

January 5, 2026
City Council Minutes
213 1st Street NW
Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314

The Mount Vernon City Council met January 5, 2026, at City Hall, 213 1st Street NW, Mount Vernon, IA. A Zoom option was available. The following Council members were present: Tuerler, Engel, Rose, Hansen Player 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 Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve the Agenda. Motion carries.

Consent Agenda. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carries.

Approval of City Council Minutes – December 15, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

Ordinance Approval/Amendment

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 Engel to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #12-1-2025A. Roll call all yes. Ordinance passes its third and final reading.

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	112,680.33
MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECTURE	CDBG DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION	20,572.12
WORLDMAKER RESILIENCE INSTITUTE	THRIVE TRAINING-PD GRANT	16,715.00
MORTON SALT INC	SALT-RUT	15,075.98
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	9,253.75
LEMARS FIRE & RESCUE	AIR PACKS,CYLINDERS-FD	9,000.00
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP	HOTEL/MOTEL TAX-ECON DEV	8,858.55
NELSON ELECTRIC	CROSSWALK SIGNS-RUT	7,447.00
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-PD,FD,PW	7,283.08
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	NEPTUNE ANNUAL SOFTWARE-WAT	6,840.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	6,370.34
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS	6,140.60
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	4,985.34
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	4,960.56
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	3,757.58
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	3,583.60
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2025 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS	3,357.00
COOK FENCE COMPANY	FENCE-PD K9	2,885.00
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	2,729.33
HOTSY CLEANING SYSTEMS INC	SUPPLIES-RUT	2,179.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	2,137.45

IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	2,064.60
LINN COUNTY TREASURER	STONEBROOK,SPR MEAD HEIGHTS	2,009.00
MV VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC	PARSONS ENDOWED GRANT-FD	2,000.00
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE/EQUIP MAINT-ALL DEPTS	1,727.32
LISBON, CITY OF	AMB DIRECTOR CONTRACTED SALARY	1,711.71
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	1,465.00
WHKS & COMPANY	CEMETERY GIS MAPPING	1,400.94
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	HWY 1 RECONSTRUCTION	1,340.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	1,308.33
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2024 SANITARY SEWER REHAB	1,288.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PW	998.21
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	NSF CHECK-WAT,SEW,SW	908.45
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	856.15
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	PAINT-PW FACILITIES	744.69
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-LBC	730.00
ESRI INC	SOFTWARE MAINT AGREEMENT	700.00
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	693.02
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&A	652.98
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	603.64
CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY	BLDG MAINT-PD	584.10
MENARDS	SUPPLIES-PW FACILITIES	575.29
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	548.95
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	457.73
UNDER HILL TRUCK & AUTO REPAIR	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	416.61
USA BLUE BOOK	SUPPLIES-WAT	415.16
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-P&A	404.31
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	400.02
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PW	386.68
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	381.37
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	351.32
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC	341.84
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	323.26
KROUL FARMS	BEAUTIFICATION	322.45
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	316.31
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	315.02
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	302.35
IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	ONLINE WARRANTS-PD	300.00
UMB BANK	2018 GO FEES	300.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	271.05
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-FD	263.48
UMB BANK	2013A GO FEES	250.00
UMB BANK	2014 GO FEES	250.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	NPDES COMPLIANCE	250.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	245.86
GALLS LLC	UNIFORMS-PD	235.00
HYDRA-FAB	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	231.53
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	229.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-PW	224.02
TASC	FSA ADJUSTMENT-ALL DEPTS	223.07
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PW,P&A	196.12
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SIRENS	194.59

RC TECH	CAMERA SERVICE-SW	186.50
CHRIS NOSBISCH	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	171.50
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE METER LEASE-ALL DEPTS	165.33
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-PD	159.76
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-PD	156.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER USAGE-PD	150.60
HAWKEYE COMMUNICATION INC	FIRE SYSTEM MONITORING-PD	147.00
US CELLULAR	PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS	140.05
MATT SIDERS	MILEAGE-P&REC,LBC	140.00
CUSTOM HOSE & SUPPLIES INC	EQUIP MAINT-PW	138.03
TECH SOLUTIONS	FIRE ALARM MONITORING-LBC	127.43
PROFESSIONAL WINDOW CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING-PD,CITY HALL	120.00
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	108.77
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	LEGAL FEES-P&A	108.50
JACOB SEE	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	106.98
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	PLAQUES-P&A	103.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	100.29
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	98.69
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	90.35
VESTIS	RUGS,SERVICES-FD	88.20
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	83.45
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHARGES-PD	83.08
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-VC	82.75
JOE JENNISON	SUBSCRIPTION-P&A	80.14
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-PD	77.61
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-CITY HALL	72.54
TURF TANK	TANK CLEANING-P&REC,RUT	70.00
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	INTERNET-CITY HALL	69.95
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-PD	67.40
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-FD	62.97
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	PERMIT DECALS-PD	62.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PW	60.00
CAMPBELL SUPPLY	SUPPLIES-WAT	59.88
IAWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	46.80
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT INC	HOSE,NOZZLE-FD	45.37
US CELLULAR	INTERNET-WAT,SEW	42.54
HANNAH GANZEL	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
MERCY PHYSICIAN SERVICES INC	WELLNESS PLATFORM-ALL DEPTS	42.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-SEW	40.00
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX-P&A	35.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SW	32.21
BRADY WEAVER	REFEREE-P&REC	30.00
JAMISON W BILLINGSLEY	REFEREE-P&REC	30.00
JAXSON J BILLINGSLEY	REFEREE-P&REC	30.00
YEONG HO BISHOP	REFEREE-P&REC	30.00
T-MOBILE	VEHICLE SOFTWARE-PW	29.70
POINTCORE GRAPHIC SOLUTIONS	NAMEPLATE-P&A	24.00
PNP	FUEL-PD	23.25
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	20.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&A	7.99
AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
TASC	FSA ADJUSTMENT-ALL DEPTS	1.52
TOTAL		297,447.07

