

The Mount Vernon City Council met July 7, 2025, at City Hall, 213 1st Street NW, Mount Vernon, IA. A Zoom option was available. The following Council members were present: Tuerler, Engel, West, Rose and Andresen.

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

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. Motion made by West, seconded by Engel to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carries.

Consent Agenda

Approval of City Council Minutes – June 16, 2025, Regular Council Meeting. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carries.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending Chapter 99.02 Sewer Service Charges of the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code (tabled on June 16, 2025). Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to remove from table. Motion carries. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:47 p.m. As discussed during the budget process, the proposed increase to sewer rates on July 1, 2025 and July 1, 2026 is 12% each year. Mandated changes to the sewer plant and existing debt from the 2009 sewer improvement bond are contributing factors to the proposed increases. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m. Council then acted on Ordinance #6-16-2025A.

Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending Chapter 91 Water Meters for the City of Mt. Vernon. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:53 p.m. Council will consider a \$50 non-compliance fee for residents who have not had their existing water meter replaced with the new radio read meters. The \$50 fee covers the additional staff time needed to manually read and enter the information into the billing software. Resident Sonja Cooklin voiced concern over the safety of the new meters and felt that residents should have the option of opting out of having these meters installed and possibly paying a minimal monthly fee to keep the old meters. Cooklin also asked whether the old meters could possibly be read less often to minimize the amount of time staff spends on manually reading them. Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Council then acted on Ordinance #7-7-2025A.

Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending Chapter 106 Resource Recovery and Refuse Disposal for the City of Mt. Vernon. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. This ordinance would place requirements on the storage of trash receptacles. Staff has received a number of complaints from residents regarding trash receptacles that are being left curbside for the entire week. Council member Rose felt that this proposed ordinance does more than enforce the timeliness of removing the receptacles from the street, but also places strict guidelines on where those receptacles should be placed. He felt it was not Council's place to tell people what they should do with items on their own property. Council member Tuerler said the complaints he had received were not only for aesthetic reasons but primarily those of safety, as the containers left in the street could be blown around. Nosbisch said if Council did not like the wording in the proposed ordinance, changes could be made with the first reading. Resident Curt Hancock spoke and said he appreciated Council member Rose's point and questioned how serious the problem actually was. He suggested first putting an ad in the paper urging residents to remove their receptacles in a timely matter or

Council may need to consider passing this type of ordinance. Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. Council then acted on Ordinance #7-7-2025B.

Public Hearing on Adopting Plans, and Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of the Cost for Construction of the 2025 Sidewalk Improvements. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 7:54 p.m. Work will include grinding, removing and replacing non-compliant sidewalks throughout the City. According to City Planner, Leigh Bradbury, a notice to bidders was posted for bid opening to occur on July 17, 2025 for the 2025 Sidewalk Improvement Project. Of the 171 locations identified for improvements, 105 private property owners, along with Cornell College, have chosen to contract for those improvements through inclusion on the City's contract. The City has established two loan options (3 years and 6 years) for those wishing to utilize them for their improvements. Construction is expected to begin in early August, with completion by November 14, 2025. A contractor that will be bidding on the project asked questions on some of the bid specifications. Nosbisch directed them to Veenstra and Kimm for clarification. Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 8:03 p.m. Council then acted on Resolution 7-7-2025B.

Ordinance Approval/Amendment

Ordinance #6-16-2025A: Amending Chapter 99.02 Sewer Service Charges of the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code (tabled on June 16, 2025). Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to remove from table. Motion carries. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve the first reading of Ordinance #6-16-2025A. Roll call all yes. Ordinance passes its first reading.

Ordinance #6-16-2025B: Amending the US Highway 30 Master Plan for the City of Mt. Vernon. Staff has not received any verbal or written communication regarding this ordinance since the first reading. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve the second reading of Ordinance #6-16-2025B. Roll call all yes. Ordinance passes its second reading.

Ordinance #6-16-2025C: Chapter 165 Zoning Regulations, Article 7, Section 710 Accessory Buildings to the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code. Staff has not received any verbal or written communication regarding this ordinance since the first reading. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve the second reading of Ordinance #6-16-2025C. Roll call all yes. Ordinance passes its second reading.

Ordinance #7-7-2025A: Amending Chapter 91 Water Meters of the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to approve the first reading of Ordinance #7-7-2025A. Roll call all yes. Ordinance passes its first reading.

