

The Mount Vernon City Council met March 17, 2025, at City Hall, 213 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW, Mount Vernon, IA. A Zoom option was available. The following Council members were present: Andresen, West, Engel and Rose. Absent: Tuerler.

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

**Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval.** The closed session at the end of the meeting will be removed from the Agenda. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the Agenda as noted. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

**Consent Agenda.** Motion made by West, seconded by Engel to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Approval of City Council Minutes – March 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

Approval of Liquor License – Kerr-Plunk, LLC

Approval of Liquor License – Bigs BBQ and Brew Pub

### **Public Hearing.**

Public Hearing for an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance #8-5-2019A Amending the Original White Pines PUD. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:38 pm. The White Pines PUD was amended August 5, 2019, when a new developer purchased the property. The property has since been sold again and the new developer wishes to revert back to the previous PUD plan. This ordinance repeals the ordinance from 2019. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 6:39 pm. Council then acted on Ordinance 3-17-2025A.

### **Ordinance Approval/Amendment**

Ordinance #3-17-2025A: Repealing Ordinance #8-5-2019A, an Amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa 2025. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve the first reading of Ordinance #3-17-2025A. Roll call all yes. Tuerler absent. Engel then made a motion to suspend the rules, waive the second reading and approve the third and final reading. Motion seconded by Andresen. Roll call all yes. Tuerler absent. Ordinance #3-17-2025A passes the third and final reading.

### **Resolutions for Approval**

Resolution #3-17-2025A: Awarding the Bid for the 2025 Uptown Lighting Improvements, Mount Vernon, Iowa. The City received one bid in the amount of \$432,279.40 from Nelson Electric Co. Veenstra and Kimm is recommending the award of this bid. Motion made by West, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #3-17-2025A. Roll call all yes. Tuerler absent. Resolution passes.

### **Motions for Approval**

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

FERGUSON WATERWORKS	PAY APP #1-REMOTE METER PROJECT	201,606.09
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	119,112.74
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	34,502.23
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	PAY APP #2-REMOTE METER PROJECT	33,932.06
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW RESIDENTIAL	24,296.31
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW COMMERCIAL	15,716.87

VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET PREL DESIGN	13,004.50
8 FINGER HVAC LLC	HVAC/GAS-PW FACILITIES	12,875.00
TURF TANK	GPS ROBOT AGRMT-P&REC,RUT	10,000.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER EQUIP-ALL DEPTS	4,687.13
CITY TRACTOR CO	LEAF VAC-SW	3,980.00
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	3,165.00
BANACOM SIGNS & MORE	SILVERADO OUTFITTING-FD LEVY	1,975.00
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	1,791.00
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	1,731.94
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	1,675.72
PNP	FUEL-PD	1,485.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,432.34
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	1,186.78
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES/EQUIP-ALL DEPTS	1,149.25
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,123.55
IOWA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	WATER MEMBER DUES-WAT	1,077.00
TOTAL TREE CARE OF IOWA CITY	EQUIP/VEHICLE MAINT-RUT	1,060.41
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES	GENERATOR-PD	949.39
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-PD	935.00
BRADY LANHAM	SERVICES-PW	860.00
BANKCARD 8076	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,P&REC	844.27
AMERICAN RED CROSS	TRAINING-POOL	650.00
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	CITY HALL SIGN CHANGES	640.00
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	DEPOSIT REVERSAL-WAT,SEW,SW	555.00
ECOCARE SUPPLY	COMPOST REMOVAL-CHALK THE WALK	500.00
BAUMAN AND COMPANY	UNIFORMS-P&A	496.00
HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC	VEHICLE MAINT-RUT	436.37
CR LC SOLID WASTE AGENCY	WASTE DISPOSAL-PW	354.20
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	350.44
IOWA POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION	TRAINING-PD BLINKS	350.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	315.81
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	303.54
WENDLING QUARRIES	ROAD STONE-RUT	294.31
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	294.19
GABRIELLE MOEHLMAN	SERVICES-LBC,P&REC,POOL	280.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-PW	261.84
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	236.30
JAYNE DEWITTE	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	234.00
KONE INC	ELEVATOR MAINT CONTRACT-P&A	223.29
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD,P&A	220.24
AMERICAN RED CROSS	SUPPLIES-LBC	200.00
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	SILVERADO OUTFITTING-FD LEVY	195.00
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	192.08
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	183.48
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-FD	183.32
KONICA MINOLTA	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-PD	161.92
CHRIS NOSBISCH	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	158.90
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-PW	156.00
SIMMERING CORY IOWA CODIFICATION	CODE SUPPLEMENTS-P&A	150.00
LYNN PEAVEY COMPANY	COLLECTION KITS-PD	141.82
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER	PRE EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL-PD	137.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT-ALL DEPTS	136.10
EVIDENT INC	SUPPLIES-PD	118.30
HDC PRINTED PRODUCTS	STAMPS-ALL DEPTS	106.10
DSG	SUPPLIES-WAT	106.09

AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL-PW	104.96
KONICA MINOLTA	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC	100.55
JEROD LYNCH	FITNESS MEMBERSHIP-FD	100.00
LORI LYNCH	FITNESS MEMBERSHIP-FD	100.00
TODD WEAVER	FITNESS MEMBERSHIP-FD	100.00
MARKET STREET	COMPUTER MAINT-HPC	100.00
STEVE MOEL	FITNESS MEMBERSHIP-PD	100.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-LBC	90.95
CUSTOM HOSE & SUPPLIES INC	SUPPLIES-WAT	83.14
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-PD	77.47
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	75.00
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	73.81
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-CITY HALL	63.80
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	TRAINING-FD	50.00
MARSHA DEWELL	MILEAGE-P&A	47.60
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-P&REC	42.00
BETH HLAS	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	40.00
CHARLOTTE MCDERMOTT	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	40.00
HALLIE SEALS	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	39.83
BAUMAN AND COMPANY	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	34.00
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	27.20
AUDITOR OF STATE	AUDIT FILING FEE-P&A	25.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-PD	25.00
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&A	18.70
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	15.43
CUSTOM HOSE & SUPPLIES INC	SUPPLIES-RUT	6.56
AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>507,062.22</b>

**FUND EXPENSE TOTALS**

REMOTE READ METER PROJECT	235,538.15
PAYROLL	119,112.74
SOLID WASTE	46,205.36
GENERAL FUND	37,986.83
ROAD USE TAX FUND	13,721.08
RACHEL STREET/KWIK STAR	13,004.50
PW FACILITIES	12,875.00
SEWER FUND	10,346.77
WATER FUND	9,710.87
LBC	5,130.26
CIP/FIRE DEPT/TAX LEVY	2,170.00
STORM WATER FUND	1,260.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>507,062.22</b>

**FY25 FEBRUARY REVENUE**

PUBLIC WORKS	283,254.90
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	184,689.80
CULTURE-RECREATION	47,283.50
PUBLIC SAFETY	22,432.19
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV	85.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>537,746.14</b>

Discussion and Consideration of an Order Acknowledging a Settlement Agreement for a First Violation of Iowa Code Section 453A.2 – Council Action as Needed. Smoke Shop and Vape Mount Vernon has submitted an order acknowledging a settlement agreement for a first violation of Iowa Code section 453A.2 and has submitted the \$300 civil penalty. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen acknowledging the settlement agreement from Smoke Shop and Vape. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Discussion and Consideration of the Uptown Streetscape Masterplan – JEO Consulting Group – Council Action as Needed. Jeremy Kaemmer with JEO Consulting Group was in attendance to present the final draft of the Uptown Streetscape Plan, with highlights on the process of completing the plan, community engagement, recommendations on items such as design, parking, outdoor seating, lighting and materials and implementation and funding. This would be a multi phase project with funding sources ranging from grant programs, GO bonds, LOST and more. No action taken by Council.

Discussion and Consideration of OPN Architects Invoice #24426000-3 – LBC Childcare Study – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Engel, seconded by West to approve OPN Invoice #24426000-3 in the amount of \$4,303.61. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Discussion and Consideration of a Cemetery Mowing Request for Proposals – Council Action as Needed. Paradise Landscaping, who has been mowing the Mount Vernon Cemetery for the last 40 years, recently submitted a letter of resignation, requiring the City to find alternative services. Motion made by West, seconded by Rose to approve the Cemetery Mowing Request for Proposals. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

**Reports to be Received/Filed.** Full reports can be found on the City website in the March 17, 2025 Council packet.

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

#### **Discussion Items (No Action)**

Budget Discussion. With the Fiscal Year 2026 budget certification coming up in April, Nobsisch gave Council an update on potential cuts and increases that will be necessary. The property tax levy rate in Mount Vernon will increase from 13.33601% to 13.50187%. The water rate increase for FY26 will remain at 3% but sewer rate increases will need to go from the planned 8% to 12% this year. The net increase for utility rates for FY26 will be 15%. Pool prices will need to be increased to accommodate for increased lifeguard pay and general pool upgrades. A part-time City Hall position will be cut and wages for certain employees will be moved to enterprise funds to free up space within the general fund.

#### **Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator**

Mayor's Report. Mount Vernon was recognized by Tree City USA for recent tree plantings and have been invited to a luncheon in Ankeny. The Bijou will be recognized for a grant that was received from T-Mobile for the greenspace east of the building. Wieseler was interviewed by CBS in regards to tariffs as they relate to agriculture.

Committee Reports. Engel reported that the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Childcare group met last week. Both school districts have signed on with Champions to help with the Early Childhood Learning Center in Lisbon and Kids Club to help augment wages for these two entities. Spring fundraising for the childcare group will start soon.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City website under the March 17, 2025 Council Packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 8:09 p.m., March 17, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Dewell  
City Clerk