

The Mount Vernon City Council met April 21, 2025, at City Hall, 213 1st Street NW, Mount Vernon, IA. A Zoom option was available. The following Council members were present: Andresen, West, Tuerler, 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 oath of office will be removed from the Communications portion of the agenda. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to approve the agenda as noted. Motion carries.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – April 7, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

Approval of City Council Minutes – April 7, 2025, FY2025-2026 Property Tax Levy

Public Hearing

Public Hearing for the Consideration of the City of Mount Vernon Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Annual Budget. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:41 p.m. Council was given a copy of the state budget forms that will be submitted along with a PowerPoint presentation from the City Administrator that is available on the City website. Residential rollback went from 46.3428% to 47.4316%. There will be changes to rollback in coming years with proposed property tax changes at the State level. The City tax levy will go from 13.33601% to \$13.50187%. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Council then acted on Resolution #4-21-2025A.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #4-21-2025A: Approving the City of Mount Vernon Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Budget. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution #4-21-2025A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Motions for Approval

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

WOODRUFF CONSTRUCTION INC	PAY APP #7-2024 POOL RENOVATIONS	313,500.00
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	111,307.98
THE BIJOU MOVIE THEATER	TMOBILE HOMETOWN GRANT-ECON DEV	50,300.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	36,334.65
JEO CONSULTING	DOWNTOWN STREETScape-LOST III	23,569.80
MORTON SALT INC	SALT-RUT	23,503.77
MIDWEST INJECTION INC	SLUDGE REMOVAL-SEW	18,000.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW COMMERCIAL	15,289.81
MOUNT VERNON AREA ARTS COUNCIL	TRAIL SCULPTURE-LOST III	10,000.00
LEASE SERVICING CENTER, INC	EQUIP LEASE-LBC	8,464.61
CLASSIC SPRAY FOAM INSULATION	INSULATION-PW FACILITIES	6,491.00
JORDAN'S PROPERTY CARE INC	CEMETERY MAINT	5,750.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	4,952.89

ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	4,344.45
OPN ARCHITECTS	EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER STUDY	4,333.40
JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON	DESIGN GUIDELINES-HPC	4,193.23
RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS INC	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	4,172.86
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	3,772.30
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	2,976.53
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,816.50
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	WEED CONTROL/FERTILIZER-PW,P&R	2,550.55
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	2,512.47
UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY	TUITION-PD BLINKS	2,280.00
PNP	FUEL-PD	1,884.32
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	1,064.68
BANKCARD 8076	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,P&REC	1,030.21
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	785.53
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	773.77
ROTO-ROOTER	SERVICE-SEW	710.00
MAPLE GROVE CONSTRUCTION	REPLACEMENT TIN-PW FACILITIES	691.44
ROTO-ROOTER	SERVICE-SEW	677.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	454.64
BANKCARD 8076	ACH CHARGEBACK-LBC	391.62
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	322.79
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	304.25
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	303.54
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GABRIELLE MOEHLMAN	SERVICES-LBC,P&REC,POOL	280.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CITY HALL	257.10
P&K MIDWEST INC	SUPPLIES-SEW	253.31
KONICA MINOLTA	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-PD	253.20
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	ACH RETURN-WAT,SEW,SW	248.63
COMPUTER PROJECTS OF ILLINOIS	SOFTWARE-PD	218.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW	212.80
MARSHA DEWELL	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	205.94
DSG	SUPPLIES-WAT	196.02
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-CITY HALL	196.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	183.48
JOEL DENES	UNIFORMS-PW	164.98
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	159.97
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	LEGAL FEES-KWIK STAR DA	152.50
TODD GEHRKE	FUEL/MEALS-PD	143.45
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW,SW	139.25
CASSIDY PERROTT	LOGO DESIGN-P&REC	125.00
IOWA DEPT OF INSPEC & APPEALS	LICENSE-POOL	105.00
RYAN CROCK	UNIFORMS-PW	91.92
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	91.74
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW,P&A	90.76
VESTIS	RUGS,SERVICES-FD	88.20
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SIRENS	81.43
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	78.98
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-PD	77.50
JOE JENNISON	SUPPLIES-CHALK THE WALK	68.90
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	SUBSCRIPTION-P&A	55.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-ALL DEPTS	45.75
JOE JENNISON	MEALS-P&A	45.73
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-POOL	45.00

CHARLOTTE MCDERMOTT	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	40.00
SARAH L FITZGERALD	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	40.00
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-P&REC	32.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SW	29.75
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	24.20
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	22.46
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	20.00
IOWA DEPT OF INSPEC & APPEALS	CHARITABLE GAMBLING LICENSE-K9	15.00
MARY EVANS	POSTAGE-HPC	14.85
TOTAL		675,708.43

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

POOL RENOVATIONS		313,500.00
PAYROLL		111,307.98
GENERAL FUND		94,782.47
SEWER FUND		33,241.37
ROAD USE TAX FUND		32,833.03
LOST III UR & STREETScape		23,569.80
SOLID WASTE		16,936.45
LBC		15,567.03
WATER FUND		10,978.11
LOST III TRAILS/PARKS		10,000.00
PW FACILITIES		7,182.44
LOST III COMMUNITY CENTER		4,333.40
STORM WATER FUND		1,323.85
RACHEL STREET/KWIK STAR		152.50
TOTAL		675,708.43

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #3 – 2024 Sanitary Sewer Improvements – Council Action as Needed. The contractors are just over halfway finished with the sewer rehab work that was approved under the Linn County ARPA funding grant. This pay application is in the amount of \$99,432.91. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve Pay Application #3-2024 Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #6 – 2024 Pool Renovations – Council Action as Needed. This pay application is in the amount of \$96,425.00. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve Pay Application #6-2024 Pool Renovations. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of JEO Consulting Group Invoice #160285 – Uptown Streetscape Plan – Council Action as Needed. This invoice is in the amount of \$8,974.51. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to approve Invoice #160285-Uptown Streetscape Plan. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Picnic Table Purchase – 2024 Pool Renovations – Council Action as Needed. Staff is recommending the purchase of ten new picnic tables for the swimming pool at a cost not to exceed \$13,500.00. The existing red stained cedar picnic tables will be moved to other locations. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve the purchase of new picnic tables not to exceed \$13,500.00. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Lounge Chair Purchase – 2024 Pool Renovations – Council Action as Needed. Staff is recommending the purchase of 50 new aruba strap chaise lounge chairs for the pool at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 (with shipping). The lounge chairs come with a five-year warranty and are easier to repair than the hard plastic units they are replacing. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to approve the purchase of lounge chairs not to exceed \$15,000.00. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn and Co. PC Proposal for Audit Services – Council Action as Needed. Staff is recommending the City of Mount Vernon continue to utilize the services of Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn & Co. P.C. for the annual audit. This would be a one-year proposal with a proposed cost of \$15,580.00 (small increase of \$940). Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve the proposal with Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn and Co PC for auditing services. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Bradley L. Hauge, CPA Proposal for Accounting Services – Council Action as Needed. Mr. Hauge assists the City with the completion of state budget forms, TIF reports and monthly bank reconciliations. The yearly contract amount is \$7,750.00 (small increase of \$175). Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve the proposal with Bradly Hauge for accounting services. Motion carries.

Reports to be Received/Filed. Full reports can be found on the City website in the April 21, 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 a tour of the Republic Services recycling center in Cedar Rapids. This Saturday is Mount Vernon Clean Up Day. The school district is engaged with Shive Hattery on a traffic study.

Committee Reports. Engel reported that the Mount Vernon Lisbon Childcare Solutions Committee met last week. They have raised approximately \$100,000 and has given approximately \$70,000 to help hire and retain childcare providers in the area. Rose reminded everyone that Chalk the Walk is coming up the first week in May and the committee is still looking for volunteers. The grant check presentation from TMobile to the Bijou will be that same Saturday at 11:00 am.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City website in the April 21, 2025 Council packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:29 p.m., April 21, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk