101.1720.51111	MUNICIPAL COURT BAILIFF	7,500.00
101.1720.51112	MUNICIPAL COURT SECURITY	24,000.00
101.1720.52127	BAILIFF UNIFORM	125.00
101.1720.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	250.00
101.1780.51111	PROBATION OFFICER	45,000.00
101.1780.51113	SPECIAL DOCKET-FY23	8,000.00
101.1780.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTAL	2,500.00
101.1780.53113	TELEPHONE	500.00
101.1780.53114	PROB. EDUC/AWARENESS	10,000.00
101.1780.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	2,000.00
101.1786.51111	PROBATION OFFICER	20,000.00
101.1786.52121	P.E.R.S.	5,000.00
101.1786.52123	WORKERS COMP	1,000.00
101.1786.52125	EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	8,000.00
101.1786.52126	MEDICARE & SOCIAL SEC	500.00
101.1786.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTAL	1,000.00
101.1786.54112	DRUG TESTING	6,500.00
101.1786.54113	TESTING SUPPLIES	500.00
101.1786.54114	CONFIRMATION TESTING	200.00
101.1786.54115	GPS SERVICES	2,500.00
101.1786.54116	ELECTRONIC MONITORING	2,500.00
101.1786.54117	SUBSTANCE ABUSE	10,000.00
101.1786.54118	MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	8,000.00
101.1786.54119	ANGER MANAGEMENT	5,000.00
101.1786.54121	CLASS MATERIALS	1,000.00
101.1786.54122	HANDS DOWN COSTS	1,750.00
101.1786.54123	INCENTIVES	1,000.00
101.1786.54124	TRANSPORTATION	500.00
101.1786.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL-IN STATE	1,000.00
TOTAL MUNICIPAL COURT		305,850.00
101.1800.51111	MERIT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR	3,000.00
101.1800.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTAL	400.00
101.1800.53115	TESTING	8,000.00
TOTAL CIVIL SERVICE		11,400.00
101.2300.51111	SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR	15,000.00
101.2300.51112	SSD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIST	8,000.00
101.2300.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTALS	1,250.00
101.2300.53113	TELEPHONE	700.00
101.2300.54111	SERVICES RECEIVED	500.00
101.2300.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	500.00
TOTAL S.S.D.		25,950.00
101.2320.51111	HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR	15,800.00
101.2320.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTALS	500.00
101.2320.53113	TELEPHONE	200.00
101.2320.54111	SERVICES RECEIVED	2,500.00

101.2320.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	500.00
TOTAL HUMAN RESOURCES		19,500.00
101.2350.51111	PROPERTY MAINT OFFICER	8,000.00
101.2350.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTALS	400.00
101.2350.53113	TELEPHONE	400.00
101.2350.53214	MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLE	475.00
101.2350.54111	SERVICES RECEIVED	15,000.00
101.2350.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	250.00
TOTAL PROP MAINT ENFORCEMENT		24,525.00
101.2400.51111	DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING	15,500.00
101.2400.51112	ASSISTANTS & CLERK	45,000.00
101.2400.51113	ASST. CITY ENGINEER	11,500.00
101.2400.51114	PROJECT ENGINEER	10,500.00
101.2400.52127	UNIFORM RENTAL	500.00
101.2400.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTALS	7,000.00
101.2400.53113	TELEPHONE	750.00
101.2400.53214	MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	1,750.00
101.2400.54115	CONTRACT ENGINEER	250,000.00
101.2400.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	750.00
101.2400.54423	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	500.00
101.2400.55511	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	7,000.00
TOTAL ENGINEERING		350,750.00
101.2500.51111	PUBLIC WORKS DIR & ASST DIR	18,000.00
101.2500.51112	P.B.& L. EMPLOYEES	70,000.00
101.2500.52127	UNIFORMS	1,000.00
101.2500.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTALS	400.00
101.2500.53113	TELEPHONE	1,000.00
101.2500.53215	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	4,000.00
101.2500.53312	MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	112,500.00
101.2500.53313	MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS-rentals	18,000.00
101.2500.53314	SECURITY DEPOSITS	2,155.00
101.2500.54111	JANITORIAL CONTRACT	22,000.00
101.2500.54116	REFUSE REMOVAL	650.00
101.2500.54211	UTILITIES	33,000.00
101.2500.54212	RETALS-UTILITIES	1,500.00
101.2500.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	1,000.00
101.2500.54423	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	500.00
101.2500.55511	TOOLS	1,000.00
101.2500.56613	ARBOR TRUST	12,500.00
TOTAL PUBLIC BLDG & LAND		299,205.00
101.2600.51111	PUBLIC WORKS DIR & ASST DIR	38,000.00
101.2600.51112	PARKS EMPLOYEES	77,000.00
101.2600.51113	SEASONAL EMPLOYEES	8,000.00
101.2600.52127	UNIFORMS	2,000.00
101.2600.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTALS	1,000.00
101.2600.53113	TELEPHONE	1,400.00
101.2600.53215	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	1,300.00

101.2600.53312	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	94,000.00
101.2600.53313	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR-ANC PROPERTY	500.00
101.2600.54211	UTILITIES-BALL FIELD LIGHT	4,500.00
101.2600.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	3,500.00
101.2600.54423	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	500.00
101.2600.54490	TRANSFER TO PARK DEVELOPMT	1,000.00
101.2600.55511	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	25,000.00
101.2600.55512	TOOLS	2,500.00
TOTAL PARKS DEPARTMENT		260,200.00
101.2620.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTALS	200.00
101.2620.53113	TELEPHONE	250.00
101.2620.54111	REC. DIRECTOR CONTRACT	1,750.00
TOTAL RECREATION		2,200.00
101.2640.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTALS	500.00
101.2640.53113	TELEPHONE	800.00
101.2640.53312	POOL EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	7,500.00
101.2640.54115	CONTRACT SERVICES	25,000.00
101.2640.54211	UTILITIES	4,000.00
101.2640.55511	POOL NEW EQUIPMENT	40,000.00
TOTAL POOL DEPARTMENT		77,800.00
101.3600.51111	EMPLOYEE FINAL PAYOFF	15,000.00
101.3600.52121	P.E.R.S. (SERVICE)	45,000.00
101.3600.52123	WORKERS COMPENSATION	60,000.00
101.3600.52124	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	5,000.00
101.3600.52125	EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	275,000.00
101.3600.52126	MEDICARE & SOCIAL SECURITY	12,000.00
101.3600.53311	RADIO REPAIR	15,000.00
101.3600.53312	SIRENS	5,000.00
101.3600.53314	U.P.S. SERVICE	500.00
101.3600.54112	KNOX COUNTY AUDITOR DEDUCT	9,000.00
101.3600.54117	STATE EXAMINERS FEES	7,500.00
101.3600.54119	URBAN IMPROVEMENT	500.00
101.3600.54211	STREET LIGHTING	55,000.00
101.3600.54411	LEGAL ADVERTISING	1,000.00
101.3600.54426	INSURANCE - AUTOMOBILE	2,000.00
101.3600.54430	INSURANCE-EMPLOYEE BLANKET	1,200.00
101.3600.54431	INSURANCE-PUBLIC OFFICIALS	5,000.00
101.3600.54451	GENERAL EXPENSES-COPIERS	10,000.00
101.3600.54453	EMS BILLING CHARGES	30,000.00
101.3600.54464	TAX LIEN - PLAZA BUILDING	18,000.00
101.3600.54472	LAW LIBRARY	1,500.00
101.3600.54473	CODIFICATION	3,500.00
101.3600.54474	RECORDING (COURTHOUSE)	200.00
101.3600.54477	TREE CARE & TRIMMING	3,500.00
101.3600.54481	ZONING	500.00
101.3600.54492	TRANSFER TO PARKING FUND	5,000.00
101.3600.54494	NETWORKING SYSTEMS	100,000.00
101.3600.55516	KOKOSING GAP TRAIL	2,000.00

	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	687,900.00
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	2,443,630.00
201.2900.51111	PUBLIC WORKS DIR & ASST DIR	22,000.00
201.2900.51112	EMPLOYEES	134,000.00
201.2900.51113	SEASONAL EMPLOYEES	12,000.00
201.2900.52121	P.E.R.S.	23,500.00
201.2900.52123	WORKERS COMPENSATION	3,000.00
201.2900.52124	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	2,500.00
201.2900.52125	EMPLOYEES INSURANCE	58,000.00
201.2900.52126	MEDICARE & SOCIAL SECURITY	2,500.00
201.2900.52127	UNIFORM RENTAL	4,000.00
201.2900.53113	TELEPHONE	1,500.00
201.2900.53214	VEHICLE GASOLINE & OIL	15,000.00
201.2900.53312	VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT - MAINT.	10,000.00
201.2900.53313	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	90,000.00
201.2900.53314	TRAFFIC LIGHT MAINTENANCE	15,000.00
201.2900.53315	SCAPE LIGHT	0.00
201.2900.53316	STREET SIGNS	5,000.00
201.2900.54113	STATE INCOME TAX COLLECTION FEE	0.00
201.2900.54211	TRAFFIC LIGHT UTILITIES	9,000.00
201.2900.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	5,000.00
201.2900.54421	INSURANCE - LIABILITY	750.00
201.2900.54423	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	500.00
201.2900.54426	INSURANCE - AUTOMOBILE	900.00
201.2900.55511	TOOLS/EQUIPMENT	12,500.00
201.3600.51111	EMPLOYEE FINAL PAYOFF	0.00
	TOTAL STREET DEPT.	426,650.00
202.2900.55514	HIGHWAY PAVING/IMPROVEMENT	35,000.00
	TOTAL STATE HIGHWAY	35,000.00
204.3100.51111	PUBLIC WORKS DIR & ASST DIR	10,000.00
204.3100.51112	CLERK & EMPLOYEES	37,000.00
204.3100.51113	SEASONAL EMPLOYEES	10,000.00
204.3100.52121	P.E.R.S.	7,000.00
204.3100.52123	WORKERS COMPENSATION	900.00
204.3100.52124	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	500.00
204.3100.52125	EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	19,500.00
204.3100.52126	MEDICARE & SOCIAL SECURITY	750.00
204.3100.52127	UNIFORM RENTAL	1,000.00
204.3100.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTALS	1,000.00
204.3100.53113	TELEPHONE	700.00
204.3100.53214	VEHICLE-MAINTENANCE/SUPPLY	3,500.00
204.3100.53312	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR-BUILDING	15,000.00
204.3100.53313	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	15,000.00
204.3100.54111	TREE TRIMMING/STUMP REMOVE	1,000.00
204.3100.54112	MONUMENT & FOUNDATION REPAIRS	2,000.00
204.3100.54211	UTILITIES	1,700.00
204.3100.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	3,000.00
204.3100.54421	INSURANCE - LIABILITY	300.00
204.3100.54423	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	500.00
204.3100.54426	INSURANCE - VEHICLES	350.00

204.3100.54462	BURIAL RELIEF	4,000.00
204.3100.54464	TAX LIEN	300.00
204.3100.55511	EQUIPMENT	5,000.00
TOTAL CEMETERY		140,000.00
206.2300.54115	C.D.B.G. ADMINISTRATION	10,000.00
206.2300.55515	C.D.B.G. CONSTRUCTION	250,000.00
TOTAL C.D.B.G.		260,000.00
207.1900.54211	UTILITIES	1,500.00
207.1900.54464	TAX LIEN	25.00
TOTAL PARKING		1,525.00
208.1900.51111	CHIEF, CAPTAIN, PATROLMEN	500,000.00
208.2100.51111	CHIEF, CAPTAIN, FIREFIGHTERS	600,000.00
TOTAL MUNI INCOME TAX 1/2% VOTED		1,100,000.00
211.2900.53312	STREET VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT	20,000.00
211.2900.53313	STREET MATERIALS & SUPPLY	35,000.00
211.2900.53314	STREET TRAFFIC LIGHT	15,000.00
211.2900.53314	TOOLS/EQUIPMENT	5,000.00
TOTAL PERMISSIVE LICENSE		75,000.00
215.1780.51111	PROBATION CLERK	2,000.00
215.1780.53111	PROBATION SERVICE FUND	5,000.00
TOTAL PROBATION SERVICE FUND		7,000.00
218.1700.51111	COMPUTER PERSONNEL	2,000.00
218.1700.54451	CLERK COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	20,000.00
TOTAL CLERK COMPUTER FUND		22,000.00
224.1900.51112	RADIO CLERK & EXEC. SEC.	50,000.00
224.1900.51113	COMMUNITY ADVOCATE	15,000.00
224.1900.51114	COMM ADVOCATE LIASON	10,000.00
224.1900.52121	P.E.R.S.	10,000.00
224.1900.52123	WORKERS COMPENSATION	40,000.00
224.1900.52125	EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	200,000.00
224.1900.52126	MEDICARE & SOCIAL SECURITY	5,000.00
224.1900.52127	UNIFORMS	5,000.00
224.1900.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTAL	5,000.00
224.1900.53113	TELEPHONE	5,000.00
224.1900.53211	CHEMICAL ANALYSIS	1,000.00
224.1900.53215	MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	25,000.00
224.1900.53216	K-9 UNIT EXPENSES	1,000.00
224.1900.53217	BIKE MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	200.00
224.1900.53218	UNIFORM MAINTENANCE	7,000.00
224.1900.54112	MEDICAL TESTS	2,000.00
224.1900.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	15,000.00

224.1900.54423	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	1,000.00
224.1900.54451	L.E.A.D.S.	2,000.00
224.1900.54452	COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	5,000.00
224.1900.54453	PURCHASE CRUISERS	150,000.00
224.1900.54490	TRANSFER TO POLICE PENSION	100,000.00
224.1900.55511	EQUIPMENT	175,000.00
224.1950.53111	IMPOUND LOT SUPPLIES	100.00
224.1950.54111	IMPOUNT LOT TOWING	1,000.00
TOTAL POLICE DEPT.		830,300.00

224.2100.51112	FIRE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	10,400.00
224.2100.52121	P.E.R.S.	2,000.00
224.2100.52123	WORKERS COMPENSATION	55,000.00
224.2100.52125	EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	300,000.00
224.2100.52126	MEDICARE & SOCIAL SECURITY	10,000.00
224.2100.52127	UNIFORMS	8,000.00
224.2100.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTALS	7,500.00
224.2100.53113	TELEPHONE	3,500.00
224.2100.53214	MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	12,000.00
224.2100.53218	UNIFORM MAINTENANCE	1,000.00
224.2100.54211	UTILITIES	10,000.00
224.2100.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	4,500.00
224.2100.54423	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	500.00
224.2100.54490	TRANSFER TO FIRE PENSION	60,000.00
224.2100.55511	EQUIPMENT	12,000.00
224.2150.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTALS	12,000.00
224.2150.53214	MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	12,000.00
224.2150.54112	HEALTH & MEDICAL	1,500.00
224.2150.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	3,000.00
224.2150.54423	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	500.00
224.2150.55511	EQUIPMENT	5,000.00
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT		530,400.00

226.2100.51111	LIEUTENANTS	4,000.00
226.2100.51112	P-T FIREFIGHTERS/PARAMEDICS	50,000.00
226.2100.52123	WORKERS COMPENSATION	10,000.00
226.2100.52126	MEDICARE & SOCIAL SECURITY	5,000.00
226.2100.52127	UNIFORMS	3,000.00
226.2100.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTALS	2,700.00
226.2100.53113	TELEPHONE	850.00
226.2100.53214	MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	5,000.00
226.2100.54211	UTILITIES	700.00
226.2100.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	1,500.00
226.2100.54423	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	500.00
226.2100.55511	EQUIPMENT	5,000.00
226.2150.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTALS	3,000.00
226.2150.53214	MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	4,000.00
226.2150.54112	HEALTH & MEDICAL	3,000.00

226.2150.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	5,000.00
226.2150.54423	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	500.00
226.2150.55511	EQUIPMENT	3,500.00
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT		107,250.00
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0.00		
401.2500.55516	PUBLIC BUILDINGS & LAND	20,000.00
401.3600.55511	EQUIPMENT	50,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS		70,000.00
402.3600.54111	TIF-IMPROVEMENTS-CONSTRUCT	350,000.00
402.3600.54112	COUNTY AUDITOR DEDUCTIONS	18,000.00
402.3600.54115	TIF-CONTRACT ENGINEER	450,000.00
TOTAL TIF-DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT		818,000.00
405.2900.55514	ROADS - ASPHALT	325,000.00
405.2900.55516	ROADS - BRICK	20,000.00
TOTAL ROADS & BRIDGES		345,000.00
406.3600.54112	COUNTY AUDITOR DEDUCTIONS	1,000.00
TOTAL TIF DISTRICT-SANDUSKY ST.		1,000.00
604.2600.53312	MAINTENENCE & REPAIRS	500.00
604.2600.54111	CONTRACT SERVICES	500.00
TOTAL VETERAN'S HONOR WALK		1,000.00
701.2700.51112	OFFICE REGULAR EMPLOYEES	34,000.00
701.2700.52127	UNIFORMS	300.00
701.2700.53111	DUES/SUPLIES/INCIDENTALS	10,000.00
701.2700.53113	TELEPHONE	1,000.00
701.2700.54111	SERVICES RECEIVED	7,000.00
701.2700.54113	OFFICE COMPUTER MAINT.	1,000.00
701.2700.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	1,000.00
701.2700.54465	OVERPAYMENT	1,000.00
701.2700.55511	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	2,000.00
701.2700.55521	NEW WATER/WASTEWATER METERS	0.00
TOTAL WATER OFFICE		57,300.00
701.2720.51111	PLANT EMPLOYEES	140,000.00
701.2720.52127	PLANT UNIFORM RENTAL	300.00
701.2720.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTALS	15,000.00
701.2720.53113	TELEPHONE	2,000.00
701.2720.53211	PLANT CHEMICALS	60,000.00
701.2720.53214	MAINTENANCE-VEHICLE	500.00

701.2720.53312	PLANT MAINTENANCE	75,000.00
701.2720.54115	PLANT SERVICES RECEIVED	50,000.00
701.2720.54116	REFUSE REMOVAL	300.00
701.2720.54118	ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT	70,000.00
701.2720.54211	PLANT UTILITIES	50,000.00
701.2720.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	750.00
701.2720.54423	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	500.00
701.2720.54464	TAX LIEN	700.00
701.2720.55511	PLANT EQUIPMENT	5,000.00
701.2720.55515	WATER WELLS & WELL FIELD	7,500.00
TOTAL WATER PLANT		477,550.00
701.2740.51111	DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEES	55,000.00
701.2740.52127	UNIFORM RENTAL	1,000.00
701.2740.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTALS	600.00
701.2740.53113	TELEPHONE	700.00
701.2740.53214	MAINTENANCE-VEHICLE	8,000.00
701.2740.53312	MAINTENANCE/REPAIR-BLDG.	700.00
701.2740.54116	REFUSE REMOVAL	150.00
701.2740.54118	ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT	50,000.00
701.2740.54211	DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES	10,000.00
701.2740.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	3,200.00
701.2740.54423	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	500.00
701.2740.55512	HYDRANTS	2,500.00
701.2740.55513	LINE IMPROVE OR EXTENSION	50,000.00
701.2740.55514	LINE MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS	50,000.00
701.2740.55521	NEW METERS	5,000.00
TOTAL WATER DISTRIBUTION		237,350.00
701.2780.51111	EMPLOYEE FINAL PAYOFF	5,000.00
701.2780.52121	P.E.R.S.	35,000.00
701.2780.52123	WORKERS COMPENSATION	16,000.00
701.2780.52125	EMPLOYEES INSURANCE	90,000.00
701.2780.52126	MEDICARE & SOCIAL SECURITY	4,000.00
TOTAL WATER MISCELLANEOUS		150,000.00
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TOTAL WATER FUND		922,200.00
704.2700.54492	WATER SERVICE (TO COUNTY)	1,500.00
TOTAL WATER SERVICE		1,500.00
706.2800.54492	SEWER SERVICE (TO COUNTY)	2,000.00
TOTAL SEWER SERVICE		2,000.00
708.2800.54492	WASTEWATER SERVICE/CLINTON	15,000.00

	TOTAL WW SERVICE/CLINTON	15,000.00
710.3210.51111	PERSONNEL	5,000.00
710.3210.53111	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	7,500.00
710.3210.53214	MAINTENANCE-VEHICLE	2,000.00
710.3210.54118	ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT	150,000.00
710.3210.54465	REFUND OVERPAYMENT	250.00
710.3210.55511	EQUIPMENT	5,000.00
710.3210.55513	LINES, CHANNELS, & RIVERS	25,000.00
710.3210.55514	LINE MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS	25,000.00
710.3210.55520	CATCH BASIN REPAIRS/MAINT	7,000.00
710.3210.55521	CURB & GUTTER REHABILITATION	7,000.00
	TOTAL STORM WATER UTILITY	233,750.00
715.2700.54492	WATER SERVICE-CLINTON	5,000.00
	TOTAL WATER SERVICE/CLINTON	5,000.00
720.2800.51112	OFFICE EMPLOYEES	34,000.00
720.2800.52127	OFFICE UNIFORM RENTAL	300.00
720.2800.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTALS	10,000.00
720.2800.53113	TELEPHONE	1,000.00
720.2800.54111	SERVICES RECEIVED	7,000.00
720.2800.54113	COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	1,000.00
720.2800.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	1,000.00
720.2800.54465	OVERPAYMENT	1,000.00
720.2800.55511	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	2,000.00
	TOTAL WASTEWATER OFFICE	57,300.00
720.2820.51111	PLANT EMPLOYEES	145,000.00
720.2820.52127	PLANT UNIFORM RENTAL	500.00
720.2820.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTALS	5,000.00
720.2820.53113	TELEPHONE	1,500.00
720.2820.53211	PLANT CHEMICALS	10,000.00
720.2820.53214	MAINTENANCE-VEHICLE	750.00
720.2820.53312	PLANT MAINTENANCE	50,000.00
720.2820.54111	SERVICES RECEIVED	7,500.00
720.2820.54114	SLUDGE REMOVAL	20,000.00
720.2820.54115	SEPTAGE RECEIVED	250.00
720.2820.54116	REFUSE REMOVAL	250.00
720.2820.54118	ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT	250,000.00
720.2820.54211	PLANT UTILITIES	25,000.00
720.2820.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	500.00
720.2820.54423	PLANT INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	500.00
720.2820.54464	TAX LIEN	50.00
720.2820.55511	PLANT EQUIPMENT	200,000.00
	TOTAL WASTEWATER PLANT	716,800.00
720.2840.51111	COLLECTION EMPLOYEES	60,000.00
720.2840.52127	UNIFORM RENTAL	750.00

720.2840.53111	DUES/SUPPLIES/INCIDENTALS	450.00
720.2840.53113	TELEPHONE	500.00
720.2840.53214	MAINTENANCE-VEHICLE	10,000.00
720.2840.53312	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR/BLDG	500.00
720.2840.54111	SERVICES RECEIVED	300.00
720.2840.54116	REFUSE REMOVAL	150.00
720.2840.54118	ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT	50,000.00
720.2840.54211	COLLECTION UTILITIES	6,000.00
720.2840.54311	TRAINING/TRAVEL/EXPENSES	3,500.00
720.2840.54423	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	500.00
720.2840.54424	DAMAGE CLAIMS	500.00
720.2840.55511	COLLECTION EQUIPMENT	100,000.00
720.2840.55513	LINE IMPROVE OR EXTENSION	200,000.00
720.2840.55514	LINE MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS	20,000.00
720.2840.55521	NEW WATER/WASTEWATER METER	8,000.00
TOTAL WW COLLECTION		461,150.00
720.2860.54486	TRANSFER-BOND RETIREMENT	50,000.00
720.2860.56521	O W D A - PRINCIPAL	185,000.00
720.2860.56522	O W D A -INTEREST	22,000.00
720.2880.51111	EMPLOYEE FINAL PAYOFF	5,000.00
720.2880.52121	P.E.R.S.	40,000.00
720.2880.52123	WORKERS COMPENSATION	20,000.00
720.2880.52125	EMPLOYEES INSURANCE	100,000.00
720.2880.52126	MEDICARE & SOCIAL SECURITY	4,500.00
TOTAL WASTEWATER MISC.		426,500.00
TOTAL WASTEWATER		1,661,750.00
901.3600.52122	POLICE PENSION	900,000.00
901.3600.54112	COUNTY AUDITOR DEDUCTION	1,500.00
TOTAL POLICE PENSION		901,500.00
902.3600.52122	FIRE PENSION	150,000.00
902.3600.54112	COUNTY AUDITOR DEDUCTION	1,500.00
TOTAL FIRE PENSION		151,500.00
GRAND TOTAL		10,754,280.00

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 the passage and approved by the

Mayor.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2023-109, 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. 2023-109, with a second by Mahan. Auditor Terry Scott commented on the legislation, noting that this interim appropriations resolution is \$1.2 million more than the last one. Council's 2024 budget meeting will be on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 9:00 a.m. in the Police Department training room. 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:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2023-110

Meeting: 12/27/23 7:30 PM
Dept: Streets and Public Buildings
Severns, Ruckman
Category: Contract
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3926

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SAVANNAH CARMAN AND CHRISTOPHER C. CARMAN, DBA ANGRY ACRES FARM, LLC, TO LEASE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 51 PUBLIC SQUARE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio owns the property located at 51 Public Square in the City of Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, Savannah Carman and Christopher C. Carman, DBA Angry Acres Farm, LLC, would like to lease the currently vacant space 51 Public Square.

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 be and herewith authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Savannah Carman and Christopher C. Carman, DBA Angry Acres Farm, LLC, to lease the property at 51 Public Square in the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio. A copy of the lease is attached as Exhibit A.

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 to allow the tenant to immediately use the property, pay the utilities on the property, and pay rent 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:

Severns made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2023-110, with a second by Ruckman. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Severns made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-110, with a second by Ruckman. Safety-Service Director Tanner Salyers and Engineer Brian Ball noted that the business wishing to rent 51 Public Square is a start-up, understands that the lease would be temporary, and would waive its relocation rights. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Mel Severns, Councilman
SECONDER: John Ruckman, Second Ward
AYES: Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman

COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made by and between **The City of Mount Vernon, an Ohio Municipal Corporation**, whose principal place of business is 40 Public Square, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, hereinafter known as Landlord, and **Angry Acres, LLC**, whose principal place of business is **2576 Carle Ln Utica, OH 43080**, hereinafter referred to as Tenant.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The property that is the subject of this Agreement, hereinafter referred to as “premises”, is located at **51 Public Square, Mt. Vernon, OH 43050**, consisting of Parcel Number 66-00499.000.

LEASE

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein the Landlord hereby agrees to lease to the Tenant and the Tenant agrees to lease from the Landlord the subject premises to be used for the purposes of the Tenant as a commercial facility for an initial term of **12** months commencing **February 1, 2024**.

RENT AND HOLDOVER

The total rent shall be **\$425.00** per month payable at the rate of per month in advance with the first payment to be due on or before **February 1, 2024**, and each payment thereafter to be due on or before the first of each and every month. The rent charge is in the amount of \$ 375.00 plus an additional \$ 50.00 per month to obtain access to the dumpster allotted for tenant use. Should tenant occupy the premises after the expiration of the lease, it shall be considered a holdover tenant and shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this lease on a month to month basis.

It is further agreed that to secure the payment of the rent and the performance of their conditions hereunder the Tenant hereby gives to the Landlord a lien upon all property of the Tenant located on the subject premises.

The rent is due on the 1st and there shall be a 15-day grace period. If any rental payment is not paid when due but is accepted late by the landlord, Tenant shall pay a late charge of \$50.00.

USE AND OCCUPANCY

Tenant shall have possession of the premises at 12:00 a.m. on December 28, 2023. It is agreed and understood by both parties that the premises shall only be used

for approved commercial use and shall not be used for residential premises. Tenant shall continue in the possession and have quiet enjoyment of the premises so long as it is in full compliance with all the terms and conditions of this Lease.

EXPENSES

Effective upon the execution of this lease Tenant shall be responsible for all utilities servicing the premises including; trash removal, electric, phone, and gas, and shall have all utilities transferred into the name of the tenant. As this property is serviced with one water meter all City Utilities (Water, Sanitary, and Storm) will be paid by The City. The Landlord shall pay all real estate taxes and assessments.

SECURITY DEPOSIT

Landlord and Tenant have agreed that in lieu of a security deposit, Tenant shall make agreed upon internal improvements. During renovation period of December 28, 2023-January 31, 2024 rent will be reduced to \$ 0.00 for both months. Initiating February 1, 2024 rent will return to monthly rate of \$375.

ASSIGNMENT

Tenant shall not assign, transfer, or sublet the whole or any part of the demised premises to any person or persons without obtaining the prior written consent of the Landlord, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

CONDITION OF PREMISES, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

The Tenant shall keep the premises in a clean and healthy condition, in accordance with the ordinances of the City and the regulations of Knox Public Health.

Tenant shall keep the premises in as good repair as they were at the commencement of this lease, and at the end of this lease shall deliver the premises in as good order and condition as they were at the commencement of the lease, reasonable use, wear and tear excepted.

Tenant will use and occupy the said premises solely for the purposes herein mentioned and no others; the Tenant shall not use or occupy said premises nor permit said premises to be used or occupied for any purpose deemed hazardous on account of fire, and will not store, have or keep therein any material or substance which would increase the fire hazard; the Tenant shall save and hold Landlord harmless for any violations of federal or state EPA regulations created by Tenant; in case permission is given to the Tenant for the erection of any sign or signs, the Tenant, in consideration of the premises and the giving of such consent, hereby agrees to save the Landlord harmless from any damage to person or property which may be created.

Tenant acknowledges that these premises may contain environmental hazards that will require future remediation including, but not limited to, lead based paint and asbestos. Tenant shall take no action to increase the environmental hazards on the property, and accepts the premises subject to these hazards.

Tenant is responsible for and is to make all interior modifications, improvements and decorations at its own expense, it being understood that they may do whatever is necessary to alter the interior space so as to make it suitable to conduct its business, but only after first obtaining the consent of the Landlord which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

It is understood that all improvements placed in said building by Tenant in the way of permanent installations such as plumbing, electrical wiring, floor coverings and other fixtures shall be and become the property of the Landlord upon the termination of this lease.

Any and all improvements and modifications to the property including the installation of an exterior sign, as contemplated by the Tenant, shall be first approved in writing by the Landlord whose consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Upon the termination of this lease Tenant may, and at the option of the Landlord shall, remove any exterior signs installed or fixtures that can be removed without causing damage to the premises. All signs and business activities must comply with the zoning regulations of the City of Mount Vernon.

Tenant shall be responsible for the maintenance, cleaning and repair of the interior of the premises, including all electric from fuse box out, plumbing from fixtures and main supply line, shut off valves, and heating systems. Major maintenance items including, but not limited to, maintaining the roof, major plumbing or electrical repairs outside of tenants' responsibility, and exterior premises, fixtures, and utilities shall be the responsibility of the Landlord. Maintenance inquiries may be vetted by Public Buildings and Lands to determine responsible party. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Tenant shall be responsible for any and all repairs necessitated by damages caused by Tenant or its invitees.

LANDLORD'S ACCESS TO PREMISES, RE-ENTRY AND DEFAULT

The Tenant will permit the Landlord or its agent to show the premises to persons desiring to rent the same during reasonable hours of the day until rented, and the Landlord or his agent shall also be permitted, at any time during the term hereby created, to visit and examine said premises at any reasonable hour of the day, and commencing 90 days before the end of this lease, the Tenant will permit the Landlord or its agent to place upon the said premises the usual notice of "For Lease", and to remain there without hindrance or molestation until rented.

At the sole option of the Landlord, the Landlord, upon default of the Tenant of any provision of this Lease, may terminate this Lease and declare same to be null and void upon written notice to Tenant. Upon default as provided in this paragraph and the following paragraph, all rent shall immediately become due and payable.

Tenant shall be obligated for payment of all rent, less amounts recovered by Landlord for releasing the premises. Termination of this lease shall not prejudice Landlord's right to action for arrears of rent or any other breach of this lease. Upon default, the remedies provided by this lease shall be cumulative and shall not be exclusive of any right, remedy, or benefit, including those allowed by law.

Upon Tenant's default, Landlord may file a forcible entry and detainer action, or commence self-repossession. Self-repossession shall only occur if the Tenant illegally holds over, or if Tenant has breached a provision of the lease and has been notified in writing of the breach, and is given a reasonable opportunity to correct the breach. Reasonable opportunity to correct for self-repossession purposes only, is 3 days for non-payment of rent, and 15 days for other breaches. If the breach is not corrected within this reasonable time, Landlord shall be permitted to take self-repossession measures, including changing the locks to the premises, removing tenant's property, and selling Tenant's property to cure the default, in addition to any legal remedies provided by law.

If at any time during the term hereby created the Tenant shall be declared bankrupt, or in case the Tenant shall use said premises in an illegal manner, then this lease may, at the option of the Landlord, be declared void, and the same shall be void from the time of the service upon the Tenant of written notice to that effect signed by the Landlord or his agent.

DESTRUCTION OF PREMISES

If during the term of this lease the premises shall be destroyed or damaged by fire or other unavoidable casualty, **not** due to the negligence of the Tenant, its agents, employees, or invitees so that the same shall be thereby rendered unfit for the Tenant in its business, or in case the Tenant shall be prevented from using said premises by reason of any action on the part of city or state officers through no fault, neglect or willful act of its own or its agents, servants or employees, then the rent hereinbefore reserved shall be suspended until the premises are restored to a condition suitable for Tenant's use. In the event of a substantial loss or total destruction of the premises the Landlord shall have the sole option of whether to rebuild or repair the premises and if Landlord elects to not repair or rebuild, this lease shall terminate. In the event that the premises is rendered unusable to the Tenant for a period of time in excess of 90 days, by any loss not caused by Tenant's negligent or willful acts, Tenant shall have the right to terminate this lease.

LIABILITY

The Tenant further agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Landlord from and against any and all claims, liability, damage or loss to person or property which may arise or grow out of the occupancy of said premises by Tenant, or out of any act of the Tenant and Tenant's employees, agents, invitees or licensees

If the Leased Premises or any other part of the Building is damaged by fire or other casualty resulting from any **act or negligence of Tenant or any of Tenant's agents, employees or invitees**, rent shall not be diminished or abated while such damages are under repair, and Tenant shall be responsible for the costs of repair not covered by insurance.

Landlord shall maintain fire and extended coverage insurance on the Building and the Leased Premises in such amounts as Landlord shall deem appropriate. Tenant shall be responsible, at its expense, for fire and extended coverage insurance on all of its personal property, including removable trade fixtures, located in the Leased Premises.

Tenant and Landlord shall, each at its own expense, maintain a policy or policies of comprehensive general liability insurance with respect to the respective activities of each in the Building with the premiums thereon fully paid on or before due date, issued by and binding upon some insurance company approved by Landlord, such insurance to afford minimum protection of not less than \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit coverage of bodily injury, property damage or combination thereof. Landlord shall be listed as an additional insured on Tenant's policy or policies of comprehensive general liability insurance, and Tenant shall provide Landlord with current Certificates of Insurance evidencing Tenant's compliance with this Paragraph. Tenant shall obtain the agreement of Tenant's insurers to notify Landlord that a policy is due to expire at least (10) days prior to such expiration. Landlord shall not be required to maintain insurance against thefts within the Leased Premises or the Building.

RELOCATION

Tenant acknowledges that it will **not** be eligible for relocation payments because Tenant did not occupy the premises under prior ownership or tenancy.

NOTICES

Any notice provided for to be given by this instrument shall be deemed properly served on the party to whom it is to be given if the same is sent to said party in a sealed postpaid envelope addressed to said party by registered mail and the time of the mailing of said notice shall be deemed to be the time of its service. Notices to Landlord shall be served at 40 Public Square, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, attn. Safety-Service Director.

Notices to Tenant shall be served at _____
and the premises.

BINDING AGREEMENT

It is hereby mutually understood and agreed that this instrument shall apply to and bind the heirs, legal representatives, successors, assigns, or grantees, as the case may be, of each of the parties hereto.

WAIVER

One or more waivers of any covenant or condition by the Landlord or the Tenant shall not be construed as a waiver or a further breach of the same covenant or condition.

APPLICABLE LAW

The terms of this Lease shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Knox County, Ohio. The courts of the State of Ohio located in Knox County, Ohio shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any dispute arising out of this contract. Should any Lease provision be or become illegal or invalid under the laws of the State of Ohio, the invalidity shall not be construed to affect the entire Lease but shall be limited to that provision determined to be illegal or invalid.

AGREED TO BY LANDLORD

The City of Mount Vernon

By: Tanner Salyers
Safety-Service Director

Date

AGREED TO BY TENANT:

Angry Acres Farms, LLC

By:
Its:

Date

Attachment: Ex A - 51 Public Square Lease (2023-110 : Lease for 51 Public Square)



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 12/27/23 7:30 PM
Dept: Parks and Lands
Keener, Woods
Category: Parks
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3927

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2023-111

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM (FEDERAL GRANT ID: 23-GD-11094200-363); 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 is authorized and directed to apply to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Urban Forestry Grant Program (Federal Grant ID: 23-GD-11094200-363).

SECTION 2: The Safety-Service Director is further authorized and directed to enter into any agreements as may be necessary for obtaining financial assistance.

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 applications for funds must be submitted by December 29, 2023, 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:

Keener made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2023-111, with a second by Ruckman. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Keener made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-111, with a second by Woods. Jim Brown, chair of the City's Shade Tree and Beautification Commission, explained that the grant the City is seeking would be used to plant trees along West High Street. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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



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Meeting: 12/27/23 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Woods, Hillier
Category: Personnel
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3918

ADOPTED

ORDINANCE 2023-45

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE NUMBER OF HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON IN THE DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER; 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 PLANT:

1 Chief Wastewater Operator

9 Operations and Maintenance Technicians

WATER PLANT:

1 Chief Water Operator

7 6½ Operations and Maintenance Technicians

DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION

3 2 Utility Operations Crew Chiefs

Not more than **11 13** Public Utility Technicians

BILLING OFFICE

4 Customer Support Specialists II

Use of all above-mentioned said personnel is authorized as required to meet the work demands of the Division of Water and Wastewater 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 Division of Water and Wastewater to meet the increasing demands on the division 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:

12/11/23

City Council

FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 2023-45 was given a first reading. Woods requested a 15-minute meeting of the Employee and Community Relations Committee on the legislation for Dec. 27, 2023.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ruckman made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2023-45, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 5-2, with Woods and Hillier voting no. Severns made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2023-45, to change the number of Operations and Maintenance Technicians in the Wastewater Plant from 9 to 8. Ruckman seconded the motion to so amend Ordinance No. 2023-45, which passed by a roll-call vote of 5-2, with Woods and Hillier voting no. Ruckman made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-45 as amended, with a second by Mahan. Motion to adopt as amended passed by a roll-call vote of 5-2, with Woods and Hillier voting no.

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	John Ruckman, Second Ward
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Seavolt, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
NAYS:	Mike Hillier, Tammy Woods



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Woods, Hillier
Category: Personnel
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3919

ADOPTED

ORDINANCE 2023-46

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE POSITIONS OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES (WATER) AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES (MAINTENANCE) IN THE DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER; 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 salaries listed:

Assistant Director of Utilities (Water).....\$72,500.00
Assistant Director of Utilities (Maintenance).....\$72,500.00

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

SECTION 2: The salaries listed are the base salaries for the positions. The positions are 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 these positions 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: These positions 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 provide needed supervision and certifications in the City's water and wastewater utility, 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:

12/11/23

City Council

FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 2023-46 was given a first reading.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ruckman made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2023-46, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 5-2, with Woods and Hillier voting no. Ruckman made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2023-46 to change the salary of the Assistant Director of Utilities (Water) from \$72,500.00 to \$74,000.00 and to change the salary of the Assistant Director of Utilities (Maintenance) from \$72,500.00 to \$65,000.00. Keener seconded the motion to so amend Ordinance No. 2023-46, which passed by a roll-call vote of 5-2, with Woods and Hillier voting no.

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	John Ruckman, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Amber Keener, At Large
AYES:	Seavolt, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
NAYS:	Mike Hillier, Tammy Woods



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DEFEATED

ORDINANCE 2023-47

Meeting: 12/27/23 7:30 PM
Dept: Planning and Zoning
Hillier, Severns
Category: Planning and Zoning
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3922

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1175 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING SIGNS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Now, therefore be it Ordained by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: That section 1175.07 of the Codified Ordinances be amended to read as follows (additions in **bold**, deletions in ~~strikethrough~~):

e) Political signs or posters concerning candidates for elective office, public issues and similar matters to be decided by public election. Such signs shall not exceed **sixteen** ~~six~~ square feet in area, ~~shall not be illuminated~~, and shall not create a safety or visibility hazard, not be affixed to any public utility pole or tree or be located within a public right-of-way. This section is not applicable to political campaign headquarters signs which shall require a temporary sign permit pursuant to Section 1175.08.

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 for the further reason to bring the provision of the Codified Ordinances regarding political signs into conformity with constitutional requirements, 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.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Hillier made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2023-47, with a second by Severns. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-1, with Keener voting no. Hillier made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2023-47 to strike Section 2, the emergency clause. Law Director Rob Broeren noted that it is his legal opinion that as currently written the City's ordinance on temporary political signs is not enforceable. Hillier made a motion to call the question, ending discussion on the proposed amendment, with a second by Severns. Motion to call the question passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Severns seconded the motion to so amend Ordinance No. 2023-47, which passed by a roll-call vote of 6-1, with Ruckman voting no. Hillier made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-47 as amended, with a second by Severns. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-47 as amended defeated by a roll-call vote of 1-6, with Mahan voting yes.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [1 TO 6]
MOVER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
SECONDER:	Mel Severns, Councilman
AYES:	James Mahan
NAYS:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Ruckman