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

PAYROLL	112,680.33
GENERAL FUND	65,115.78
ROAD USE TAX FUND	34,711.30
WATER FUND	21,310.83
LOST III UR & STREETSCAPE	20,572.12
SEWER FUND	13,462.46
LBC	9,523.12
RACHEL STREET/KWIK STAR	6,140.60
SOLID WASTE	5,417.92
SIDEWALK PROJECT	3,357.00
2024 INFRASTRUCTURE	1,340.00
PW FACILITIES	1,319.98
ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	1,288.50
DEBT SERVICE FUND	800.00
STORM WATER FUND	407.13
TOTAL	297,447.07

Discussion and Consideration of the Replacement of Wireless Access Points (WAP) - LBC – Council Action as Needed. Tri City Electric will be replacing and moving Wireless Access Points at the LBC as a part of the continual maintenance program. The estimate to complete the work is \$2,813.00. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Hansen Player to approve the quote from Tri City Electric to replace the wireless access points at the LBC. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of JMT Invoice #5-275814 – HPC Design Guidelines – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve JMT Invoice #5-275814 – HPC Design Guidelines Project in the amount of \$2,370.37. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Polling Place Agreement 2026 – Linn County – Council Action as Needed. Linn County is proposing to maintain City Hall as a polling place for the upcoming 2026 election season. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the Polling Place Agreement for 2026 with Linn County. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Replacement Awnings for City Hall – Council Action as Needed. The awnings above the doors have reached the end of their useful life. The awnings were power washed four years ago but the mildew that blackens the fabric returns almost immediately. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Hansen Player to approve the purchase of new awnings for City Hall in the amount of \$12,500.00. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for Consideration of an Ordinance Establishing an Electric Transmission Franchise Agreement Between the City of Mount Vernon and ITC Midwest LLC – Council Action as Needed. It was discovered that the public hearing notice for the Transmission Franchise Agreement fell outside of the required twenty-day notice period. To ensure the document was adopted legally, staff is requesting the Council re-establish a hearing date and consider the ordinance once again. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to set the public hearing date for January 19, 2026. Motion carries.

Discussion and consideration of a Professional Services Agreement with Snyder and Associates for the Creation of an EMS District Plat - Council Action as Needed. Snyder and Associates have completed the EMS District Plat for Linn County. In order to maintain continuity in this project, staff sought a proposal from

Snyder and Associates to complete the Mount Vernon EMS District Plat. The plat will be completed within the required thirty-day period commencing from the date of this approval. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Snyder and Associates in the amount of \$7,500.00. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Purchasing and Equipping a Patrol Vehicle – Council Action as Needed. The Police Department budgets a patrol vehicle replacement in each fiscal year as part of a five-year rotating schedule. The proposed estimate for this year's replacement is approximately \$65,000. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Hansen Player to approve the purchase of a new patrol vehicle in the amount of \$70,000.00 after being fully equipped. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Estimate #2 with Rathje Construction – Rachel Street Improvements – Council Action as Needed. Pay estimate #2 for the Rachel Street Improvement Project is in the amount of \$76,400.60. Much of the work underway currently consists of underground utility installation. Staff noted that Pay Estimate #1 had not yet been approved by Council and would be presented at the next Council meeting. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve Pay Estimate #2-Rathje Construction-Rachel Street Improvements. Motion carries.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. Wieseler noted the amount of time and money the City has spent on the start of the interurban trail on Bryant Road and also informed Council that Nosbisch would be speaking at the LBC this Thursday for the speaker series.

Council Reports. Andresen thanked Nicole McAlexander with Southeast Linn Community Center for providing Council with an update on their community services.

City Administrator's Report: Full report available on the City website in the January 5, 2026 Council Packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:05 p.m., January 5, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk