

The Mount Vernon City Council met January 20, 2025, at City Hall, 213 1st Street NW, Mount Vernon, IA. A Zoom option was available. The following Council members were present: Andresen, Tuerler, West, Engel and Rose.

Call to Order. At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Thomas M. Wieseler called the meeting to order.

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. The closed session will be removed from the agenda. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve the Agenda as noted. Motion carries.

Consent Agenda. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carries.

Approval of City Council Minutes – January 6, 2025 Regular Council Meeting
Appoint Jennifer Lee, Michelle Omar, Lori Lynch, and Doug Shannon - LMVAS

Public Hearing

Public Hearing on the Proposed Amendment to Chapter 115 Cemetery to the City of Mount Vernon, Municipal Code. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:42 pm. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 6:45 pm. Council then acted on Ordinance #1-20-2025A.

Ordinance Approval/Amendment

Ordinance #1-20-2025A: Amending Chapter 115 Cemetery of the Municipal Code of Mount Vernon, Iowa. Chapter 115.10 Placement of Monuments currently details the dimensions of the foundation bases required for cemetery plots. Staff is recommending that Council remove the dimensions of the foundation base from the code of ordinances and create a “Mount Vernon Cemetery Design Guidelines.” The new cemetery commission could create a recommended standard for Council to consider. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1-20-2025A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes it’s first reading.

Motions for Approval

Consideration of Claims List – Motion to Approve. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Tuerler to approve the Claims List. Motion carries.

RATHJE CONSTRUCTION	PAY APP #3- GLENN STREET EXTEN	133,256.98
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	131,441.42
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	42,441.79
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW RESIDENTIAL	24,596.31
LINN COUNTY SHERIFF	DISPATCH FEE-PD	22,003.58
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW COMMERCIAL	14,892.31
JEO CONSULTING	DOWNTOWN STREETScape-LOST III	13,638.80
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET PREL DESIGN	9,261.45
LEASE SERVICING CENTER, INC	EQUIP LEASE-LBC	8,464.61
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	GLENN STREET EXTENSION	7,589.02
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2024 SEWER REHAB	7,186.82
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-ALL DEPTS	6,622.61
IOWA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	SGEI MEMBERSHIP-PW	4,206.66
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	4,119.00
KRIS ENGINEERING INC	CURB GUARDS/PARTS-RUT	3,126.48

ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	2,447.38
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PD	2,216.85
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	1,802.58
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER EQUIP-WAT,SEW	1,631.44
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	1,534.70
ADVANTAGE ARCHIVES	MICROFILM-MVHPC	1,485.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,428.70
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	1,384.19
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	1,364.25
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	1,347.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	1,344.10
PNP	FUEL-PD	1,342.97
MT VERNON ROAD TIRE CO	TIRES-PD	1,274.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	EQUIPMENT-FD	1,222.58
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	1,140.00
MENARDS	ELECTRICAL MATERIALS-PW FACILITES	1,115.30
ADVANTAGE ARCHIVES	DIGITAL ACCESS PLAN-MVHPC	1,045.00
MENARDS	HEATERS-PW FACILITIES	1,034.95
MENARDS	BLDG MATERIALS-PW FACILITIES	1,004.45
ELECTRIC PUMP	LIFT STATION SERVICE-SEW	960.00
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	UNIFORMS-LBC	895.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CITY HALL	887.89
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	836.00
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC-P&A,PD,LBC	829.87
BANKCARD 8076	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,P&REC	816.42
AUTOMATED SYSTEMS OF IA	GAS DETECTION-PD	765.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP REPAIR-RUT	460.68
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW	425.51
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	LEGAL FEES-P&A SMH URP	368.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-PD	363.80
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	350.11
POSTMASTER	MARKETING MAIL FEE-ALL DEPTS	350.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	EQUIPMENT-PD	334.90
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	289.09
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	UNIFORMS-PD	230.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	228.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-LBC	216.90
HOTSY CLEANING SYSTEMS INC	SUPPLIES-RUT	210.00
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-LBC	205.44
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-CITY HALL	201.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	MARKETING-LBC	187.50
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	183.48
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE METER LEASE-ALL DEPTS	165.33
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	164.86
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	144.17
TECH SOLUTIONS	FIRE ALARM MONITORING-LBC	136.35
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING SERV	WATER/SALT-FD	132.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	127.82
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	MARKETING-LBC	109.97
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL-PW	101.78
MID STATES ORGANIZED CRIME	MEMBERSHIP-PD	100.00
LOU'S GLOVES	GLOVES-SEW	99.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW,P&A	93.76
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	80.33
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	77.66

CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-PD	77.47
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	PAINT-PD	76.80
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD	75.68
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	64.01
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	52.18
KONICA MINOLTA	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-PD	47.89
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-LBC	46.01
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX-P&A	35.00
YEONG HO BISHOP	REFEREE-P&REC	30.00
CHRISTINA SPENCER	REFUND-LBC	28.89
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-P&A	18.72
GALLS LLC	SHIPPING-PD	7.99
TOTAL		472,702.54

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

GLENN ST/CHI/COTTONWOOD	140,846.00
PAYROLL	131,441.42
GENERAL FUND	64,233.25
SOLID WASTE	42,950.94
LBC	19,352.76
SEWER FUND	14,642.49
LOST III UR & STREETScape	13,638.80
WATER FUND	13,322.36
ROAD USE TAX FUND	11,197.51
RACHEL STREET/KWIK STAR	9,261.45
ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	7,186.82
PW FACILITIES	3,154.70
STORM WATER FUND	1,474.04
TOTAL	472,702.54

FY25 DECEMBER REVENUE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	352,808.59
PUBLIC WORKS	258,930.40
CULTURE-RECREATION	48,043.11
PUBLIC SAFETY	10,175.74
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV	8,342.05
TOTAL	678,299.89

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #3 - Woodruff Construction – 2024 Pool Improvements – Council Action as Needed. Pay application #3 is in the amount of \$309,088.63 and pay application #4 is in the amount \$70,300.00. The pool renovations have been placed on temporary hold due to weather conditions. The project is slated to be completed by the end of May. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve Pay Application #3-Woodruff Construction. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #4 - Woodruff Construction – 2024 Pool Improvements – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by West, seconded by Andresen to approve Pay Application #4-Woodruff Construction. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Invoice #11078 – Water’s Edge – 2024 Pool Improvements – Council Action as Needed. This invoice is in the amount of \$22,800.00. Motion made by West, seconded by Rose to approve Invoice #11078, Water’s Edge, 2024 Pool Improvements. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Engagement Letter with Speer Financial – 2025 General Obligation Bonds – Council Action as Needed. Speer Financial has submitted an engagement letter in anticipation of the proposed Rachel Street/Alliant Street Light Project bond sale. The fee for preparing and completing the bond sale is \$5,200 plus 3/10 of 1% of the municipal securities issued in excess of \$1,000,000.00. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to approve the Engagement Letter with Speer Financial for the 2025 General Obligation Bonds. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Rescheduling the February 17, 2025, City Council Meeting – Council Action as Needed. February 17, 2025 is President’s Day, which is a City staff holiday. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to move the second meeting in February to Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

Discussion and Consideration of updating the Mount Vernon Ceremonial Flag Policy – Council Action as Needed. At the last Council meeting Andresen had asked that this be placed back on the agenda for review. He is asking that the Jewish American Heritage Flag be added to the policy for the month of May and stated that this is recognized at both the State and Federal level. There are currently two flags on the policy for May so adding a third will require certain flags to be moved around during the month. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to add the Jewish American Heritage flag to the policy in May. Motion carries.

Reports to be Received/Filed. Full reports can be found on the City website in the January 20, 2025 Council packet.

Mt. Vernon/Lisbon Police Report
Mt. Vernon Public Works Report
Mt. Vernon Parks and Rec Report
Cole Library Report

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor’s Report. Wieseler attended the legislative update last week at the Hiawatha Public Library. There was good attendance at the LBC last week when the City Administrator spoke.

Council Reports. Engel reported that Renee Verlee has chosen to step down from her leadership role with the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Childcare Solutions group and he will be assuming that role for the next year.

City Administrator’s Report. Full report available on the City website under the December 16, 2024 Council Packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:08 p.m., January 20, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Boren
Assistant City Administrator