

The Mount Vernon City Council met June 16, 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, Engel, Rose. Absent: Tuerler, West.

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

**Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval.** The public hearing and ordinance reading for the sewer service charges (E1 and F1) will be tabled. The public hearing on the Rachel Street Improvement Project will be moved up on the agenda after the Accessory Building public hearing. The Park Audit Review will be tabled. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carries. Tuerler, West absent.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – June 2, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

Appoint Julie Nosek – Planning and Zoning Commission

Appoint Sarah Doyle - Cole Public Library Board of Trustees

Approval of Liquor License – Si Senor Inc

Approval of Liquor license – Mt. Vernon-Lisbon CDG (Heritage Days)

### **Public Hearing**

Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending Chapter 99.02 Sewer Service Charges of the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code. Tabled.

Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending the US Highway 30 Master Plan for the City of Mt. Vernon. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:38 p.m. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 6:39 p.m. Council then acted on Ordinance #6-16-2025B.

Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending Chapter 165 Zoning Regulations, Article 7, Section 710 Accessory Buildings to the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:41 p.m. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 6:42 p.m. Council then acted on Ordinance #6-16-2025C.

Public Hearing for the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of Costs for the 2025 Rachel Street Improvement Project. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:43 p.m. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 6:44 p.m. Council then acted on Resolution #6-16-2025C

### **Ordinance Approval/Amendment**

Ordinance #6-16-2025A: Amending Chapter 99.02 Sewer Service Charges of the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code. Tabled.

Ordinance #6-16-2025B: Amending the US Highway 30 Master Plan for the City of Mt. Vernon. The north boundary of the US Highway 30 master Plan is currently Business 30. In order to protect the investment of property owners along this corridor, staff is recommending extension of the plan to apply the design

standards and guidelines to properties along the north side of Business 30 as well. This would include Cherry Ridge, Hallmark Care Center, Casey's General Store, Round-About Repair Shop and the old Mount Vernon Motel site. Planning and Zoning met and voted in favor of this at their June 11, 2025 meeting. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to approve the first reading of Ordinance #6-16-2025B. Roll call all yes. Tuerler, West absent. Ordinance passes the first reading.

Ordinance #6-16-2025C: Chapter 165 Zoning Regulations, Article 7, Section 710 Accessory Buildings to the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code. Unintended language was included in the accessory dwelling unit section of the Mt. Vernon Zoning Code, severely limiting the overall size of units. The proposed changes would update the square footage allowed and how enforcement is done. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the first reading of Ordinance #6-16-2025C. Roll call all yes. Tuerler, West absent. Ordinance passes the first reading.

### **Resolutions for Approval**

Resolution #6-16-2025A: Approving Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Transfers. This is the final transfer resolution for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Transfers will cover TIF developer payments and zeroing out funds to end the fiscal year. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #6-16-2025A. Roll call all yes. Tuerler, West absent. Resolution passes.

Resolution #6-16-2025B: Ordering Construction of Certain Public Improvements, Approving Preliminary Plans, And Fixing a Date for Improvements Known as the 2025 Sidewalk Improvements. This will begin the bidding process for the sidewalk repair work in the NE and SE quadrants of the community. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #6-16-2025B. Roll call all yes. Tuerler, West absent. Resolution passes.

Resolution #6-16-2025C: Adopting Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of Costs for the 2025 Rachel Street Improvement Project. Work will include the extension of Rachel Street and Hwy 1 west, construction of new traffic signals and expansion work on the east side of Rachel Street and Hwy 1 Intersection. The engineers estimate is \$2.4 million and Kwik Star will contribute approximately \$475,000. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #6-16-2025C. Roll call all yes. Tuerler, West absent. Resolution passes.

Resolution #6-16-2025D: Approving the Disposal of Municipal Property. A list of the city owned property slated for disposal can be found within Exhibit A of the resolution. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution #6-16-2025D. Roll call all yes. Tuerler, West absent. Resolution passes.

Resolution #6-16-2025E: Amending the City of Mount Vernon Fee Schedule for FY 2025-2026. The LBC fees are reviewed every two years by staff. Inflationary costs, including proposed wage increases, are necessitating a small increase in member and rental rates. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #6-16-2025E. Roll call all yes. Tuerler, West absent. Resolution passes.

### **Motions for Approval**

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

WOODRUFF CONSTRUCTION INC	PAY APP #8-2024 POOL RENO	536,585.79
BBAJ INC	TIF REBATES	159,027.00
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	152,099.08
MIDWEST DEVELOPMENT COMPANY	TIF REBATES	86,406.13
MUNICIPAL PIPE TOOL CO. INC	PAY APP #4-2024 SEWER REHAB	67,049.48
RATHJE CONSTRUCTION	PAY APP #4 FINAL-GLENN STREET	45,362.22

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	36,572.98
JEO CONSULTING	UPTOWN STREETSCAPE-LOST III	26,809.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW RESIDENTIAL	24,194.81
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW COMMERCIAL	16,104.70
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET PREL DESIGN	14,362.10
PREMIER POLYSTEEL	TABLES-POOL RENOVATION	12,470.00
BAKER GROUP	HVAC MAINT-LBC	9,621.17
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-ALL DEPTS	7,561.45
LEXIPOL LLC	POLICY MANUALS-PD	5,479.55
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	4,578.82
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	3,448.67
CULVERS GARDEN CENTER	TREES/PLANTS-LOST III	3,099.96
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,567.50
JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON	DESIGN GUIDELINES-HPC	2,381.33
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC-P&A,PD,LBC	2,324.58
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	2,150.19
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	2,044.89
CAUSE TEAM	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	1,788.90
PNP	FUEL-PD	1,693.48
BANKCARD 8076	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,POOL,P&REC	1,640.25
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	1,585.00
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-POOL	1,495.00
CEDAR RAPIDS KERNELS	KERNELS TICKETS-P&REC	1,375.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	1,195.00
ROUNABOUT REPAIR SHOP LLC	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	1,026.92
PITNEY BOWES	METER POSTAGE-ALL DEPTS	1,000.00
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES	GENERATOR-PD	949.39
PLASTIC PALLET CREATION	PALLETS-PW	880.00
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	811.00
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	TRAINING-PD	773.00
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY	EXTINGUISHER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	739.50
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP REPAIR-PW	738.67
AMERICAN RED CROSS	TRAINING-POOL	650.00
KIEFER AQUATICS	SPINE BOARD PACKAGE-POOL RENO	590.00
CAUSE TEAM	SUPPLIES-K9 GOLF	557.00
BAUMAN AND COMPANY	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	513.98
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	391.29
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	378.62
KONICA MINOLTA	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-PD	324.24
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	SIGNS-K9 GOLF	320.00
HAWKEYE COMMUNICATION INC	FIRE ALARM INSPECTION-PD	300.00
KIEFER AQUATICS	SUPPLIES-POOL	275.24
AFFORDABLE HEATING & COOLING	HVAC MAINT-CITY HALL	270.60
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	270.03
FRIED SWEETS & TREATS	CTW VENDOR-P&REC	230.00
KONE INC	ELEVATOR MAINT-P&A	223.29
PITNEY BOWES	METER SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	211.62
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-POOL,P&REC,LBC	200.00
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	TRAINING-FD	189.00
INDUSTRIAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT	SERVICES-WAT	187.50
RC TECH	CAMERA SERVICE-SW	186.50
CARQUEST OF LISBON	EQUIP MAINT-ALL DEPTS	181.71
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-POOL	161.00
KONICA MINOLTA	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC	149.84

STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	136.65
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL-PW	126.92
KONA ICE	CTW VENDOR-P&REC	120.00
MENARDS	SUPPLIES-SCULPTURE TRAIL	119.96
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	UNIFORMS-PD	113.15
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING SERV	WATER/SALT-CITY HALL	111.00
IAN MACDONALD STUDIOS	LOGO CREATION-P&A	100.00
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-P&REC	91.87
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	91.74
VESTIS	RUGS,SERVICES-FD	88.20
DSG	SUPPLIES-WAT	75.68
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	73.81
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-PD	68.20
STANARD & ASSOCIATES	TESTING-PD	66.83
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-CITY HALL	63.80
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	63.68
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY	EXTINGUISHER MAINT-PD	63.50
DANIEL WILLIAMS	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	59.83
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-VC	55.00
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL	DRUG TESTING-PW VOLKOV	42.00
CHARLOTTE MCDERMOTT	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	40.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	30.58
MATT PLOTZ	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	29.99
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&Z	25.44
BRENT FURROW	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	9.66
AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,248,626.46</b>

#### **FUND EXPENSE TOTALS**

POOL RENOVATIONS	549,645.79
GENERAL FUND	300,039.55
PAYROLL	152,099.08
ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	67,049.48
GLENN ST/COTTONWOOD	45,362.22
SOLID WASTE	43,391.51
LOST III UR & STREETScape	26,809.00
LBC	16,159.01
RACHEL STREET/KWIK STAR	14,362.10
WATER FUND	13,806.22
SEWER FUND	10,764.13
ROAD USE TAX FUND	4,608.28
LOST III TRAILS/PARKS	3,219.92
STORM WATER FUND	1,310.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,248,626.46</b>

#### **FY25 MAY REVENUE**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	385,102.16
PUBLIC WORKS	246,544.17
PUBLIC SAFETY	104,506.36
CULTURE-RECREATION	78,920.55

Discussion and Consideration of Setting Wages and Salaries for the Lester Buresh Center – Council Action as Needed. Economic factors continue to pressure beginning wage thresholds for city facilities, including the LBC. Staff have identified new starting wages for each job classification based upon industry standards and current market conditions. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve new LBC starting wages as recommended by staff beginning July 1, 2025. Motion carries. Tuerler, West absent.

Discussion and Consideration of CHI Cottonwood Economic Development Payment – Council Action as Needed. Construction of the Cottonwood Apartment complex is nearing completion, and Community Housing Initiatives is now eligible to receive the \$395,000 LMI award that was previously approved by Council. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to release the \$395,000 to Community Housing Initiatives. Motion carries. Tuerler, West absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Appointing the Mt. Vernon Fire Department Chief Positions – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to appoint Nathan Goodlove, Fire Chief; Derek Boren, Assistant Fire Chief and Jacob Buster, Assistant Fire Chief to new three-year terms beginning July 1, 2025. Motion carries. Tuerler, West absent.

Discussion and Consideration of John Deere 72" Zero Turn Mower – Council Action as Needed. . The current Hustler mower has been problematic from the start and continues to present staff with maintenance issues. Payment will not be made until next fiscal year. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Engel to approve the purchase of a new zero turn mower not to exceed \$21,000.00. Motion carries. Tuerler, West absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for an Amendment to Chapter 91 Water Meters – Council Action as Needed. The City has been extremely successful securing voluntary compliance with the water meter replacement project. There are approximately 30 locations that need to make contact with the City to have this work completed. Staff will be introducing an ordinance that establishes a sewer surcharge to non-compliant accounts. The surcharge will cover the costs of additional staff time necessary to account for the manual/estimated reads. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to set the public hearing date for July 7, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carries. Tuerler, West absent.

Discussion and Consideration of 2024-2025 Park Audit Review – Council Action as Needed. Tabled.

**Reports to be Received/Filed.** Full reports available on the City website in the June 16, 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. Information has been added to some of the kiosks that were installed in the Parks. Wieseler has been working with the Sun and discussing hosting the next set of University of Iowa journalism students.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City website in the June 16, 2025 Council packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:22 p.m., June 16, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Dewell  
City Clerk