

September 15, 2025
City Council Minutes
213 1st Street NW
Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314

The Mount Vernon City Council met September 15, 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 Andresen, seconded by Tuerler to approve the Agenda. Motion carries.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – September 3, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

Approval of Liquor License – Wilkie Liquors

Appoint Truman Jordan – Planning and Zoning Commission

Appoint Teresa Cox – Cemetery Commission

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #9-15-2025A: Approving Execution and Delivery of Quit Claim Deed for Alley Located Adjacent to 212 4th Street SW, 200 4th Street SW, and 407 2nd Ave SW, Within the City Limits of Mount Vernon, Iowa. On April 5, 2021, City Council approved Ordinance #4-5-2021A, vacating a City owned alley right-of-way. Unfortunately, the legal description contained errors and needs to be corrected. This resolution will correct the necessary language. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution #9-15-2025A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #9-15-2025B: 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. The City will attempt to sell the old Public Works site once again. Staff has allowed additional time for bidders to respond and will coordinate for more advertising in the Sun Newspaper and social media accounts. The minimum bid for the site remains at \$250,000.00, with bids due to the City by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve Resolution #9-15-2025B. 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	130,030.13
MUNICIPAL PIPE TOOL CO. INC	PAY APP #5-2024 SEWER REHAB	46,017.92
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	36,640.12
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW RESIDENTIAL	25,847.09
JEO CONSULTING	UPTOWN STREETSCAPE-LOST III	21,052.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW COMMERCIAL	15,788.37
TREE TOWN KENNELS LLC	TRAINING-K9	10,000.00
JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON	DESIGN GUIDELINES-HPC	9,795.80
BAKER GROUP	HVAC MAINT CONTRACT-LBC	9,208.00
REC DESK LLC	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION-LBC,POOL,P&REC	8,105.50

GRONEWOLD, BELL, KYHNN & CO PC	AUDIT FEES-ALL DEPTS	8,000.00
JORDAN'S PROPERTY CARE INC	CEMETERY MAINT	5,750.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	5,086.59
LIBERTY IRON WORKS	CUSTOM SIGN POSTS-UPTOWN LIGHTING	4,792.50
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC-P&A,PD,LBC	4,773.30
WIENEKE LAND SOLUTIONS	WEED CONTROL-PD,P&REC,LBC	3,815.00
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,911.00
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-POOL	2,795.61
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-P&REC	2,789.64
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	VIDEO CLOUD STORAGE-PD	1,354.85
ROTO-ROOTER	JET VAC-SEW	1,110.00
ECICOG	DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION APPLICATION	975.00
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES	GENERATOR-PD	949.39
UNDER HILL TRUCK & AUTO REPAIR	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	937.28
BANKCARD 8076	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,POOL,P&REC	910.64
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	871.06
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE/HUBSPOT SUPPORT-ALL DEPTS	825.00
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-LBC	669.91
MENARDS	CONCRETE,FORMS-RUT,TRAILS	540.66
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	495.00
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	492.50
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	455.00
SIMMERING CORY IOWA CODIFICATION	ANNUAL WEB HOSTING-P&A	450.00
KONICA MINOLTA	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-ALL DEPTS	449.81
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	447.07
INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES-CITY HALL	441.05
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	378.68
CURTIS ENGLISH	PORTABLE RR RENTALS-P&REC	360.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	350.96
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE SUPPORT-LBC	325.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	316.10
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	301.82
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD	281.67
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-FD	279.13
KONE INC	ELEVATOR MAINT CONTRACT-P&A	223.29
CARQUEST OF LISBON	EQUIP/SUPPLIES-PW	187.60
KONICA MINOLTA	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-PD	158.30
THOMAS M WIESELER	MILEAGE-P&A	146.30
US CELLULAR	PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS	140.05
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-LBC	137.50
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL-PW	132.77
MATT SIDERS	MILEAGE-P&REC,LBC	126.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-ALL DEPTS	119.35
LUKE RUSHFORD	REFEREE-P&REC	115.00
JAKOB YOCK	REFEREE-P&REC	105.00
TRAE BIELEFELD	REFEREE-P&REC	105.00
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-FD	100.52
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-PD	98.77
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	98.08
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	90.35
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VESTIS	RUGS,SERVICES-FD	88.20
CASCADE SWIM TEAM	SWIM TEAM SUPPLIES-POOL	86.95
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	85.67

UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL	DRUG TESTING-ALL DEPTS	84.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	70.20
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-CITY HALL	69.54
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-PD	68.20
BRADY WEAVER	REFEREE-P&REC	60.00
GABRIEL GRAFFT	REFEREE-P&REC	60.00
JAMISON BILLINGSLEY	REFEREE-P&REC	60.00
MAXWELL SIDERS	REFEREE-P&REC	60.00
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-VC	55.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	50.58
CHARLOTTE MCDERMOTT	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
HANNAH GANZEL	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
KATEY FOREST	MEALS-POOL	42.00
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	20.00
TOTAL		371,385.72

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

PAYROLL	130,030.13
GENERAL FUND	74,954.92
ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	46,017.92
SOLID WASTE	44,405.73
LBC	23,227.86
LOST III UR/STREETSCAPE	22,027.00
SEWER FUND	11,873.09
WATER FUND	7,833.33
2025 UPTOWN LIGHTING	4,792.50
ROAD USE TAX FUND	4319.95
STORM WATER FUND	1,402.02
LOST III TRAILS/PARKS	501.27
TOTAL	371,385.72

FY25 AUGUST REVENUE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,984,925.03
PUBLIC WORKS	296,173.94
PUBLIC SAFETY	96,090.72
CULTURE-RECREATION	51,403.48
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV	1,829.18
TOTAL	2,430,422.35

Discussion and Consideration of Springville Ready Mix, Inc. Invoice #82498 – Bryant Rd. Trail – Council Action as Needed. This invoice is in the amount of \$14,952.00 and covers the concrete purchase for the first half of the Bryant Road Trail. There will be 1-3 more invoices for this project depending on the timing of the submittals. Motion made by West, seconded by Engel to approve Springville Ready Mix Invoice #82498. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51361-13 – Hwy. 1 Reconstruction Project – Council Action as Needed. This invoice for design services related to the Hwy 1 reconstruction project is in the amount of \$33,787.30. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to approve Veenstra & Kimm Invoice #51361-13. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Contract Amendment #2 with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. – Uptown Streetscape Design Project – Council Action as Needed. JEO has submitted the final contract amendment for the Uptown Streetscape Project. The amendment reduces the proposed contract amount by \$61,452.69. This reduction was agreed to after the city changed the scope of services on the final plan set. Motion made by West, seconded by Rose to approve JEO Contract Amendment #2. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #3 – 4th St Reconstruction Project – Council Action as Needed. Pay application #3 to Midwest Concrete, Inc represents the retainage on the 4th Street Reconstruction Project. This project is complete and the required 30-day waiting period has elapsed. The retainage in the amount of \$18,272.70 will be released upon approval tonight. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Tuerler to approve Pay Application #3 (final)- 4th St Reconstruction Project. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Mount Vernon Bank and Trust Site Plan Submittal for Phase 2 of the Parking Lot Reconstruction. Mount Vernon Bank and Trust is ready to move forward with Phase 2 of the Parking Lot Renovation Site Plan. Planning and Zoning unanimously approved the site plan at their September 10, 2025, meeting. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Engel to approve the Mount Vernon Bank site plan for Phase 2 of their parking lot renovation. Motion carries.

Reports to be Received/Filed. Full reports available on the City website in the September 15, 2025 Council Packet.

Mt. Vernon/Lisbon Police Report
Mt. Vernon Public Works Report
Mt. Vernon Parks and rec Report
Cole Library Report

Discussion Items (No Action)

Uptown Banners. Councilperson Andresen asked that Council review the current settings for the new streetlight banners to determine if any changes should be made. The brightness of the banners is currently set to 5% at night and are turned off between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Andresen felt that with the minimal brightness setting at night, it wasn't necessary to turn them off between those hours. The consensus was to leave the settings where they are for now and revisit the issue after the new year.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

August Reconciliation Report. Full report available on the City website in the September 15, 2025 Council Packet.

Mayor's Report. Wieseler will be attending the League Annual Conference in Des Moines this week. A decision regarding Trick-or-Treat night will be made in October but staff's recommendation at this point would be to leave it on October 31st, based upon the feedback they've received.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City website in the September 15, 2025 Council Packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:04 p.m., September 15, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk

