

The Mount Vernon City Council met August 4, 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 and Andresen. Absent: 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 Andresen to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carries. Rose absent.

Consent Agenda

Approval of City Council Minutes – July 21, 2025, Regular Council Meeting. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carries. Rose absent.

Ordinance Approval/Amendment

Ordinance #6-16-2025A: Amending Chapter 99.02 Sewer Service Charges of the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code. Staff has not received any verbal or written communication regarding this ordinance from the second reading. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to approve the third reading of Ordinance #6-16-2025A. Roll call all yes. Rose absent. Ordinance passes its third and final reading.

Ordinance #7-7-2025A: Amending Chapter 91 Water Meters of the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code. Staff has not received any verbal or written communication regarding this ordinance from the second reading. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Engel to approve the third reading of Ordinance #7-7-2025A. Roll call all yes. Rose absent. Ordinance passes its third and final reading.

Ordinance #7-7-2025B: Amending Chapter 106 Resource Recovery and Refuse of the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code. Staff forwarded a couple of emails to Council for consideration that were received on this issue. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve the third reading of Ordinance #7-7-2025B. Roll call all yes. Rose absent. Ordinance passes its third and reading.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #8-4-2025A: Establishing Depositories of Public Funds with Hills Bank and Trust. The next three resolutions should be approved annually for the three local banks that are utilized for public funds. Motion made by West, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution #8-4-2025A. Roll call all yes. Rose absent. Resolution passes.

Resolution #8-4-2025B: Establishing Depositories of Public Funds with Bridge Community Bank. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Tuerler to approve Resolution #8-4-2025B. Roll call all yes. Rose absent. Resolution passes.

Resolution #8-4-2025C: Establishing Depositories of Public Funds with Mount Vernon Bank and Trust. Motion made by Engel, seconded by West to approve Resolution #8-4-2025C. Roll call all yes. Rose absent. Resolution passes.

Motions for Approval

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

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| PAYROLL | CLAIMS | 171,294.43 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | RACHEL STREET PREL DESIGN | 34,548.00 |
| DEERE & COMPANY | ZTRAK MOWER-ALL DEPTS | 19,813.66 |
| ELECTRIC PUMP | LIFT STATION REPAIRS-SEW | 16,075.01 |
| REPUBLIC SERVICES #897 | GB,RECYL-SW | 15,867.35 |
| COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP | HOTEL/MOTEL TAX-ECON DEV | 15,391.23 |
| TOTAL TREE CARE OF IOWA CITY | TREE MAINT-RUT | 12,850.00 |
| JEO CONSULTING | UPTOWN STREETSCAPE-LOST III | 10,338.00 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ENERGY USAGE-SEW | 8,690.20 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ENERGY USAGE-WAT | 7,069.48 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS | 5,638.33 |
| IOWA SOLUTIONS INC | SERVICES-UPTOWN LIGHTING | 5,502.13 |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA | SALES TAX | 5,474.99 |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA | WET TAX | 4,478.96 |
| SPRINGVILLE READY MIX | CONCRETE PATCH-RUT | 3,742.63 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ENERGY USAGE-POOL | 3,453.46 |
| LINN CO-OP OIL CO | FUEL-PW,PD | 3,402.90 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | 2025 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS | 2,912.29 |
| LASER TECHNOLOGY INC | SPEED RADAR-PD | 2,870.00 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS | INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS | 2,541.59 |
| OPN ARCHITECTS | EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER STUDY | 2,527.48 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | PW LIFT STATION | 2,349.00 |
| IOWA SOLUTIONS INC | MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS | 1,957.60 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ENERGY USAGE-LBC | 1,884.39 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS | INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS | 1,875.79 |
| JOHN C HEIDER | STONE RESTORATION-CEM | 1,579.00 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | 2024 SANITARY SEWER REHAB | 1,431.00 |
| IOWA SOLUTIONS INC | COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS | 1,365.00 |
| STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC | ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS | 1,325.22 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | INTELISTREETS LIGHTING | 1,317.20 |
| IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES | NPDES PERMIT FEE-SEW | 1,275.00 |
| UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY | TUITION-PD | 1,265.00 |
| IOWA SOLUTIONS INC | MONTHLY MAINT-PD | 1,190.00 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ENERGY USAGE-FD | 1,148.48 |
| MENARDS | SUPPLIES-PW | 1,057.69 |
| CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES | GENERATOR-PD | 949.39 |
| NIGHT SHIFT LLC | CLEANING SERVICE-CITY HALL | 931.27 |
| NIGHT SHIFT LLC | CLEANING SERVICE-PD | 893.88 |
| IOWA SOLUTIONS INC | COMPUTER MAINT-PD | 837.00 |
| DE NOVO MARKETING | WEBSITE/HUBSPOT SUPPORT-ALL DEPTS | 825.00 |
| KONICA MINOLTA | MAINT PLAN/COPIES-ALL DEPTS | 761.60 |
| MERCY PHYSICIAN SERVICES INC | BIOMETRIC SCREENINGS-ALL DEPTS | 721.00 |
| DSG | SUPPLIES-WAT | 690.00 |
| POSTMASTER | UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW | 687.85 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ENERGY USAGE-P&REC | 672.41 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW,SW | 648.22 |
| WENDLING QUARRIES | ROADSTONE-RUT | 570.18 |
| AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | EQUIPMENT-FD | 567.45 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | NPDES COMPLIANCE | 547.00 |

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| BAUER BUILT TIRE | CHIPPER TIRES-SW | 537.82 |
| CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY | SUPPLIES-PW | 453.98 |
| MECHANICSVILLE FIBER | PHONE/INTERNET-LBC | 447.07 |
| SLEEP INN & SUITES | LODGING-CEMETERY | 437.00 |
| IA COMMUNITIES ASSURANCE POOL | ENDORSEMENT-INS LEVY | 434.00 |
| KATIE GRASSI | MARKETING-LBC | 400.00 |
| MECHANICSVILLE FIBER | PHONE/INTERNET-PD | 378.62 |
| AMERICAN RED CROSS | TRAINING-POOL | 352.00 |
| MEDIACOM | PHONE/INTERNET-SEW | 350.96 |
| CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING | SUPPLIES-LBC | 345.00 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ENERGY USAGE-CITY HALL | 341.57 |
| TASC | FSA ADJUSTMENT-ALL DEPTS | 330.76 |
| TYLER TECHNOLOGIES | PRINTER MAINT-WAT,SEW,SW | 326.93 |
| DE NOVO MARKETING | WEBSITE SUPPORT-LBC | 325.00 |
| MEDIACOM | PHONE/INTERNET-PW | 316.10 |
| CITY LAUNDERING CO | SERVICES-LBC | 301.82 |
| AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | SUPPLIES-LBC | 298.98 |
| STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC | ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC | 288.00 |
| MIDWEST WHEEL CO | VEHICLE MAINT-PW | 284.44 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ENERGY USAGE-PD | 279.12 |
| THOMAS M WIESELER | ANNUAL CONFERENCE-P&A | 260.00 |
| HDC PRINTED PRODUCTS | ENVELOPES-ALL DEPTS | 248.38 |
| JAYNE DEWITTE | UNIFORMS-PW | 226.00 |
| MECHANICSVILLE FIBER | PHONE/INTERNET-CITY HALL | 203.05 |
| BANKCARD 8076 | CC CHARGEBACK-POOL | 195.00 |
| RC TECH | CAMERA SERVICE-SW | 186.50 |
| STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC | ADS/PUBLICATIONS-LBC | 170.50 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | 4TH ST NW RECONSTRUCTION | 158.00 |
| IOWA SOLUTIONS INC | MONTHLY MAINT-LBC | 150.00 |
| US CELLULAR | PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS | 140.05 |
| CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING | SUPPLIES-POOL | 136.00 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW,P&A | 123.67 |
| MECHANICSVILLE FIBER | PHONE/INTERNET-POOL | 108.77 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ENERGY USAGE-CEM | 100.87 |
| FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU | TRAINING-FD | 100.00 |
| AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | SUPPLIES-LBC | 94.98 |
| CITY LAUNDERING CO | SERVICES-CITY HALL | 90.35 |
| CITY LAUNDERING CO | SERVICES-CITY HALL | 90.35 |
| IOWA ONE CALL | LOCATES-WAT,SEW | 81.00 |
| TERMINIX PRESTO-X | PEST CONTROL-FD | 80.45 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ENERGY USAGE-SIRENS | 79.63 |
| BANKCARD 8076 | REFUNDS-LBC,POOL | 75.00 |
| LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET | VEHICLE MAINT-PD | 74.71 |
| TERMINIX PRESTO-X | PEST CONTROL-CITY HALL | 69.54 |
| IOWA SOLUTIONS INC | MONTHLY MAINT-PW | 60.00 |
| MENARDS | WEED CONTROL-P&REC | 49.99 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW | 43.30 |
| KIMBERLY SCHROCK | INSTRUCTOR-LBC | 42.50 |
| IOWA SOLUTIONS INC | MONTHLY MAINT-SEW | 40.00 |
| P&K MIDWEST INC | EQUIP MAINT-PW | 34.77 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ENERGY USAGE-SW | 32.63 |
| ST LUKE'S WORK WELL SOLUTIONS | DRUG TESTING-ALL DEPTS | 30.00 |
| HANNAH GANZEL | INSTRUCTOR-LBC | 21.25 |
| TODD GEHRKE | POSTAGE-PD | 20.80 |

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| AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | SUPPLIES-P&REC | 19.99 |
| LUKE RUSHFORD | REFEREE-LBC | 15.00 |
| AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | SUPPLIES-P&REC | 9.49 |
| AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING | CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC | 5.00 |
| TOTAL | | 396,701.43 |

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

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| PAYROLL | 171,294.43 |
| GENERAL FUND | 51,453.11 |
| SEWER FUND | 35,822.23 |
| RACHEL STREET/KWIK STAR | 34,548.00 |
| ROAD USE TAX FUND | 28,002.21 |
| SOLID WASTE | 22,575.70 |
| WATER FUND | 18,238.05 |
| LOST III UR & STREETScape | 11,655.20 |
| LBC | 9,916.45 |
| 2025 UPTOWN LIGHTING | 5,502.13 |
| SEWALK PROJECT | 2,912.29 |
| LOST III COMMUNITY CENTER | 2,527.48 |
| ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT | 1,431.00 |
| INSURANCE LEVY | 434.00 |
| STORM WATER FUND | 231.15 |
| 2024 INFRASTRUCTURE | 158.00 |
| TOTAL | 396,701.43 |

Discussion and Consideration of Moving the Monday, September 1, 2025, City Council Meeting Date – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to move the first meeting in September to September 3, 2025. Rose absent. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Nelson Electric Pay Application #3 – Uptown Lighting Project – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve Pay Application #3-Uptown Lighting Project in the amount of \$104,914.16. Rose absent. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Annual Maintenance Contract for the Lester Buresh Family Community Wellness Center – Council Action as Needed. The City has contracted with The Baker Group for HVAC, geothermal and air handling maintenance at the LBC since it opened. The Baker Group is seeking a 3% increase for this year, bringing the contract to \$9,484.00. They are also offering a three-year contract that would lock in this price over the life of the contract. Staff is recommending approval of a three-year contract. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to approve the three-year contract with Baker Group. Rose absent. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Catastrophic Leave Bank Payout for Former Police Chief Shannon – Council Action as Needed. After further consideration, Doug Shannon has elected against remaining on the City's insurance via the Cobra extension. He has requested to receive his catastrophic leave bank payout via check. The net exposure to the City remains the same at just under \$22,000.00. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve the catastrophic leave bank payout for former Chief Shannon. Rose absent. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of MGA Contract Approval – CDBG Downtown Revitalization Project – Council Action as Needed. Martin Gardner Architecture has submitted a standard AIA contract for the

CDBG Downtown Revitalization Project in the amount of \$35,400.00, plus expenses. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve the contract with Martin Gardner, subject to City Attorney review and approval. Rose absent. Motion carries.

Discussion Items (No Action)

Nature Park Quarry. Staff have received sporadic interest in the utilization of the Nature Park quarry. The City, in recent years, has introduced aerators to increase circulation and oxygenation and dispersed biological organisms to reduce the decaying vegetation from the bottom of the quarry (approximately \$75,000). Staff is seeking input from Council as to how large of a priority should be given to the quarry, both in man hours and capital outlay. Some additional measures that could be taken include raking, dyeing, introducing additional grass carp or utilizing environmentally friendly herbicides. Council agreed that they would like to have staff contact the ISU Extension office for further guidance before any decisions are made.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. Wieseler attended a Linn County Food Council meeting regarding food banks/sites. He also attended a Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation Development meeting and will be attending a REAP meeting this week to learn about grant money for trails.

Council Reports. Andresen attended the Seeds of Faith ribbon cutting for their new garden and commended them on the work they do.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City website in the August 4, 2025 Council Packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:21 p.m., August 4, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk