

The Mount Vernon City Council met December 1, 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 6:31 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. A correction will be made to change the start time of the first public hearing from 6:47 p.m. to 6:31 p.m. in the minutes of the November 17th meeting. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve the Consent Agenda with this change made to the official minutes. Motion carries.
Approval of City Council Minutes – November 17, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

Public Hearing

Public Hearing on an Ordinance Providing for the Vacation and Conveyance of that Public Alley Adjacent to Lots 1,2,7, and 8 in Block 3 of Halls 1st Addition to the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa. Mayor Wieseler opened and closed the public hearing with no public comment at 6:33 p.m. Council then acted on Ordinance #12-1-2025A.

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. Staff has not received any verbal or written communication regarding this ordinance since the first reading. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve the second reading of Ordinance #11-17-2025A. Roll call all yes. Ordinance passes it's second reading.

Ordinance #12-1-2025A: Providing for the Vacation and Conveyance of that Public Alley Adjacent to Lots 1,2,7, and 8 in Block 3 of Halls 1st Addition to the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa. Property owners are requesting the north-south 16-foot alleyway located between 1st Ave SE and 2nd Ave SW and adjacent to 4th Street SW be vacated. The entire length of the vacated alley will be subject to a utility easement. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve the first reading of Ordinance #12-1-2025A. Roll call all yes. Ordinance passes it's first reading.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #11-17-2025D: Approving Iowa Department of Transportation Cooperative Agreement for Primary Road Project – Iowa 1. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to remove this item from the table. Roll call all yes. The title of the agreement was changed from “predesign” to a “cooperative” agreement and is the final agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for the Highway 1 Reconstruction Project. Total cost of the project is estimated at just over \$8,000,000 with the City portion being just over \$2,000,000. It will replace Highway 1, with the exception of 3rd Street NW to 3rd Street SW. Also included in the project will be ADA sidewalks and stormwater issues. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #11-17-2025D. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #12-1-2025A: Accepting Work for the Project Known as the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project with Municipal Pipe Tool. The sanitary sewer rehabilitation work that was made possible by the Linn County ARPA grant funding is now complete. This resolution accepts the improvements as complete and releases the retainage upon reaching the end of the mandatory 30-day waiting period. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #12-1-2025A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Old Business

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #2 with Modern Concrete – 2025 Sidewalk Improvement Project – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to remove this item from the table. Motion carries. This pay application is in the amount of \$23,419.70. It should be noted that this pay application includes a change order in the amount of \$2,576.67 that will be approved at the next Council meeting. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve Pay Application #2 with Modern Concrete for the 2025 Sidewalk Improvement Project. Motion carries.

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	141,096.86
UMB BANK	2024 GO INTEREST	93,300.00
UMB BANK	2018 GO INTEREST	49,117.50
UMB BANK	2025 GO INTEREST	45,555.56
UMB BANK	2022 GO INTEREST	20,163.75
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	SRF BOND INTEREST	13,000.00
UMB BANK	2014 GO INTEREST	12,937.50
MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECTURE	CDBG DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION	8,281.85
UMB BANK	2019 GO INTEREST	7,561.25
MID COUNTRY MACHINERY	EQUIP RENTAL-SW	6,630.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PW LIFT STATION	6,264.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	5,758.45
JORDAN'S PROPERTY CARE INC	CEMETERY MAINT	5,720.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	4,807.80
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	4,686.77
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	HWY 1 RECONSTRUCTION	4,652.00
UMB BANK	2013A GO INTEREST	4,376.25
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	NEW NETWORK SETUP-LBC	4,221.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2025 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS	3,748.60
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS	3,695.60
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	3,443.79
SGH CONCEPTS	BLDG REPAIR-LBC	2,950.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	2,930.00
MENARDS	SUPPLIES-PW FACILITIES	2,177.88
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	2,054.60
MUNICIPAL MGMT CORP.	LEAK DETECTION-WAT	2,000.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	1,963.49
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PD	1,868.08
SARAH BOOTS	MILEAGE/LODGING-LBC,P&REC,POOL	1,547.52
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	1,228.27
OPN ARCHITECTS	EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER STUDY	950.00
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	776.53
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2024 SANITARY SEWER REHAB	734.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-LBC	730.00

IOWA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION	DUES/MEMBERSHIP-FD	651.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	626.01
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST	ACH RETURNS-WAT,SEW,SW	583.17
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	527.75
MARKET STREET	WEBSITE MAINT-HPC	500.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PW	484.99
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	447.07
TASC	FSA ADJUSTMENT-ALL DEPTS	446.14
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	431.67
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PW	429.45
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-P&A	389.29
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	378.62
SPEER FINANCIAL INC	TIF REPORTING-P&A	375.00
ALEX VOLKOV	UNIFORMS-WAT,SEW	371.64
AFFORDABLE HEATING & COOLING	HVAC MAINT-CITY HALL	360.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CITY HALL	357.41
TASC	FSA ADMIN FEE-ALL DEPTS	328.86
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP	HOTEL/MOTEL TAX-ECON DEV	327.48
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	323.26
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	315.02
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	LEGAL FEES-P&A	315.00
STATE CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES-RUT	306.92
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	301.82
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	LBC MEMBERSHIP-PD	268.30
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-PW	258.29
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	238.73
HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	230.92
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	215.00
MERCY PHYSICIAN SERVICES INC	WELLNESS PLATFORM-ALL DEPTS	209.50
CHRIS NOSBISCH	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	207.20
AMERICAN RED CROSS	TRAINING-LBC	196.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW,P&A	191.92
RC TECH	CAMERA SERVICE-SW	186.50
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	180.70
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	166.00
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC	162.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-PD	159.76
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC,P&REC	159.36
LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	FOOD SERVICE LICENSE-POOL	150.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	141.39
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-LBC	125.19
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW	124.00
CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE	EQUIP REPAIR-WAT	113.96
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	108.77
EDITH DAWSON	SERVICES-HPC	100.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	96.78
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SIRENS	91.12
VESTIS	RUGS,SERVICES-FD	88.20
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-P&A	85.00
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	83.45
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-VC	82.75
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	73.80
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-CITY HALL	72.54
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-PD	71.20

MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	INTERNET-CITY HALL	69.95
CHRISTOPHER BROWN	CLEANING SERVICES-FD	67.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	61.87
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PW	60.00
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	EQUIP REPAIR-FD	54.46
US CELLULAR	INTERNET-WAT,SEW	42.54
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-SEW	40.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SW	27.42
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	EQUIP REPAIR-RUT	21.76
HANNAH GANZEL	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	21.25
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	20.00
OTTSEN OIL COMPANY	EQUIP REPAIR-SEW	8.52
TOTAL		485,640.07

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

DEBT SERVICE FUND	233,011.81
PAYROLL	141,096.86
SEWER FUND	26,116.12
GENERAL FUND	23,366.55
LBC	12,454.91
WATER FUND	9,290.46
LOST III UR & STREETScape	8,281.85
SOLID WASTE	8,138.18
ROAD USE TAX FUND	7,750.54
2024 INFRASTRUCTURE	4,652.00
SIDEWALK PROJECT	3,748.60
RACHEL STREET/KWIK STAR	3,695.60
PW FACILITIES	2,177.88
LOST III COMMUNITY CENTER	950.00
ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	734.00
STORM WATER FUND	174.71
TOTAL	485,640.07

Discussion and Consideration of Mid Country Machinery, LLC Invoice #R08982 – Compost Trommel – Council Action as Needed. This invoice in the amount of \$6,630.00 is for the rental of a trommel to sift through the existing compost piles. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve invoice #R08982 with Mid Country Machinery. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Approving Pay Application #_ with Municipal Pipe Tool – 2024 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Engel to table this item until the official pay application is received from the City Engineer. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Amended Pay Application #1 with Modern Concrete – 2025 Sidewalk Improvement Project – Council Action as Needed. There was a discrepancy in the quantity amount certified versus the pay application submitted and approved on November 3, 2025 that needs to be rectified. Pay Application #1 should have been in the amount of \$34,528.46 (instead of \$34,277.38). Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to approve amended Pay Application #1 with Modern Concrete. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Invoice #4262138 - Fisher Drywall – Bryant Rd. Public Works Facility – Council Action as Needed. The next two projects were approved by Council at the November 3, 2025 meeting. These two invoices reflect the work that was completed. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve invoice #4262138 from Fisher Drywall in the amount of \$8,546.16. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Invoice #4262139 - Fisher Drywall – Bryant Rd. Public Works Facility – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by West, seconded by Engel to approve invoice #4262139 from Fisher Drywall in the amount of \$8,657.00. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Air Packs, Masks, and Air Cylinders from the LeMars Fire Department – Council Action as Needed. The LeMars Fire Department is selling air packs, masks and air cylinders for \$9,000.00 for this slightly used equipment. These items will be used at the new Fire Department training facility on Bryant Road. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the purchase for \$9,000.00. Motion carries.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. Mayor Wieseler thanked Public Works staff for the quick snow removal over the weekend.

City Administrator's Report: Full report available on the City website in the December 1, 2025 Council Packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 6:57 p.m., December 1, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk