

City of Vernon Center  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
6-13-22 -- 7pm

Council Present: Lisa Peterson, Mayor Dana Ziegler, Emily Edwards, Eric Pederson, Wendy Bennett  
Staff Present: Clerk Diane Roelofs, Public Works Supervisor Mark Willette  
Others: Barb Glynn, Deputy Elijah Blakesley, Maple River Messenger Koni Preston

Mayor Dana Ziegler called the meeting to order @ 7pm.

**Agenda:** #7 Public Works report will be moved to the special meeting as it is concerning the infrastructure project. Councilor Peterson made a motion to approve the agenda with the edit. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Edwards, all approved, motion carried.

**Public Comment:** none

**Public Safety:** Deputy Blakesley reported there were 40 hours for the month of May averaging 10.5 per week. He also reported about a contact that may help with a property to help get the property cleaned up (Ord. 77). The city ordinance on nuisances mirrors the state statute and he would have the ability to enforce immediately. But the public nuisance statute has a low conviction rate and the county attorney may decide not to charge it out. By using the contact to help clean up the property, it may help to correct the habits that cause the violations. He will reach back to the city when he has further information.

**Citizen Concern:** A concern was presented to the city concerning loud noises coming from a property on East St. N. Deputy Blakesley stated that he would go from the meeting to the residence and speak with them about it.

**Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda contained the 5-3-22 regular council meeting minutes, Checks for Month reporting \$35,458.39 in deposits and \$141,197.69 in checks, Cash Balance Investments report, Revenue & Expenditure guidelines, June & July calendar of events, LMC letter, PW report on shop and a letter from the Dept. of Treasury about the SLFRF funds. Councilor Peterson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Edwards, all approved, motion carried.

**Additional Bills:** After review, Councilor Pederson made a motion to approve the additional bills. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Bennett, all approved, motion carried.

**Res. 2022-18 Approval of Fireworks Donation:** The Vernon Center Township donated \$2000 towards the fireworks. Councilor Peterson publicly stated the city would like to thank the township and made a motion to approve Res. 2022-18 Approval of Fireworks Donation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Edwards, all approved, motion carried. Clerk was directed to send a thank you.

**Elections:** Council reviewed the terms of city officials that will be up for elected offices. Both councilors Lisa Peterson and Eric Pederson's terms of office will expire at the end of 2022 as well as Mayor Dana Ziegler. These members can choose to rerun with filing period opening up Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> to Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup>. Clerk Roelofs will need to obtain 4 hours of election training for 2022 and is scheduled for Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am for the first training.

**Fire Department:** Councilor Pederson reported 3 medicals for the past month. FD is still waiting on news of the tanker grant. Clerk Roelofs reported that she provided all fire department members with the required employer notice as well as PW Supervisor Mark Willette.



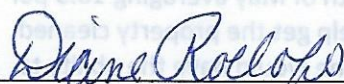
**Miscellaneous:** The family of Betty and Stanley Bergeman would like to donate something to the city in memory of them. Councilor Bennett volunteered to organize what to purchase and to work with staff and the family.

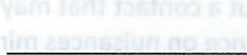
Financial Advisor Shannon Sweeney entered the meeting. It was decided he would join the Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting by means of a TEAMS meeting.

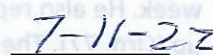
**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 and then Monday, July 11th, both at 7pm

**Adjourn:** Councilor Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Bennett, all approved, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

  
Diane Roelofs, Clerk-Treasurer

  
Dana Ziegler, Mayor

  
Date approved