

**Mount Vernon
City Council Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Norris at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Norris, Councilmembers Cheney, Combs, Fiedler
Lindquist, Ragan and Urban

Absent: Councilmember McMullen

Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Police Chief Bergsma, Fire Chief Hari,
Public Works Director Bell, Assistant Public Works Director
Love, Wastewater Supervisor Fullner, Stormwater Supervisor
Chesterfield, Community and Economic Development Director
Hanson, Finance Director Huschka, Special Projects
Administrator Stendal

Citizens Present: Ten

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of May 20, 2009 Study Session Minutes and May 27 and June 10, 2009 Regular Council Meeting Minutes:

Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve the minutes as stated above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Urban. Motion carried 6-0.

- B. Approval of July 8, 2009 Claims Numbered 111698, 111728 – 111907 in the amount of \$496,266.67:

Councilmember Cheney moved to approve the claims as stated above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Urban. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS:

- A. Committees:

1. Public Works: see Committee agenda and minutes.

- B. Community Comments:

None.

C. Councilmember Comments:

Councilmember Combs stated that the fireworks went really well. It is a great program.

D. Mayor's Report:

None.

E. Committee Agenda Requests:

Councilmember Urban requested a report from the Fire and/or Police Department on the 2009 fireworks season.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Presentation of Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant Award by the Department of Ecology: Mr. Bell stated that he is proud to work for the City of Mount Vernon. The sewer treatment plant does exceptional work and tonight the Department of Ecology is here to award the Outstanding Performance Award for the third year in a row. Mr. Bell introduced Shawn McKone and Karen Burgess from Department of Ecology. Karen Burgess stated each year this award is given for those wastewater treatment plants that fit all the established criteria. The City of Mount Vernon has received this award three years in a row and six times overall since the beginning in 1995. Shawn McKone added that in the best of times achieving this award is difficult, but to achieve this award with a major upgrade project is phenomenal. Ms. Burgess presented the 2008 Outstanding Performance Award to the City of Mount Vernon Wastewater Treatment Plant. Ray Pickens accepted the award on behalf of the Wastewater Treatment Plant staff.
- B. Street Closure Request – Neighborhood Block Party: Mr. Stendal explained that Greg and Laura Murphy have requested the closure of South 12th Street between Section and Fowler Street from 3:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday August 29th for a neighborhood block party.

Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve the street closure as requested above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ragan. Motion carried 6-0.

- C. Street Closure Request – Church Dedication: Mr. Stendal stated the Roca Fuerte Church has requested the closure of Hazel Street from Cleveland Street East to the west side of the alley from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday August 8, 2009 for the dedication ceremony. The church burned in 2007 and has been rebuilt. It is now ready to reopen.

Councilmember Cheney moved to approve the street closure as requested above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Urban. Motion carried 6-0.

- D. Bid Award – 2009 Sanitary Sewer Inspection Project: Mike Love stated that on June 23, 2009 a bid opening was held for the 2009 Sanitary Sewer Inspection Project. A total of five bids were received. Everson's Econo-Vac Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$60,263.78. This is an ongoing program to inspect the sewer lines to determine repair and replacement needs.

Councilmember Fiedler moved to award the 2009 Sanitary Sewer Inspection Project to Everson's Econo-Vac, Inc. in the amount of \$60,263.78. Motion seconded by Councilmember Urban. Motion carried 6-0.

- E. Bid Award – LaVenture Road Extension (Fowler to Blackburn): Mike Love said that on June 30, 2009 a bid opening was held for the LaVenture Road Extension (Fowler to Blackburn). A total of eleven bids were received. Interwest Construction Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$1,397,173.

Councilmember Urban moved to award the bid for the LaVenture Road Extension Project (Fowler to Blackburn) to Interwest Construction, Inc in the amount of \$1,397,173. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ragan. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was convened into executive session at 7:21 p.m. and estimated to last 45 minutes.

- F. Executive Session – Pending or Potential Litigation and Labor Discussions:

The meeting was convened into regular session at 8:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Lori J. Kimbriel, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Alicia D. Huschka, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Bud Norris, Mayor