

The Mount Vernon City Council met May 19, 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. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Tuerler to approve the Agenda. Motion carries.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – May 5, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

Approval of Cigarette License – Mt. Vernon PNP

Approval of Cigarette License – Gary's Foods

Approval of Cigarette License – Happy Daze

Approval of Device Retailer License – Happy Daze

Approval of Cigarette License – Smoke Shop and Vape

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 6:36 p.m. A second public hearing for the FY2026 budget is being held to meet publication requirements with the State. The budget presentation is available on the City website. There have been no changes to the documents that were submitted and approved at the April 21, 2025 meeting. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 6:37 p.m. Council then acted on Resolution #5-19-2025A.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #5-19-2025A: Approving the City of Mount Vernon Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Budget.

Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve Resolution #5-19-2025A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #5-19-2025B: Directing Sale of \$2,500,000 (Subject to Adjustment per Terms of Offering) General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025. The city is selling general obligation debt in the amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 to construct the Rachel Street Improvements that intersect Hwy 1 along with the Uptown Streetlights. Maggie Burger, Speer Financial, was present to answer Council questions and explain the bids received today. Four bids were received with Northland Securities, Inc being the low bidder with a true interest rate of 3.9315%, with Mount Vernon Bank participating in the bid. The City will receive a premium of \$13,274.55 from the low bidder, which allows them to buy down the interest rate from 4% to the true rate of 3.9315%. The first principal payment will be June 1, 2026. The payment schedule has a built-in call provision whereas if the City wants to pay off or re-finance for a lower interest rate they may do so after 6-1-2032. If the City does not take advantage of the call provision the note maturity/last payment due date is June 1, 2040. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #5-19-2025B. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #5-19-2025C: Approving the Disposal of City Owned Property. The City would like to dispose of miscellaneous park, LBC, and pool equipment. The City of Anamosa would like to purchase a portion of the pool chairs, while the rest will be sold on GOV Deals and/or disposed of in the landfill. Motion made by West, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution #5-19-2025C. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	116,047.23
HAWKEYE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS	PAY APP #1-LBC GENERATOR	66,220.80
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	38,013.03
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW RESIDENTIAL	24,346.31
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET PREL DESIGN	17,036.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW COMMERCIAL	15,350.21
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE-PW FACILITIES	11,545.98
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	HWY 1 RECONSTRUCTION	11,213.40
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-ALL DEPTS	10,351.35
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	9,685.64
WATERS EDGE AQUATIC DESIGN LLC	RENOVATION PLANNING-POOL	7,900.00
JORDAN'S PROPERTY CARE INC	CEMETERY MAINT	5,750.00
BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC	CTW T-SHIRTS-P&REC	4,411.50
SAM, LLC	ANNUAL GIS HOSTING/MAINT-PW	3,960.00
TOTAL TREE CARE OF IOWA CITY	TREE MAINT-RUT	3,450.00
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	AIR PACK TESTING/SUPPLIES-FD	2,579.28
CURTIS ENGLISH	PORTABLE RR RENTALS-P&REC	2,385.00
MARKET STREET	HISTORY TOUR DESIGN-HPC	1,997.50
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	1,879.00
BAKER GROUP	HVAC MAINT-LBC	1,689.02
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	1,490.00
BANKCARD 8076	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,POOL,P&REC	1,485.54
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	LIGHT POLES-UPTOWN LIGHTING	1,000.00
AMERICANA CONCESSIONS	CTW FOOD VENDOR-P&REC	910.00
TAYLOR CONCESSIONS	CTW FOOD VENDOR-P&REC	710.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	650.30
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	520.58
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	476.13
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	470.41
HAPPY LAO FOODS	CTW FOOD VENDOR-P&REC	450.00
BRADY LANHAM	CTW POWER-P&REC	420.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-P&REC	381.48
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	303.54
KONICA MINOLTA	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-PD	301.09
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	START UP CASH-POOL	300.00
BASS FARMS	CTW FOOD VENDOR-P&REC	300.00
LOOSIES	CTW FOOD VENDOR-P&REC	290.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	284.02
GABRIELLE MOEHLMAN	SERVICES-LBC,P&REC,POOL	280.00
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	256.60
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-PD	233.20
D.I.A.L-ELEVATOR SAFETY BUREAU	ELEVATOR PERMIT/INSPECT-P&A	225.00
BAKER GROUP	BLDG MAINT-LBC	219.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	212.79

ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	202.02
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CITY HALL	171.03
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW	138.00
KIECKS	UNIFORMS-PD	137.99
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,P&A,WAT,SEW	131.81
DUSTIN BURNETT	CELL PHONE STIPEND-PW	120.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW,SW	115.62
LINN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC	SUPPLIES/DUES-FD	114.00
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL-PW	109.60
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	91.74
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B4 BRANDS	SUPPLIES-P&A	91.65
VESTIS	RUGS,SERVICES-FD	88.20
UNITED STATES TREASURY	FORM 720 FILING FEE-P&A	86.94
CUSTOM HOSE & SUPPLIES INC	SUPPLIES-RUT	85.05
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL	DRUG TESTING-PW	84.00
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-POOL	80.00
MENARDS	WEED CONCENTRATE-P&REC	79.98
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	LEGAL FEES-P&A	75.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING SERV	WATER/SALT-CITY HALL	69.00
AUSTIN SPRINGSTEEN	REFUND-LBC	66.00
CHARLOTTE MCDERMOTT	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	60.00
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	52.98
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-POOL	50.00
HETHER STAUFFACHER	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	40.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	EQUIP-LBC	38.87
MENARDS	SUPPLIES-P&REC	9.17
TOTAL		370,461.32

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

PAYROLL	116,047.23
LBC	73,577.08
GENERAL FUND	57,118.02
SOLID WASTE	41,738.61
RACHEL STREET/KWIK STAR	17,036.00
PW FACILITIES	11,545.98
2024 INFRASTRUCTURE	11,213.40
SEWER FUND	11,073.00
WATER FUND	10,751.54
ROAD USE TAX FUND	9,857.78
POOL RENOVATIONS	7,900.00
STORM WATER FUND	1,602.68
2025 UPTOWN LIGHTING	1,000.00
TOTAL	370,461.32

FY25 APRIL REVENUE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,482,196.28
PUBLIC WORKS	220,574.18
CULTURE-RECREATION	61,105.29
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV	57,359.67
TOTAL	1,821,235.42

Discussion and Consideration of Audio and Surveillance Quote – 2024 Pool Improvements – Council Action as Needed. Staff is recommending approval of the audio and surveillance equipment installation with RC Tech in the amount of \$9,573.55. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to approve the audio and surveillance quote from RC Tech. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration Pay Application #1 – Uptown Lighting Improvement – Council Action as Needed Significant progress has been made with the Uptown Lighting Project. The lights are scheduled for delivery and installation next week. Pay application #1 is in the amount of \$212,604.78. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve Pay Application #1-Uptown Lighting Improvement. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Retiree Cobra Guidelines Under Iowa Code 509(A) – Council Action as Needed. Iowa Code 509(A) allows employees that meet the definition of “early retiree” to continue under the health, dental and vision insurance umbrella of the City until the age of 65. Retirees are responsible for the full amount of each monthly premium. The early retiree program would be offered in lieu of Cobra Insurance. The question the City Council must consider is whether to extend this benefit to the early retiree’s spouse and/or qualifying children. Iowa Code 509(A) specifies that each employer will determine whether to extend the benefit beyond the early retiree. In Mount Vernon’s case, this has become less of an issue since the City has joined the much larger IGHCP insurance pool. Council agreed that this was a good benefit to provide employees at no cost to the City. Any future Council can reconsider this option at any time. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to approve extending the retiree guidelines to the employee’s spouse. Motion carries.

Reports to be Received/Filed. Full reports available on the City website in the May 19, 2025 Council packet.

Mt. Vernon/Lisbon Police Report

Mt. Vernon Public Works Report

Mt. Vernon Parks and Rec Report

Cole Library Monthly Report

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor’s Report. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for Roundabout Auto the first week of June.

Wieseler will be attending a “State of the County” talk on Thursday this week. The Hall Perrine Foundation is tabling the initial request from the City to be a lead donor for the Childcare Initiatives Program.

Committee Reports. Engel reported the following on the Childcare Solutions team: They have distributed \$13,000.00 worth of Gary’s gift cards to 84 workers; they have raised \$110,000 and distributed approximately \$80,000 with SE Linn serving as their fiscal agent for those funds. CDG will now act as their new fiscal agent.

City Administrator’s Report. Full report available on the City website in the May 19, 2025 Council packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:18 p.m., May 19, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Boren

Assistant City Administrator