Ordinance #7-7-2025B: Amending Chapter 106 Resource Recovery and Refuse of the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code. Tuerler made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #7-7-2025B with the following changes: Section 106.04(2) would read, "Containers for curbside collection shall be placed curbside no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the day before collection" and in Section 106.04(4) the last two sentences would be removed and it would read, "Containers for curbside collections shall be stored in an enclosed garage or behind the front build line of the primary residence". Motion seconded by Andresen. Roll call voting yes: Engel, Tuerler, West, Andresen. Voting no: Rose. Ordinance passes its first reading.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #7-7-2025A: Making Award of the Construction Bid for Street, Traffic Signals and Other Municipal Improvements for the Rachel Street Improvements. The City received a total of nine bids for the Rachel Street Improvements. Veenstra & Kimm Engineering has submitted a recommendation to award the project Rathje Construction in the amount of \$1,299,523.93. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$2,400,000. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #7-7-2025A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #7-7-2025B: Adopting Plans, and Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of the Cost for Construction of the 2025 Sidewalk Improvements. Motion made by West, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution #7-7-2025B. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #7-7-2025C: Approving a Release from the Development Agreement for Stonebrook 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th Additions. As part of the development agreement with the various Stonebrook phases, the City must release individual lots from the requirements stated within the agreement in order for these lots to get through the lending process with some institutions. Motion made by Engel, seconded by West to approve Resolution #7-7-2025C. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Motions for Approval

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

COMMUNITY HOUSING INITIATIVES	LMI HOUSING GRANT	395,000.00
IA COMMUNITIES ASSURANCE POOL	PROPERTY/VEHICLE INSURANCE	187,129.00
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	159,507.48
COLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	FY26 SUPPORT	154,500.00
IMWCA	WORK COMP INSURANCE	82,952.00
LISBON MT VERNON AMBULANCE	FY26 SUPPORT	37,250.00
SE LINN COMMUNITY CENTER	FY26 SUPPORT	21,000.00
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP	FY26 SUPPORT	20,000.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	19,488.17
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW COMMERCIAL	15,523.31
HUBSPOT INC	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION-ALL DEPTS	13,152.73
SPEER FINANCIAL INC	2025 GO SERVICES	12,465.00
LEASE SERVICING CENTER, INC	EQUIP LEASE-LBC	8,464.61
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CEDAR RAPIDS	TOOLS-PW	8,253.88
RC TECH	AUDIO & SURVEILLANCE-POOL RENO	7,236.39
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	6,090.91
JORDAN'S PROPERTY CARE INC	CEMETERY MAINT	5,750.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	5,723.09
WIENEKE LAND SOLUTIONS	FERTILIZER/WEED CONTROL-ALL DEPTS	5,635.00
MOUNT VERNON AREA ARTS COUNCIL	FY26 SUPPORT	5,500.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	5,380.79
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	5,076.43
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP	INTERN SALARY OFFSET	5,000.00
CCDG	HERITAGE DAYS SUPPORT	5,000.00
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC-P&A,PD,LBC	4,847.94
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	DESKTOP DOWN PYMT-PD	4,400.00
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES INC	CHEMICALS-POOL	3,975.00
IOWA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UTIL	SGEI MEMBERSHIP-PW	3,899.04
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-PW,PD	3,778.24
DAVID REGA	PAVER REPAIRS-UPTOWN LIGHTING	3,305.07
RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS INC	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	3,265.89
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	3,197.60
VERMEER SALES & SERVICE INC	EQUIP MAINT-SW	3,067.49
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	ANNUAL DUES-P&A	2,967.00
KONE INC	ELEVATOR MAINT-ALL DEPTS	2,731.00
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	HYDRO SEED-P&REC	2,690.04
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	2,569.95
RC TECH	CABLES-PW FACILITIES	2,527.45

IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	2,487.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PW LIFT STATION	2,436.00
DIXON ENGINEERING INC	TOWER CLEANING SPECS-WAT	2,275.00
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	2,138.50
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,067.50
KERNOUSTIE GOLF CLUB	CART RENTALS-K9 GOLF	2,020.00
COMMUNITY BAND	FY26 SUPPORT	2,000.00
WENDLING QUARRIES	ROAD STONE-TRAILS	1,816.14
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	NPDES COMPLIANCE	1,812.00
LISBON, CITY OF	AMB DIRECTOR CONTRACTED SALARY	1,657.87
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	1,540.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	UPTOWN LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS	1,295.70
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	1,283.05
HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	1,272.03
P&K MIDWEST INC	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	1,209.61
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES INC	STRAINER/GRATE-POOL	1,194.09
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,159.57
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	1,101.17
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	BRYANT RD PW TRAIL	1,024.00
CAUSE TEAM	UNIFORMS-SWIM TEAM	959.85
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES	GENERATOR-PD	949.39
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-CITY HALL	931.27
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-PD	893.88
KONICA MINOLTA	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-ALL DEPTS	866.66
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE/HUBSPOT SUPPORT-ALL DEPTS	825.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-POOL	773.14
LINCOLNWAY GOLF CARS	CART RENTAL-K9 GOLF	765.00
911 TECH, INC	SUBSCRIPTIONS-PD	762.30
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	717.16
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2024 SANITARY SEWER REHAB	704.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	700.43
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	640.90
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PW SALT SHED	624.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	601.27
UMB BANK	2024 GO FEES	600.00
DEREK BOREN	CELL PHONE STIPEND-FD	600.00
JACOB BUSTER	CELL PHONE STIPEND-FD	600.00
NATHAN GOODLOVE	CELL PHONE STIPEND-FD	600.00
CUSTOM HOSE & SUPPLIES INC	HOSE-PW	520.26
CORNELL COLLEGE	SOCCER OFFICIALS-P&REC	510.00
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY FEE-WAT	492.16
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	491.60
EVER-GREEN LANDSCAPE NURSERY	MULCH-P&REC	490.00
ALEX VOLKOV	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
CHRIS NOSBISCH	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
DEAN SMYTH	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
DONNY FEDDERSEN	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
DUSTIN BURNETT	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
ELDON DOWNS	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
JACOB SEE	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
JAYNE DEWITTE	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
JOEL DENES	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
KATEY FOREST	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
LEIGH BRADBURY	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00

LORI BOREN	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
MARSHA DEWELL	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
MATT PLOTZ	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
MERIDITH HOFFMAN	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
RYAN CROCK	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
TED SEITER	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	480.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PW	475.30
BIG COUNTRY SEEDS	CHALK/LINE MARKING-P&REC	462.00
CAUSE TEAM	SAFETY SUPPLIES-PW,P&REC	454.70
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	447.07
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-CITY HALL	427.23
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP REPAIR-PW	408.50
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-PD K9	404.68
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-POOL	392.00
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	378.62
HDC PRINTED PRODUCTS	CHECKS-ALL DEPTS	365.67
TRUENORTH COMPANIES	EMPLOYEE THEFT/FORGERY POLICY	354.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	351.29
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	POOL RENTAL-FD	350.00
MATT SIDERS	MILEAGE-P&REC,LBC	336.00
TASC	FSA ADJUSTMENT-ALL DEPTS	330.76
CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY	ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES-PW FACILITIES	327.00
HEARTLAND SHREDDING INC	DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION-P&A	326.56
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE SUPPORT-LBC	325.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	323.24
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	4TH STREET NW RECONSTRUCTION	320.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS	316.29
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	314.99
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	303.54
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	301.82
IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	ONLINE WARRANTS-PD	300.00
UMB BANK	2025 GO ACCEPTANCE FEE	300.00
UMB BANK	2018 GO FEES	300.00
JOE JENNISON	CELL PHONE STIPEND-ALL DEPTS	300.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	292.54
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-CITY HALL	291.06
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-PW	290.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WASTEWATER MISC ENGINEERING	283.60
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-PD	262.23
RYAN IZER	REFEREE-P&REC	260.00
UMB BANK	2013A GO FEES	250.00
UMB BANK	2014 GO FEES	250.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PARKS MISC ENGINEERING	250.00
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-POOL	200.00
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	SIGN-P&REC	200.00
M & K DUST CONTROL	SERVICES-PW	187.50
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	182.09
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	180.70
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT-ALL DEPTS	172.90
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-LBC	170.50
DEVIN BROPHY	REFEREE-P&REC	170.00
PITNEY BOWES	METER LEASE-ALL DEPTS	165.33
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-PD	165.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-POOL	164.60

LORI BOREN	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	163.80
MARSHA DEWELL	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	163.80
CORY WITTROCK	EQUIP MAINT-LBC	155.00
CAUSE TEAM	SWIM TEAM SUPPLIES-POOL	154.05
BANKCARD 8076	REFUNDS-LBC,POOL,P&REC	151.00
HAWKEYE COMMUNICATION INC	FIRE SYST MONITORING-PD	147.00
KONICA MINOLTA	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC	143.65
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	142.95
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	141.00
US CELLULAR	PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS	140.05
CHRIS NOSBISCH	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	136.50
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ASSOC	SUPPLIES-SEW	136.06
CURTIS ENGLISH	PORTABLE RR RENTALS-P&REC	130.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CITY HALL	129.84
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	124.50
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	108.77
MAXWELL SIDERS	REFEREE-P&REC	105.00
RYAN HEPKER	REFEREE-P&REC	105.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	98.02
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PW,P&A	96.80
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	91.80
IOWA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSOC	TRAINING-PD	90.00
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	80.45
CHRISTOPHER BROWN	CLEANING SERVICES-FD	75.00
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	TOOLS-PW	73.82
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	ACH RETURN-WAT,SEW,SW	72.91
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-CITY HALL	69.54
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW	68.66
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-PD	68.20
TODD GEHRKE	MEALS-PD	66.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SIRENS	65.37
BAUMAN AND COMPANY	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	55.80
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-VC	55.00
TEMP VENDOR	TOBACCO COMPLIANCE-PD	50.00
TEMP VENDOR	TOBACCO COMPLIANCE-PD	50.00
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD,P&A	49.10
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	GLENN STREET EXTENSION	47.00
US CELLULAR	INTERNET-WAT,SEW	42.54
CHARLOTTE MCDERMOTT	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	40.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SW	32.67
GABRIEL GRAFFT	REFEREE-P&REC	30.00
HANNAH GANZEL	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	20.00
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	20.00
CHARLOTTE MCDERMOTT	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	20.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&A	17.81
MENARDS	BLDG MAINT-RUT	15.16
TRAE DAVID BIELEFELD	REFEREE-P&REC	15.00
MARK IVERSON	REFUND-WAT	11.09
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	WIRE TRANSFER FEE-2025 GO	5.00
AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
TOTAL		1,313,328.02

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	401,565.62
LOW-MODERATE INCOME FUND	395,000.00
INSURANCE LEVY	166,005.29
PAYROLL	159,507.48
SEWER FUND	35,597.00
SOLID WASTE	32,969.94
WATER FUND	32,357.63
LBC	31,862.30
ROAD USE TAX FUND	23,406.54
RACHEL STREET/KWIK STAR	9,976.00
POOL RENOVATIONS	7,236.39
2025 UPTOWN LIGHTING	7,094.77
PW FACILITIES	3,181.70
LOST III TRAILS/PARKS	2,840.14
STORM WATER FUND	1,788.07
DEBT SERVICE FUND	1,700.00
ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	704.00
2024 INFRASTRUCTURE	320.00
SIDEWALK PROJECT	168.15
GLENN ST/COTTONWOOD	47.00
TOTAL	1,313,328.02

FY25 JUNE REVENUE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	4,889,751.71
PUBLIC WORKS	304,214.03
CULTURE-RECREATION	134,298.66
PUBLIC SAFETY	12204.13
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV	1,068.71
TOTAL	5,341,537.24

Discussion and Consideration of Security and Access Systems for the Bryant Road Public Works Site – Council Action as Needed. RC Tech has provided a quote to provide surveillance, access control and wiring at the Bryant Road Public Works site in the amount of \$26,671.78. Motion made by West, seconded by Andresen to approve the quote from RC Tech for security and access systems for the new public works site. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Temporary Interim Police Chief Initial PTO Bank and Accrual Rate – Council Action as Needed. Chief Blinks will be transitioning from the standard sick and vacation accrual method to PTO (paid time off). Staff is recommending a 20 hour per month accrual rating for PTO, and to transition all “banked” sick and vacation time to PTO with a maximum of 400 hours. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to approve the initial PTO bank and accrual rate for Chief Blinks. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of JEO Invoice #162002 - Uptown Streetscape Project – Council Action as Needed. This invoice is in the amount of \$9,755.00. Motion made by West, seconded by Engel to approve Invoice #162002-Uptown Streetscape Improvements. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of 2024-2025 Park Audit Review – Council Action as Needed. Matt Siders reviewed the recently completed park audit showing areas that need maintenance, repairs or improvements at all parks. Council asked that the Parks and Recreation Board prioritize the list to assist with the capital improvement planning process in the future. Full report available on the City website in the July 7, 2025 Council Packet.

Discussion and Consideration of Server Purchase – Mt. Vernon/Lisbon Police Department – Council Action as Needed. Staff stated during the purchase of the police department laptops that the server would also need to be replaced this fiscal year. Iowa Solutions has submitted a quote in the amount of \$23,519.00 for the new server, managed services and installation. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve the Iowa Solutions quote for a new police department server. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Engineering Services Agreement – Lester Buresh Center Generator – Council Action as Needed. This project is currently underway and V&K is the Engineer of record. The City is being asked to adopt the engineering services agreement to accommodate the requirements of the grant application. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve the Engineering Services Agreement with Veenstra and Kimm. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Parks and Recreation Board Organization – Council Action as Needed. The current ordinance currently allows for one Parks and Recreation board member to live outside the City limits. Historically this member has either lived within a mile or two of Mount Vernon or in the school district, although the ordinance doesn't state they need to. It was the consensus of Council that the one board member that lives outside the City should reside in the Mount Vernon School District.

Reports to be Received/Filed

2024 MVHPC Annual Report. Historic Preservation Commission chairperson, Sue Astley, reviewed the 2024 Historic Preservation Annual Report. Full report can be found on the City website in the July 7, 2025 Council Packet.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. The cemetery commission has someone coming to look into stone restoration. The Tree City USA reward plaque was received. Wieseler announced that he will be running for Mayor again in the fall.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City website in the July 7, 2025 Council Packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 9:19 p.m., July 7, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk