

The Mount Vernon City Council met May 5, 2025, at City Hall, 213 1st Street NW, Mount Vernon, IA. A Zoom option was available. The following Council members were present: Tuerler, Engel, Rose and Andresen. Absent: West.

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

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the Agenda. Motion carries. West absent.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – April 21, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

Approval of Cigarette License – Casey’s General Store #1599

Appoint Brian Squires – Planning and Zoning Commission

Public Hearing

Public Hearing on the Authorization of a Loan Agreement and the Issuance of Notes to Evidence the Obligation of the City Thereunder (\$500,000). Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:43 pm. The City is selling general obligation debt for the Uptown Street Lighting Project in the amount not to exceed \$500,000. The bond proceeds will be repaid with local option sales tax dollars assigned to the uptown streetscape. Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 6:44 pm. Council then acted on Resolution #5-5-2025A.

Public Hearing on the Authorization of a Loan Agreement and the Issuance of Notes to Evidence the Obligation of the City Thereunder (\$2,250,000). Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:45 pm. The City is selling general obligation debt in the amount not to exceed \$2,250,000 to construct the Rachel Street improvements intersecting Hwy 1. The bonds for Rachel Street will be repaid with tax increment financing dollars. Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 6:49 pm. Council then acted on Resolution #5-5-2025B.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #5-5-2025A: Instituting Proceedings to Take Additional Action for the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$500,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #5-5-2025A. Roll call all yes. West absent.

Resolution #5-5-2025B: Instituting Proceedings to Take Additional Action for the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$2,250,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #5-5-2025B. Roll call all yes. West absent.

Resolution #5-5-2025C: Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures and Distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement. This resolution establishes electronic bidding procedures and the distribution of the preliminary Official Statement for the \$500,000 and \$2,250,000 bond issuance. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution #5-5-2025C. Roll call all yes. West absent.

Resolution #5-5-2025D: Approving the Bid Packet and Setting a Public Hearing Date for the Sale of Public Property Located at 1040 2nd Ave NW, Mt. Vernon, IA, Locally Known as the Old Mount Vernon Public Works Shop. Upon suggestion from the City Attorney, staff is recommending the city advertise the old public works property at a reduced price. The new minimum bid for the property is \$250,000.00. Sealed bids will be due to City Hall by 3:00 pm on May 30, 2025 and the public hearing to consider bids will be June 2, 2025. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #5-5-2025D. Roll call all yes. West absent.

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	115,820.01
MUNICIPAL PIPE TOOL CO. INC	PAY APP #3-2024 SEWER REHAB	99,432.91
WOODRUFF CONSTRUCTION INC	PAY APP #6-2024 POOL RENOVATIONS	96,425.00
GLOBAL PUBLIC SAFETY	TAC 10 MAINT RENEWAL-PD	10,946.00
JEO CONSULTING	DOWNTOWN STREETScape-LOST III	8,974.51
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2024 SANITARY SEWER REHAB	6,413.00
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-PW	4,461.14
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES INC	CHEMICALS-POOL	3,975.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER EQUIP/MAINT-ALL DEPTS	3,755.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	3,004.43
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	2,828.22
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	2,247.60
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	2,072.33
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	INTELLISTREETS LIGHTING	1,947.00
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	1,737.84
PNP	FUEL-PD	1,715.98
BOWKER PINNACLE MECHANICAL	COLONIAL ESTATES METER	1,220.00
REC DESK LLC	SUBSCRIPTION-LBC,POOL,P&REC	1,074.00
EVER-GREEN LANDSCAPE NURSERY	MULCH-P&REC	1,010.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PD	980.00
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES	GENERATOR-PD	949.39
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-PD	935.00
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-CITY HALL	931.27
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	VEHICLE MAINT-RUT	912.41
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-PD	893.88
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE/HUBSPOT SUPPORT-ALL DEPTS	825.00
SPRINGVILLE READY MIX	CONCRETE-PW FACILITIES	802.50
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	775.00
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	720.73
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	UPTOWN LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS	646.50
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	642.03
KONICA MINOLTA	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-ALL DEPTS	582.53
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-LBC	565.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	521.52
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC	483.04
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	4TH ST NW RECONSTRUCTION	461.10
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	447.07
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-CITY HALL	425.77
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	414.91
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	378.62

MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	351.29
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE SUPPORT-LBC	325.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS	316.29
ALEX VOLKOV	UNIFORMS-WAT,SEW	299.93
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT,SEW,SW	295.59
GABRIELLE MOEHLMAN	SERVICES-LBC,P&REC,POOL	280.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	SUPPLIES-PW	279.75
MENARDS	SUPPLIES-PW FACILITIES	268.88
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	260.00
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	CTW START UP CASH-P&REC	250.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WASTEWATER MISC ENGINEERING	244.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-FD	240.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	LBC GENERATOR	237.00
MENARDS	ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES-PW FACILITIES	222.81
CAUSE TEAM	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	222.00
GALLS LLC	UNIFORMS-PD	215.39
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	214.67
CHRIS NOSBISCH	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	199.50
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	NPDES COMPLIANCE	187.00
RC TECH	CAMERA SERVICE-SW	186.50
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL	182.16
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-LBC	181.90
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	4TH ST NW RECONSTRUCTION	181.50
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	181.50
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE/EQUIP MAINT-ALL DEPTS	166.50
JOE JENNISON	CTW SUPPLIES-P&REC	156.16
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	155.43
US CELLULAR	PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS	140.05
KONICA MINOLTA	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC	130.38
INTOXIMETERS	EQUIP REPAIR-PD	125.00
MENARDS	ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES-PW FACILITIES	122.98
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-FD	117.13
CUSTOM HOSE & SUPPLIES INC	SUPPLIES-FD	110.80
MECHANICSVILLE TELEPHONE	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	108.77
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	102.00
ST LUKE'S WORK WELL SOLUTIONS	DRUG TESTING-PW	100.00
BRYCE JANEY	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	100.00
DAVID LEE PAUL SCHROEDER	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	100.00
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT,SEW,SW	98.86
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	91.74
JACOB SEE	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	89.98
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2024 SANITARY SEWER REHAB	89.00
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-P&A	88.91
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	82.19
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	81.92
PROFESSIONAL WINDOW CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING-PD,CITY HALL	80.00
KONICA MINOLTA	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC	79.97
TASC	FSA ADJUSTMENT-ALL DEPTS	76.92
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-PD	74.88
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	73.81
US CELLULAR	INTERNET-WAT,SEW	66.45
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-CITY HALL	63.80
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	61.20
DANIEL WILLIAMS	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	59.83

TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-VC	55.00
JEFF ALLEN	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	50.00
CATHERINE KENNEDY	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	50.00
DAVE BONHAM	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	50.00
TOMMY BRUNNER	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	50.00
BILLY BOURBON	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	50.00
TOM BERDO	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	50.00
MATT PANEK	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	50.00
ANJI KAT	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	50.00
BILLY LEE JANEY	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	50.00
IZAAK LEONARD	REFEREE-P&REC	45.00
CHARLOTTE MCDERMOTT	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	40.00
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-P&REC	37.00
ABBY SMOLA	REFUND-LBC	36.38
POINTCORE GRAPHIC SOLUTIONS	NAMEPLATE-P&A	36.20
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	31.94
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-POOL	30.00
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-FD	23.98
ST LUKE'S WORK WELL SOLUTIONS	DRUG TESTING-PW	20.00
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-LBC	10.00
BRENT FURROW	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	9.66
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	WIRE FEE-PD GRANT	5.00
AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
TOTAL		393,005.72

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

PAYROLL	115,820.01
ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	105,934.91
POOL RENOVATIONS	96,425.00
GENERAL FUND	34,090.83
LOST III UR & STREETScape	10,921.51
WATER FUND	7,259.11
LBC	5,872.13
SEWER FUND	5,235.57
ROAD USE TAX FUND	3,783.15
SOLID WASTE	3,562.85
PW FACILITIES	1,417.17
2024 INFRASTRUCTURE	1,289.10
REMOTE READ METER PROJECT	1,220.00
STORM WATER FUND	174.38
TOTAL	393,005.72

Discussion and Consideration of ECICOG Presentation of Downtown CDBG Façade Grant Proposal – Council Action as Needed. Joe Jennison has been working with Tom Gruis from ECICOG and several property owner’s uptown on the submittal of a CDBG façade rehab grant application. Jennison reported that at this time, there are approximately 13 property owners that would be interested in participating in the grant application. Gruis was present to explain the parameters of the grant and the potential financial responsibilities of the City and property owners if awarded. Council was in agreement with moving forward with the grant application. No action taken. The full presentation from ECICOG can be found on the City website under the May 5, 2025 Council packet.

Discussion And Consideration Setting a Public Hearing Date for the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget – Council Action as Needed. The City of Mount Vernon is required to hold another public hearing to re-approve the FY 2025-2026 budget. Because the hearing notice for the budget adoption was published before the Tax Levy hearing meeting, the hearing on the adoption of the budget was not legal. There have not been any changes made to the previously approved budget. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to set the public hearing date for May 19, 2025. Motion carries. West absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Possible Archery Event – Nature Park – Council Action as Needed. The Parks and Rec Board has reviewed a request from Tom Wilkinson to hold archery awareness events at Nature Park and is requesting Council approval to move forward. Wilkinson would lead and provide supervision and instruction of safe use of archery equipment in a dedicated range, outdoors, in a Mount Vernon City park. There would be no cost to the City and One Arrow Archery would provide bows, arrows and range equipment. The proposed site would be at Nature Park. The range and direction of shooting would be away from normal foot traffic and there would be an arrow curtain behind the targets. Trained instructors would stand beside beginning archers to ensure safe operation of a bow and arrow before stepping back to observe a group on the range. In addition to signage, Rose suggested additional safety measures for park attendees to inform them of the events, Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve the archery event at Nature Park. Motion carries. West absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Additional Lounge Chair Purchase – 2024 Pool Renovations – Council Action as Needed. The previous lounge chair purchase approval given at the last meeting only replaced fifty percent of the existing inventory. This additional purchase would replace all chairs. There will be 150 new chairs in total, which would include lounge chairs and upright chairs. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve the purchase of additional chairs for the pool, not to exceed an additional \$20,800.00. Motion carries. West absent.

Discussion and Consideration S&P Global Engagement Letter for the Proposed \$2,500,000 Borrowing – Council Action as Needed. S&P Global Rating services will provide a credit rating for the City of Mount Vernon's \$2,500,000 bond issuance. The cost to conduct the rating is \$14,487.00. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve the services with S&P Global. Motion carries. West absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Water's Edge Invoice #11142 – 2024 Pool Improvements – Council Action as Needed. This invoice is in the amount of \$7,400.00 for work conducted through March. The pool project is still projected to be complete by the proposed opening. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Tuerler to approve Water's Edge Invoice #11142-2024 Pool Improvements. Motion carries. West absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Replacement Video Management Server – LBC – Council Action as Needed. The video management server for the LBC has reached the end of its five year life cycle. Tri-City Electric Co. has submitted a quote for the replacement server in the amount of \$12,045.00. Tri-City Electric was the contractor used for the camera installation project. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Rose to approve the quote from Tri-City Electric for video management server replacement. Motion carries. West absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #1 – LBC Generator Project – Council Action as Needed. Hawkeye Electric has received and stored the Gillette Generator that was quoted for the LBC Generator project. Pay application #1 is in the amount of \$66,220.00. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve Pay Application #1-LBC Generator Project. Motion carries. West absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Grinding and Removal Storm Debris and Other Materials for The Bryant Rd Public Works Site – Council Action as Needed. Chopper's Grinding Service will grind and remove

everything but the finished compost pile from the Bryant Rd. Public Works site for approximately \$47,500.00 (the remainder of the derecho storm debris). This project will not be completed and billed until the start of the next fiscal year. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve services with Chopper's Grinding Service in the amount of \$47,500.00. Motion carries. West absent.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51361-10 – Hwy 1 Reconstruction – Council Action as Needed. Invoice #51361-10 is in the amount of \$11,213.40. This work is related to the IaDOT Hwy Reconstruction Project. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve V&K Invoice #51361-10-Hwy 1 Reconstruction. Motion carries. West absent.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51378-7 – Rachel Street Expansion – Council Action as Needed. Invoice #51378-7 is in the amount of \$17,036. This work is related to the Rachel Street Expansion Project. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve V&K Invoice #51378-7-Rachel Street Expansion. Motion carries. West absent.

Reports to be Received/Filed

LMVAS Annual Report. Jacob Lindauer was present to answer questions from Council in regards to the LMVAS Annual Report. Full report can be found on the City website in the May 5, 2025 Council packet.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. Wieseler attended a reception put on by the Daily Iowan that recognized senior interns. The Mayor frequently receives requests to put items on the City website but does not approve all requests in order to maintain the integrity of the website.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City website in the May 5, 2025 Council packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 8:06 p.m., May 5, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk