

**Mount Vernon
City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boudreau at 7:31 p.m.

Present: Mayor Boudreau, Councilmembers Fiedler, Lindquist, Hulst, Molenaar, Quam, Ragan and Urban

Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Special Projects Administrator Stendal, Community and Economic Development Director Hanson, Interim Police Chief Dodd, Fire Chief Hari, Finance Director Huschka and Human Resource Director Bartlett.

Citizens Present: 11

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of October 10, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Minutes:

Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve the October 10, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fiedler. Motion carried 7-0.

A. Approval of October 15, 2012 payroll checks numbered 100683 - 100 731, direct deposit checks numbered 38633 - 38 827, and wire transfers numbered 395 & 396 in the amount of \$660,503.67.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the September 15, 2012 payroll checks numbered 100683 - 100731, direct deposit checks numbered 38633 - 38827 and wire transfers numbered 395 & 396 in the amount of \$660,503.67. Motion seconded by Councilmember Quam. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Approval of October 24, 2012 claims numbered 127279, 127292 - 127530 in the amount of \$951,673.11.

Councilmember Urban moved to approve the September 12, 2012 claims as stated above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ragan. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

A. Finance Committee - for details see Committee minutes

B. Community Comments: none

C. Councilmember Comments:

- Councilmember Hulst thanked citizens that attended the Ward 2 barbeque last evening.

D. Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Boudreau announced that Police Officer Liukko completed academy training and is now working with field training officer Shaddy.
- The first budget committee meeting was held this evening; the next is scheduled for October 31, 2012.
- Mayor Boudreau announced the Haunted Forest schedule.
- The next Mayor's coffee hour is October 27, 2012 on a SKAT bus.
- Mayor Boudreau asked that citizens go to the City website and click the 'notify me' button to receive various city announcements.

E. Committee Agenda Requests:

- none

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Record Public Hearing - CDBG 2013 Action Plan : Mr. Stendal reviewed the history of the CDBG program and presented the proposed 2013 Action Plan. The first public hearing was held in July and changes have been incorporated into the proposed plan.

Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Fiedler moved to approve the CDBG 2013 Action Plan. Motion seconded by Councilmember Quam. Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Mount Vernon Community Marketing Campaign: Jana gave a brief history of the marketing program. Mayor Boudreau spoke about the partnerships with Skagit Public Hospital District No. 1, Mount Vernon School District, Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce, Skagit County, Port of Skagit, Skagit Community College and several local businesses for this campaign. She introduced Leadership Group member Gregg Davidson, Skagit Valley Hospital District, who spoke about the launch of the marketing campaign partnership.

Ken Saunderson of the Saundeson Marketing Group presented an update of the City's marketing plan which was launched in 2008. This plan was designed to develop a strong Mount Vernon brand used to proactively market Mount Vernon through a

comprehensive set of tactics to achieve desired community and economic development goals.

Jean Crump, Skagit Public Hospital District, talked about health and wellness as well as education for new physicians and communities.

Lynn Hyatt, Skagit Community College, spoke about the culinary program at the College and the cooking show that took place in July during the Mayor's Wellness Challenge. It was a great collaboration and allowed the students to work with a well known chef.

Shane Gildness, PreVisor, addressed technology and ways to encourage technology based businesses to locate to Mount Vernon.

Mr. Saunderson reviewed the various means they are using to promote Mount Vernon such as videos, pamphlets, radio spots and social media, etc. He also explained the future marketing plan.

Carl Bruner, Mount Vernon School District Superintendent, talked about the District's involvement in the Mount Vernon Leadership Group.

- C. Interim Forest Practice Regulations: Mr. Rogerson presented the extension of Ordinance 3582 that was approved September 26, 2012 to continue the interim forest regulations for a six month period. Ms. Hanson reviewed the process to make the ordinance permanent.

Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing.

Joe Woodmansee, Mount Vernon resident, briefly explained the development process including the issue of land clearing and expressed his concerns with the ordinance. He presented a letter to Council to clarify his points.

Hearing no further comments Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Hulst inquired about the permit processing allowing clearing. Mr. Rogerson explained the permitting process and various phases of development.

Councilmember Fiedler commented about the standards used by other cities; he expects the ordinance will evolve as the planning commission reviews ordinance.

Councilmember Fiedler moved to approve Ordinance 3583 continuing the City's Interim Forest Practice regulations for a six month period. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lindquist. Motion carried 7-0.

- D. City Attorney's Conflict of Interest Waiver: Mr. Rogerson asked for approval of a Conflict

of Interest Waiver that will allow him to participate as a Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce board member.

Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve the Conflict of Interest Waiver. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.

Council convened into executive session to discuss enforcement action litigation or potential litigation regarding collective bargaining and property, estimated to last 35 minutes.

The meeting was reconvened into regular session at 9:05.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Becky Jensen, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Alicia D. Huschka, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor