

The Mount Vernon City Council met October 6, 2025, at City Hall, 213 1st Street NW, Mount Vernon, IA. A Zoom option was available. The following Council members were present: West, Rose and Andresen (Zoom). Absent: Tuerler and Engel.

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

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve the Agenda. Motion carries. Tuerler and Engel absent.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – September 15, 2025, Regular Council Meeting
Approval of Liquor License – Chili Cookoff

Ordinance Approval/Amendment

Ordinance #10-6-2025A: Providing that General Property Taxes Levied and Collected Each on Certain Property Located within the Stonebrook Urban Renewal Area, in the City of Mount Vernon, County of Linn, State of Iowa, by and for the Benefit of the State of Iowa, City of Mount Vernon, County of Linn, Mount Vernon Community School District, and Other Taxing Districts, be Paid to a Special Fund for Payment of Principal and Interest on Loans, Monies Advance to and Indebtedness, Including Bonds Issued or to be Issued, Incurred by the City in Connection with the Stonebrook Urban Renewal Area (Phase 5 Parcels). Stonebrook Phase 5 (10th Addition) is complete, and the public improvements will be accepted by the City within the next sixty days. Phase 5 is the final phase of the Stonebrook development agreement. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the first reading of Ordinance #10-6-2025A. Roll call all yes. Tuerler and Engel absent.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #10-6-2025A: Approving Iowa Department of Transportation Predesign Agreement for Primary Road Project – Iowa 1. The Iowa Department of Transportation has submitted a Predesign Agreement for the Highway 1 corridor pavement replacement project. The estimated cost to the City for this project is \$1.58 million. Motion made by West, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #10-6-2025A. Roll call all yes. Tuerler and Engel absent.

Resolution #10-6-2025B: Accepting Public Improvement Installation for the Fourth Addition to the Spring Meadow Heights Subdivision. The Spring Meadow Heights 4th Addition public improvements are now complete and ready for acceptance by the City. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve Resolution #10-6-2025B. Roll call all yes. Tuerler and Engel absent.

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL
CHOPPERS GRINDING SERVICE

CLAIMS
DEBRIS REMOVAL-SW

232,172.13
59,200.00

SPRINGVILLE READY MIX	CONCRETE-BRYANT RD TRAIL	35,025.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	HWY 1 RECONSTRUCTION	33,787.30
MIDWEST CONCRETE INC	PAY APP #3 FINAL-4TH ST NW RECON	18,272.60
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP	HOTEL/MOTEL TAX-ECON DEV	17,142.35
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	SEED/FERT-STONEBROOK PARK	10,554.00
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-ALL DEPTS	10,462.38
LEASE SERVICING CENTER, INC	EQUIP LEASE-LBC	8,464.61
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	7,943.40
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PW LIFT STATION	7,047.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	6,890.23
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	5,974.74
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS	5,857.10
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET PREL DESIGN	5,298.50
RC TECH	COUNCIL CHAMBER MICROPHONES	4,943.35
TOTAL TREE CARE OF IOWA CITY	TREE MAINT-RUT	4,500.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	4,384.79
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC-P&A,PD,LBC	4,326.61
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	4,062.74
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	3,771.66
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	3,663.66
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	3,311.40
DIXON ENGINEERING INC	TOWER CLEANING SPECS-WAT	3,250.00
MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECTURE	CDBG DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION	3,177.08
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-PW	3,112.51
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2024 SANITARY SEWER REHAB	2,938.00
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	2,787.50
ASCENDANCE TRUCKS CENTERS	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	2,695.77
FUTURE LINE TRUCK EQUIPMENT	EQUIP REPAIR-PW	2,655.00
GRONEWOLD, BELL, KYHNN & CO PC	AUDIT FEES-ALL DEPTS	2,500.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	SIGNS-RUT	2,052.70
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	2,040.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	2,034.60
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	PHONE SYSTEM SET UP-ALL DEPTS	1,963.00
PNP	FUEL-PD	1,812.67
LISBON, CITY OF	AMB DIRECTOR CONTRACTED SALARY	1,727.65
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	LBC GENERATOR	1,600.80
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2025 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS	1,440.60
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	1,348.90
CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY	BRYANT RD TRAIL SUPPLIES-LOST III	1,252.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	1,071.92
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	1,028.78
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES	GENERATOR-PD	949.39
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	939.78
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-CITY HALL	931.27
UNDER HILL TRUCK & AUTO REPAIR	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	841.32
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEB/HUBSPOT SUPPORT-ALL DEPTS	825.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	783.60
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECKS-WAT,SEW,SW	756.58
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-LBC	750.00
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	687.10
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	666.08
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW,SW	627.37
THOMAS M WIESELER	LODGING/MILEAGE-P&A	620.72
CURTIS ENGLISH	PORTABLE RR RENTALS-P&REC	620.00

OVERHEAD DOOR CO	DOOR REPAIRS-PW	609.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	567.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2024 SANITARY SEWER REHAB	565.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	527.42
LINN COUNTY TREASURER	BRUDGE INSPECTION-RUT	517.50
WORLD INSURANCE ASSOC	509A FILING-ALL DEPTS	504.13
GPM ENVIRONMENTAL	EQUIP REPAIR-SEW	504.00
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	447.07
TASC	FSA ADJUSTMENT-ALL DEPTS	446.14
KONICA MINOLTA	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-ALL DEPTS	411.23
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	399.20
SARAH BOOTS	MILEAGE/MEALS/SUPPLIES-LBC	378.98
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	378.56
CHRIS NOSBISCH	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	374.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	PHONE SYSTEM SET UP-ALL DEPTS	351.95
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CITY HALL	346.33
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-PW	344.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	GARBAGE BAGS-RUT	339.02
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-P&REC	333.77
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE SUPPORT-LBC	325.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	323.05
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	316.10
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	314.66
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	301.82
JORDAN'S PROPERTY CARE INC	NUISANCE SERVICES-P&A	278.20
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	271.05
LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	INSPECTION-POOL	270.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE SERVICES-CITY HALL	255.94
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SAFETY SUPPLIES-PW	248.27
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	237.05
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	SEED/FERT-STONEBROOK PARK	224.25
KONICA MINOLTA	MAINT PLAN/COPIES-LBC	220.54
LUKE RUSHFORD	REFEREE-P&REC	210.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	209.47
AFFORDABLE HEATING & COOLING	HVAC MAINT-CITY HALL	207.05
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW,P&A	205.22
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-CITY HALL	197.00
DSG	SUPPLIES-WAT	196.02
MARSHA DEWELL	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	189.00
RC TECH	CAMERA SERVICE-SW	186.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	179.04
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE METER LEASE-ALL DEPTS	165.33
JAXSON J BILLINGSLEY	REFEREE-P&REC	165.00
JAYNE DEWITTE	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	156.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING SERV	WATER/SALT-ALL DEPTS	154.75
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT/SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	150.45
PROFESSIONAL WINDOW CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING-PD,VC,CITY HALL	150.00
US CELLULAR	PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS	147.05
HAWKEYE COMMUNICATION INC	FIRE SYSTEM MONITORING-PD	147.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	127.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	126.90
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-P&A,LBC	122.72
BREEDLOVE SPORTING GOODS	SUPPLIES-LBC	120.00
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	ANNUAL WATER USE FEE-WAT	115.00

CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY	SUPPLIES-PW	114.69
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	112.28
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	108.77
BRADY WEAVER	REFEREE-P&REC	105.00
GABRIEL GRAFFT	REFEREE-P&REC	105.00
JAKOB A YOCK	REFEREE-P&REC	105.00
JAMISON W BILLINGSLEY	REFEREE-P&REC	105.00
MAXWELL SIDERS	REFEREE-P&REC	105.00
TRAE DAVID BIELEFELD	REFEREE-P&REC	105.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&A	99.81
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	98.94
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-FD	95.02
MERCY PHYSICIAN SERVICES INC	WELLNESS PLATFORM-ALL DEPTS	94.50
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	SIGN-DOG SWIM	90.95
VESTIS	RUGS,SERVICES-FD	88.20
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	80.45
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SIRENS	74.97
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-CITY HALL	69.54
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-PD	68.20
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&A	67.49
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	66.09
CHARLOTTE MCDERMOTT	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	63.75
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-P&A	63.49
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PW	60.00
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-VC	55.00
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-P&REC	50.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW	43.36
US CELLULAR	INTERNET-WAT,SEW	42.54
HANNAH GANZEL	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-SEW	40.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	K9 SUPPLIES-PD	39.59
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY	EXTINGUISHER MAINT-FD	35.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SW	32.62
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	30.77
HETHER STAUFFACHER	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	21.25
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	INTERNET-CITY HALL	12.25
AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
TOTAL		567,697.99

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

PAYROLL	232,172.13
SOLID WASTE	65,149.71
GENERAL FUND	59,235.94
2024 INFRASTRUCTURE	52,059.90
LOST III TRAILS/PARKS	47,055.75
WATER FUND	27,697.30
LBC	24,129.97
SEWER FUND	22,796.33
ROAD USE TAX FUND	17875.57
RACHEL STREET	11,155.60
ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	3,503.00
LOST III UR/STREETSCAPE	3,177.08
SIDEWALK PROJECT	1,440.60

STORM WATER FUND
TOTAL

249.11
567,697.99

FY26 SEPTEMBER REVENUE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC WORKS
CULTURE-RECREATION
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV
PUBLIC SAFETY
TOTAL

318,694.89
250,849.62
55,691.54
17,142.35
16,508.20
658,886.60

Discussion and Consideration of Change Order #2 – Uptown Lighting Improvements – Council Action as Needed. This change order is in the amount of \$34,944.81. Staff discussed the GFCI changes on the new streetlights with Council at a previous meeting. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve Change Order #2-Uptown Lighting Improvements. Motion carries. Tuerler and Engel absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #2 with Nelson Electric – Uptown Lighting Improvements – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve Pay Application #2-Nelson Electric in the amount of \$141,578.16. Motion carries. Tuerler and Engel absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Invoice #82674 with Springville Ready Mix – Bryant Road Trail Extension – Council Action as Needed. This invoice is in the amount of \$10,245.00 for concrete associated with the Bryant Road walking/biking trail. Motion made by West, seconded by Andresen to approve Invoice #82674-Springville Ready Mix. Motion carries. Tuerler and Engel absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Invoice #82869 with Springville Ready Mix – Bryant Road Trail Extension – Council Action as Needed. This invoice is in the amount of \$5,880.00 for concrete associated with the Bryant Road walking/biking trail. Motion made by West, seconded by Rose to approve Invoice #82869-Springville Ready Mix. Motion carries. Tuerler and Engel absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Invoice #Chopper925 – Derecho Material Removal – Council Action as Needed. The final invoice for removing and grinding the remainder of the derecho debris from the Bryant Rd site is \$59,200.00. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve Invoice #Chopper925 for derecho material removal. Motion carries. Tuerler and Engel absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for the Consideration of Ordinance Approving an Electric Transmission Franchise with ITC Holdings Corporation. The City of Mount Vernon has a franchise agreement for gas and electricity with Alliant Energy. Alliant has sold its transmission lines to ITC Holdings Corp and ITC is now asking for a franchise agreement with the City to cover the location of their transmission network. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to set the public hearing date for November 3, 2025. Motion carries. Tuerler and Engel absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #2 with Hawkeye Electric – LBC Generator Project – Council Action as Needed. Pay application #2 for the LBC Generator Project is in the amount of \$77,421.80. The generator at the LBC has been set on the west side of the building. Motion made by West, seconded by Andresen to approve Pay Application #2-Hawkeye Electric. Motion carries. Tuerler and Engel absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #6 with Municipal Pipe Tool – 2024 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Council Action as Needed. This pay application is in the amount of \$68,653.38. This project is being funded through the Linn County ARPA grant. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve Pay Application #6-Municipal Pipe Tool. Motion carries. Tuerler and Engel absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Invoice #51361-14 with V&K Engineering – Hwy 1 Reconstruction Project – Council Action as Needed. This invoice is in the amount of \$35,180.50 for design work on the Highway 1 Reconstruction Project. Motion made by West, seconded by Rose to approve Invoice #51361-14-V&K Engineering. Motion carries. Tuerler and Engel absent.

Discussion Items (No Action)

Trick or Treat Night. All communication received by staff and the Mayor to date indicates a desire to leave the Trick or Treat celebration on Friday, October 31, 2025. There was some discussion on possibly changing the timeframe to earlier in the evening but if Mount Vernon does have a football game that evening, the trick-or-treating typically dies down early and would not have much impact on the game and traffic in the area. The consensus was to leave Trick-or-Treat night on October 31, 2025 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 p.m.

Open Records Training. Recent legislation effective July 1, 2025 requires new board and Council members to go through a mandatory training on open meeting laws. The training would be administered by groups that are certified to do the training and right now, Linn County, the Iowa League of Cities and Ahlers, Cooney are the three that the City would utilize. Only board members appointed after the law passed would be required to take the training and the City Clerk will be responsible for tracking this information. If training is not completed, fines could be levied against the individual and the City.

Work Order Process (Hubspot). Lori Boren gave an update on the Hubspot platform that is used by the City for work orders and requests from residents. Most of the tickets/requests so far have been internal but there is a link on the City website for residents to utilize and we hope to see more use of this option.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. Wieseler will be tabulating the costs for the new trail on Bryant Road and communicate this information to organizations to the west of Mount Vernon to encourage them to continue with the trail.

Council Reports. West reported that the CDG will meet Wednesday morning and praised the new director and board members for their work.

City Administrator's Report: Full report available on the City website in the October 6, 2025 Council Packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:29 p.m., October 6, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk