

The Mount Vernon City Council met December 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.

Council and those in attendance observed a moment of silence to recognize the loss of local Fire Department member, Adam Dake, who recently passed away and his years of service with the Mount Vernon Fire Department.

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve the Agenda as noted. Motion carries.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – December 1, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

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 second reading. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #11-17-2025A. Roll call all yes. Ordinances passes.

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. Staff has not received any verbal or written communication regarding this ordinance since the first reading. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve the second reading of Ordinance #12-1-2025A. Roll call all yes. Ordinance passes its second reading.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #12-15-2025A: Designating The Sun as the Official Newspaper for Publications for the City of Mount Vernon from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027. This resolution is completed every two years. The City utilizes the Sun as our legal newspaper for minutes, public notices and other publications. Motion made by West, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #12-15-2025A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #12-15-2025B: Approving the Disposal of Municipal Property. A list of City-owned property designated for disposal is included in Exhibit A of the resolution. These items will be listed on GovDeals or otherwise disposed of in accordance with City procedures. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution #12-15-2025B. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	124,392.15
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	36,691.89
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW RESIDENTIAL	25,121.70
MODERN CONCRETE INC	PAY APP #2-SIDEWALK IMPROV	23,419.70
FISHER DRYWALL INC	DRYWALL-PW BLDGS	17,203.16
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-ALL DEPTS	16,014.46
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW COMMERCIAL	15,559.87
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC	REPLACEMENT CAMERA SERVER-LBC	12,638.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	9,414.42
WIENEKE LAND SOLUTIONS	FERTILIZER/WEED CONTROL-P&REC	7,290.00
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-ALL DEPTS	4,932.65
LINDER TIRE SERVICE	EQUIP MAINT-PW	4,531.66
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	4,013.36
RC TECH	AV EQUIP-LBC	3,330.71
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	3,286.93
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,388.00
TROJAN TECHNOLOGIES	EQUIP MAINT-SEW	2,199.48
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC-P&A,PD,LBC	2,152.62
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	1,914.00
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	1,900.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-PW	1,493.82
HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	1,115.82
RHINO INDUSTRIES INC	SLUDGE THICKENER-SEW	1,107.00
PITNEY BOWES	METER POSTAGE-ALL DEPTS	1,000.00
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-CITY HALL	959.21
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES	GENERATOR-PD	949.39
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-PD	920.70
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	2020 GO INTEREST	900.00
FUTURE LINE TRUCK EQUIPMENT	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	877.73
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE/HUBSPOT SUPPORT-ALL DEPTS	825.00
BANKCARD 8076	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,P&REC	820.14
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	803.41
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PW	719.88
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	683.67
CARQUEST OF LISBON	EQUIP MAINT-RUT,WAT	564.99
WHKS & COMPANY	CEMETERY GIS MAPPING	524.08
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-FD TRAINING FACILITY	468.82
KATEY FOREST	MEALS-LBC,POOL,P&REC	450.00
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	SIGNS-PD	450.00
KIECKS	UNIFORMS-FD	449.35
L.L. PELLING CO INC	COLD PATCH-RUT	438.70
DSG	SUPPLIES-WAT	438.37
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PW	424.76
UNDER HILL TRUCK & AUTO REPAIR	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	412.19
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	399.20
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	397.11
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	SIGNS-RUT	381.04
ECICOG	DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION APP	375.00
POSTMASTER	1ST CLASS PRESORT FEE-ALL DEPTS	370.00
INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES-CITY HALL	351.96

MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	351.32
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-FD	342.17
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE SUPPORT-LBC	325.00
FELD FIRE	UNIFORMS-FD	325.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	316.31
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	301.82
SUE ASTLEY	SUPPLIES, TRAINING, POSTAGE-HPC	272.10
BON APPETIT	MEALS-HPC	266.64
CURTIS ENGLISH	PORTABLE RR RENTALS-P&REC	260.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-PD	255.00
MODERN CONCRETE INC	AMENDED PAY APP #1-SIDEWALK IMPROV	251.08
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY	SUPPLIES-FD	243.00
KONE INC	ELEVATOR MAINT CONTRACT-P&A	223.29
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-LBC	210.50
SIMMERING CORY IOWA CODIFICATION	CODE SUPPLEMENTS-P&A	205.00
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-LBC	195.25
GALLS LLC	UNIFORMS-PD	193.43
GRAYBILL COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIP MAINT-PW	192.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	180.70
HDC PRINTED PRODUCTS	TAX FORMS-ALL DEPTS	179.58
BATTERIES + BULBS	EQUIP MAINT-WAT	171.90
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-LBC	170.25
MENARDS	DOOR-PW FACILITIES	164.56
REXCO EQUIPMENT INC	EQUIP MAINT-PW	163.37
FAREWAY STORES INC #257	SUPPLIES-LBC	159.54
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL-PW	144.75
US CELLULAR	PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS	140.05
UNDER HILL TRUCK & AUTO REPAIR	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	126.50
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-LBC, CITY HALL	122.27
DUANE EASH	MILEAGE-HPC	116.20
BATTERIES + BULBS	SUPPLIES-WAT	112.45
PATTY GARRELTS	REFUND-LBC	97.91
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	90.35
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	73.52
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-PD	67.40
CUSTOM HOSE & SUPPLIES INC	EQUIP REPAIR-RUT	62.45
CAMPBELL SUPPLY	SUPPLIES-SEW	59.88
MENARDS	SUPPLIES-RUT	47.92
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-ALL DEPTS	46.75
UNITYPOINT CLINIC	DRUG TESTING-PW	42.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC, POOL, P&REC	38.21
JAMISON W BILLINGSLEY	REFEREE-P&REC	30.00
JAXSON J BILLINGSLEY	REFEREE-P&REC	30.00
YEONG HO BISHOP	REFEREE-P&REC	30.00
KENT WEIDENMANN	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	28.32
PATRICIA HARVEY	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	28.32
HANNAH GANZEL	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	21.25
WELAND CLINICAL LABORATORIES	DRUG TESTING-ALL DEPTS	18.50
REXCO EQUIPMENT INC	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	5.74
AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
TOTAL		345,970.65

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

PAYROLL	124,392.15
GENERAL FUND	56,270.08
SOLID WASTE	47,246.00
LBC	27,606.22
SIDEWALK PROJECT	23,670.78
SEWER FUND	18,063.01
PW FACILITIES	17,367.72
WATER FUND	16,895.24
ROAD USE TAX FUND	11,563.67
STORM WATER FUND	1,620.78
DEBT SERVICE FUND	900.00
LOST III UR & STREETScape	375.00
TOTAL	345,970.65

FY26 NOVEMBER REVENUE

PUBLIC WORKS	272,793.45
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	267,313.74
CULTURE-RECREATION	24,765.79
PUBLIC SAFETY	13,600.66
TOTAL	578,473.64

Discussion and Consideration of Ferguson Waterworks Invoice #0536466 – Annual Software Fee – Council Action as Needed. This is the annual software fee for the Neptune water meters. The invoice is in the amount of \$6,840.00. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Tuerler to approve Ferguson Waterworks invoice #0536466. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of MGA Invoice #2500410 Mount Vernon CDBG DTR Project – Council Action as Needed. Martin Gardner Architecture has submitted an invoice in the amount of \$20,572.12 for professional services rendered under the CDBG Downtown Revitalization Project. The charges include consultations with individual business owners, meals and mileage expenses. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to approve MGA invoice #2500410. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Change Order #2 with Modern Concrete – 2025 Sidewalk Improvements – Council Action as Needed. Change Order #2 was referenced in Pay Application #2 at the December 1, 2025 Council Meeting; however, the change order was received that same day and could not be added to the agenda. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$2,576.67. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and Dixon Engineering for the Water Tower Rehabilitation Project – Council Action as Needed. The water tower was last painted in 2013 and is scheduled for repainting within the next two years. Dixon Engineering has prepared a professional services agreement covering design work, the bidding process and antenna coordination in preparation for the upcoming project. It was noted that on page 15 of the agreement, the total compensation written out was incorrect and should be updated to “Fifteen Thousand, One Hundred, Twenty-Five Dollars”. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the professional services agreement with Dixon Engineering in the amount of \$15,125.00 with the referenced change on page 15. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Carrico Aquatic Resource, Inc. Water Management Assistance Program - Pool – Council Action as Needed. Carrico Aquatic Resource provides the city with chlorine and other chemicals for the municipal pool. The annual cost of supplying pool chemicals is \$16,800.00 for the 2026 season. This is a slight increase of \$900 over the previous season. Motion made by Engel, seconded by West to approve the 2026 Water Management Assistance Program with Carrico Aquatic Resources. Motion carries.

Discussion and consideration of Worldmaker Resilience Institute Invoice #1225 – Mount Vernon-Lisbon Police Department - Council Action as Needed. Worldmaker Resilience Institute facilitates training for the recent grant that was awarded to the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Police Department through the Department of Justice. The THRIVE Resiliency Program focuses on strengthening the mental health and resilience of Iowa's first responders and their families. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve invoice #1225 in the amount of \$16,715.00. Motion carries.

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

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

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

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

Mayor's Report. Wieseler recognized and thanked Councilperson Stephanie West for her eight years of service on the Mount Vernon City Council.

Council Reports. Engel reported that the Triumvirate Group met last week and focused on the recent changes made by Cornell College to their staffing and curriculum.

Committee Reports. Rose reported that the Public Safety Committee would be meeting after the first of the year.

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

Closed Session - Possible closed session for an employee-related matter. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to go into closed session at 7:00 pm. Motion carries. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to come out of closed session at 7:23 pm. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of appointing Jason Blinks to the position of Police Chief - Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Rose, seconded by West to approve the contract for Jason Blinks as Chief of Police for the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Police Department.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:24 p.m., December 15, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk