

November 17, 2025
City Council Minutes
213 1st Street NW
Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314

The Mount Vernon City Council met November 17, 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. Wieseler noted that agenda item G4 should be Resolution 11-17-2025D instead of 2025A. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve the Agenda as noted. Motion carries.

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

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

Public Hearing

Public Hearing To Consider a Petition to Create the City of Mount Vernon Emergency Medical Services District. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. Resident Myrt Bowers spoke in favor of the proposed EMS district and the importance of having quality paramedic services in the community. Lisbon-Mount Vernon Ambulance Director, Jacob Lindauer, explained that the ambulance service would like to utilize Iowa Code 357(G) to create a special taxing district in the City of Mount Vernon to fund and support EMS services, which would include services with the Fire and Police Departments. If approved, there would be a special election in March. Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 6:44 p.m. Council then acted on Resolution #11-17-2025C.

Public Hearing on an Ordinance Granting to Interstate Power and Light Company, its Successors and Assigns, a Non-Exclusive Twenty-Five Year Franchise to Acquire, Construct, Erect, Maintain, and Operate and Electric Power and Transmission System in the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa. Mayor Wieseler opened and closed the public hearing with no public comment at 6:47 p.m. Council then acted on Ordinance #11-17-2025A.

Ordinance Approval/Amendment

Ordinance #11-17-2025A: Granting to Interstate Power and Light Company, its Successors and Assigns, a Non-Exclusive Twenty-Five Year Franchise to Acquire, Construct, Erect, Maintain, and Operate and Electric Power and Transmission System in the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa. ITC (Interstate Power and Light Company) is seeking a franchise agreement with the City of Mount Vernon. The City has an existing franchise agreement with Alliant Energy for gas and electric. ITC purchased the transmission lines from Alliant Energy and needs to establish their own franchise agreement. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve the first reading of Ordinance #11-17-2025A. Roll call all yes. Ordinance passes its first reading.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #11-17-2025A: Approving the Annual Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year 2025. The Urban Renewal Report is an annual report required by the State that shows how the City uses Tax Increment

Financing. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #11-17-2025A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #11-17-2025B: Certifying to County Auditor, TIF Debt Incurred in Calendar Year 2025 for Fiscal Year 2027. The City is required to certify the amount of TIF (Tax Increment Financing) dollars it is requesting for the next fiscal year by December 1st of each calendar year. Mt. Vernon's request consists of three submittals. Spring Meadow Heights and Stonebrook subdivisions account for the residential development agreements in place and the third document itemizes TIF monies that are used to repay bonds (Streets, Pool, LBC, etc). Motion made by West, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #11-17-2025B. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #11-17-2025C: To Create the City of Mount Vernon Emergency Medical Services District. This resolution will establish the official EMS district and appoint Snyder & Associates to plat the maps and report on the district. It will come back to City Council for a public hearing where there will be discussion on the boundaries. After the plat is approved there will be a special election held. Voters will then vote on the levy and elect the trustees for the district. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve Resolution #11-17-2025C. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #11-17-2025D: Approving Iowa Department of Transportation Predesign Agreement for Primary Road Project – Iowa 1. Staff asked that this item be tabled. The City was notified that it is no longer a predesign agreement but instead a preconstruction agreement. It will be brought back to Council when the information is received from the Iowa DOT. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to table this item. Roll call all yes. Motion carries.

Motions for Approval

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

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| PAYROLL | CLAIMS | 223,953.17 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS | GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS | 40,727.59 |
| MODERN CONCRETE INC | PAY APP #1-2025 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS | 34,277.38 |
| REPUBLIC SERVICES #897 | GB,RECYL-SW RESIDENTIAL | 25,131.70 |
| VEENSTRA & KIMM INC | HWY 1 RECONSTRUCTION | 23,322.00 |
| KLUESNER CONSTRUCTION INC | CRACK SEAL-BUS 30 & 1ST STREET | 21,053.50 |
| REPUBLIC SERVICES #897 | GB,RECYL-SW COMMERCIAL | 15,408.98 |
| IMWCA | FY25 AUDIT PREMIUM ADJUSTMENT | 14,440.00 |
| IOWA SOLUTIONS INC | SERVER FINAL PYMT-PD | 11,759.50 |
| RC TECH | ACCESS/SURVEILLANCE-PW FACILITIES | 8,001.53 |
| SPRINGVILLE READY MIX | CONCRETE-BRYANT RD TRAIL | 7,179.50 |
| GRONEWOLD, BELL, KYHNN & CO PC | AUDIT FEES-ALL DEPTS | 5,340.33 |
| LINN CO-OP OIL CO | FUEL-PW,PD | 5,273.78 |
| JANDA MOTOR SERVICES | EQUIP MAINT-SEW | 4,755.00 |
| RC TECH | FUEL PUMP IT SUPPLIES-PW FACILITIES | 4,747.28 |
| LIBERTY IRON WORKS | CUSTOM SIGN POSTS-UPTOWN LIGHTING | 3,550.00 |
| CEDAR RAPIDS METRO ECON ALLIANCE | MEMBERSHIP-ECON DEV | 3,500.00 |
| RED LION RENEWABLES | SOLAR ELECTRIC-P&A,PD,LBC | 3,274.60 |
| RC TECH | SURVEILLANCE EQUIP-PW FACILITIES | 3,174.29 |
| STATE HYGIENIC LAB | TESTING-SEW | 2,762.50 |
| BRADLEY HAUGE CPA | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS | 2,700.00 |
| WIENEKE LAND SOLUTIONS | FERTILIZER/SEED-P&REC | 2,262.50 |
| HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC | EQUIP REPAIR-PW | 1,983.28 |
| LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET | VEHICLE MAINT-PD | 1,439.17 |

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| MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE | SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS | 1,256.19 |
| TYLER TECHNOLOGIES | NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS | 1,235.00 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS | INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS | 990.97 |
| MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE | SUPPLIES-FD | 984.03 |
| DE NOVO MARKETING | WEB/HUBSPOT SUPPORT-ALL DEPTS | 825.00 |
| BANKCARD 8076 | CREDIT CARD FEES-P&REC,LBC | 790.56 |
| LYNCH DALLAS PC | LEGAL FEES-P&A | 732.50 |
| JUNCTION AUTO SALES | VEHICLE MAINT-PD | 696.36 |
| CARQUEST OF LISBON | VEHICLE MAINT/SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS | 577.19 |
| MOUNT VERNON PHARMACY | VACCINES-ALL DEPTS | 536.91 |
| IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES | SIGNS-RUT | 521.18 |
| IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION | MEMBERSHIP DUES-WAT | 415.00 |
| US CELLULAR | CELL PHONE-PD | 399.20 |
| THEISEN SUPPLY INC | UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS | 390.97 |
| INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS | PHONE SERVICES-CITY HALL | 351.95 |
| MEDIACOM | PHONE/INTERNET-SEW | 351.32 |
| DE NOVO MARKETING | WEBSITE SUPPORT-LBC | 325.00 |
| STAPLES INC | SUPPLIES-PD | 311.41 |
| CITY LAUNDERING CO | SERVICES-LBC | 301.82 |
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| IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY | ONLINE WARRANTS-PD | 300.00 |
| CURTIS ENGLISH | PORTABLE RR RENTALS-P&REC | 260.00 |
| GARY'S FOODS | SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS | 256.91 |
| KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE | COPIER LEASE-LBC | 230.58 |
| AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | SUPPLIES-LBC | 221.18 |
| PNP | FUEL-PD | 216.52 |
| CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING | SUPPLIES-CITY HALL | 193.00 |
| UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL | DRUG TESTING-PW | 168.00 |
| MENARDS | BLDG MAINT-PW | 168.00 |
| CENTURY LINK | PHONE CHARGES-PD | 166.16 |
| BRADY LANHAM | BLDG MAINT-VC | 164.87 |
| JAYNE DEWITTE | UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS | 156.00 |
| CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING | SUPPLIES-LBC | 142.00 |
| AIRGAS INC | CYLINDER RENTAL-PW | 132.77 |
| P&K MIDWEST INC | EQUIP MAINT-PW | 121.54 |
| NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING | WATER/SALT-ALL DEPTS | 119.50 |
| CITY LAUNDERING CO | SERVICES-CITY HALL | 90.35 |
| CITY LAUNDERING CO | SERVICES-CITY HALL | 90.35 |
| THOMAS M WIESELER | TRAINING-P&A | 80.00 |
| AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | SUPPLIES-P&REC | 55.98 |
| AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | SUPPLIES-LBC | 49.38 |
| KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE | COPIER USAGE-PD | 47.89 |
| HANNAH GANZEL | INSTRUCTOR-LBC | 42.50 |
| STAPLES INC | SUPPLIES-P&A | 39.49 |
| WELAND CLINICAL LABORATORIES | DRUG TESTING-ALL DEPTS | 18.50 |
| BANKCARD 8076 | REFUND-LBC | 13.34 |
| AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING | CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC | 5.00 |
| TOTAL | | 485,861.77 |

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

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| PAYROLL | 223,953.17 |
| GENERAL FUND | 60,452.70 |
| SOLID WASTE | 45,548.62 |

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| SIDEWALK PROJECT | 34,277.38 |
| ROAD USE TAX FUND | 28,854.74 |
| 2024 INFRASTRUCTURE | 23,322.00 |
| SEWER FUND | 18,870.46 |
| PW FACILITIES | 15,923.10 |
| WATER FUND | 11,735.03 |
| LBC | 10,491.31 |
| LOST III TRAILS/PARKS | 7,179.50 |
| 2025 UPTOWN LIGHTING | 3,550.00 |
| STORM WATER FUND | 1,703.75 |
| TOTAL | 485,861.76 |

FY26 OCTOBER REVENUE

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| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | 1,653,077.92 |
| PUBLIC WORKS | 294,391.34 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | 77,184.19 |
| CULTURE-RECREATION | 55,591.45 |
| COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV | 8,199.61 |
| TOTAL | 2,088,444.51 |

Discussion and Consideration of Training Apparatus Equipment – MVFD – Council Action as Needed. The Mount Vernon Fire Department would like to purchase additional equipment for the new training facility on Bryant Road at a cost of \$11,050.00. To utilize the City would pay for the equipment and be reimbursed by the Mount Vernon Volunteer Firefighter's Association. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve the purchase of new training apparatus equipment for the Fire Department. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Water Bill Adjustment Due – Water Meter Changeout Project – Council Action as Needed. This is another situation where the reads did not match the usage during the meter read change out project. Staff is recommending an adjustment for Swartzendruber's account in the amount of \$2,654.61. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve the adjustment. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of RC Tech Quote for Audio/Visual Equipment Replacement - LBC – Council Action as Needed. There is some audio/visual equipment at the LBC that has failed. The proposal to replace the equipment is \$4,758.16. Motion made by Engel, seconded by West to approve the quote from RC Tech for audio/visual equipment replacement at the LBC. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #2 with Modern Concrete – 2025 Sidewalk Improvement Project – Council Action as Needed. Staff asked that this item be tabled until the City receives a report from the City Engineer to ensure the quantities were met as submitted. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to table this item. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of MGA Invoice #2500388 Mount Vernon CDBG DTR Project – Council Action as Needed. This invoice is in the amount of \$8,281.85 for the Downtown Revitalization Project. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to approve invoice #2500388-Mount Vernon CDBG DTR Project. Motion carries.

Reports to be Received/Filed. Reports available on the City website in the November 17, 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)

Quarry Pond Aquatic Plant Mitigation. Staff had conversations with both the Iowa State University Extension and the Iowa DNR. Unfortunately, the only way to eliminate and control invasive aquatic species is through the application of herbicides.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

October Reconciliation Report. Full report available on the City website in the November 17, 2025 Council Packet.

Quarterly Expense Fund Balance Report. Full report available on the City website in the November 17, 2025 Council Packet.

Mayor's Report. Wieseler had an interview with one of the Sun's U of I students about sustainability and accepted the resignation of Doug Shannon from the Ambulance Board. Michelle Zaruba has been appointed to fill that position.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City website in the November 17, 2025 Council Packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:21 p.m., November 17, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk