

City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa

Meeting:	Mt. Vernon City Council Meeting
Place:	Mt. Vernon City Hall, 213 1 st Street NW, Mt. Vernon, Iowa 52314
Date/Time:	February 2, 2026 – 6:30 PM
Web Page:	www.cityofmtvernon-ia.gov
Posted:	January 30, 2026

Mayor:	Tom Wieseler	City Administrator:	Chris Nosbisch
Mayor Pro-Tem:	Scott Rose	City Attorney:	Holly Corkery
Councilperson:	Sherene Hansen Player	Asst. City Administrator:	Lori Boren
Councilperson:	Craig Engel	Finance Dir/City Clerk:	Marsha Dewell
Councilperson:	Mark Andresen	Chief of Police:	Jason Blinks
Councilperson:	Paul Tuerler		

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A. Call to Order

B. Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval

C. Communications:

1. Unscheduled

If you wish to address the City Council on subjects pertaining to today's meeting agenda, please wait until that item on the agenda is reached. If you wish to address the City Council on an item **not** on the agenda, please approach the microphone and give your name and address for the public record before discussing your item. Each individual will be granted no more than five (5) minutes.

D. Consent Agenda

Note: These are routine items and will be enacted by one motion without separate discussion unless a Council Member requests separate consideration.

1. Approval of City Council Minutes – January 19, 2026, Regular Council Meeting

E. Public Hearing

1. None

F. Ordinance Approval/Amendment

1. Ordinance #1-19-2026B: Amending Article Ten, Sign Regulations of the Municipal Code of Mt. Vernon, Iowa
 - i. Motion to approve second reading and proceed to the third reading (Council may suspend rules and proceed to the final reading after a vote of the second reading)

G. Resolutions for Approval

1. Resolution #2-2-2026A: Approving the City of Mount Vernon Affirmative Fair Housing Policy

H. Mayoral Proclamation

1. None

I. Old Business

1. None

J. Motions for Approval

1. Consideration of Claims List – Motion to Approve
2. Discussion and Consideration of Five Year IDOT-City Maintenance Agreement – Council Action as Needed
3. Discussion and Consideration of Moving the February 16, 2026, City Council meeting to Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – Council Action as Needed
4. Discussion and Consideration of Purchasing a Speaker System for the Chalk the Walk Event – Council Action as Needed
5. Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for to Identify Gravestones for Stabilization – Council Action as Needed
6. Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #3 – Rachel Street Improvements – Council Action as Needed

K. Reports to be Received/Filed

1. None

L. Discussion Items (No Action)

1. None

M. Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

1. Mayor's Report
2. Council Reports
3. Committee Reports
4. City Administrator's Report

N. Adjournment

Pursuant to §21.4(2) of the Code of Iowa, the City has the right to amend this agenda up until 24 hours before the posted meeting time.

If anyone with a disability would like to attend the meeting, please call City Hall at 895-8742 to arrange for accommodations.

D. Consent Agenda

January 19, 2026
City Council Minutes
213 1st Street NW
Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314

The Mount Vernon City Council met January 19, 2026, at City Hall, 213 1st Street NW, Mount Vernon, IA. A Zoom option was available. The following Council members were present: Engel, Rose, Hansen Player and Andresen. Absent: Tuerler.

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

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. The Oath of Office for Lucas Wagner was added. Section H - the Mayoral Proclamation for Human Trafficking Awareness Month was moved ahead of Section E (Public Hearing Section) on the agenda. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the Agenda. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – January 5, 2026, Regular Council Meeting

Approval of Liquor License – Glyn Mawr Winery – The Local

Appoint Lori Lynch, Michelle Omar, Michelle Zaruba, Jennifer Lee – LMVAS Board

Appoint Kim Benesh, Grace Chamberlain – Historic Preservation Commission

Appoint Bob Campagna – Parks and Rec Commission

Appoint Scott Rose – Mayor Pro Tem

Mayoral Proclamation

Proclamation Establishing January 2026 as Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness Month. Representatives with Chains Interrupted were in attendance as Mayor Wieseler read the proclamation into the record.

Public Hearing

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 an Electric Power and Transmission System in the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa. Council previously voted to approve this ordinance; however, due to a discrepancy in the Sun Newspaper on days lapsed, staff are bringing it back before Council to ensure it cannot be challenged or invalidated on a technicality. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:47 pm. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 6:48 p.m. Council then acted on Ordinance #1-19-2026A.

Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending Article Ten, Sign Regulations of the Municipal Code of Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:50 pm. City Planner Bradbury summarized the recommendations for removal of language from the ordinance from the Planning and Zoning Commission not included in the council packet. There was no public comment, Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m. Council then acted on Ordinance #1-19-2026B.

Ordinance Approval/Amendment

Ordinance #1-19-2026A: 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 an Electric Power and Transmission System in the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa. Since it had been previously voted on

and approved, a motion was made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1-19-2026A, roll call all yes. Tuerler Absent. A motion was made to waive the second reading and proceed to the third and final reading of Ordinance #1-19-2026A, a motion was made by Rose, seconded by Engel, roll call all yes. Tuerler absent. Ordinance passes its third and final reading.

Ordinance #1-19-2026B: Amending Chapter 165 Zoning Regulations, Article 10, Sections 1003 and 1005 and Tables 1010-A, -B, -C, -D to the Mt. Vernon Municipal Code. Sandwich board signs permitted for use in the Central Business and Town Center districts and to be removed during events for pedestrian safety. Neon-type "open" signs permitted for use in the Central Business, Town Center and the three commercial districts. Internally lit cabinet signs are not permitted within the Central Business District. Correction of formatting errors on Tables 1010-A, -B, -C and -D. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Hansen Player to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1-19-2026B. Roll call all yes. Tuerler absent. Ordinance passes the first reading.

Resolutions

Resolution #1-19-2026A: Setting a Public Hearing Date to Approve the Purchase/Sale Agreement of 1040 2nd Avenue NW (Old Public Works Site) as Required by Iowa Code Section 364.7. Nosbisch noted that the resolution may need to be revised, as the bond attorney may want to include additional state-required language specifically citing the code section that authorizes the action within the resolution. However, this does not change that Council is setting a public hearing date for the sale. Because the current Public Works building is located within an urban renewal area, the City must follow specific state code requirements, including providing notice and holding a public hearing. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #1-19-2026A. Roll call all yes. Tuerler absent. 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. Tuerler absent.

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	156,240.51
RATHJE CONSTRUCTION	PAY APP #1-RACHEL STREET	112,795.72
RATHJE CONSTRUCTION	PAY APP #2-RACHEL STREET	76,400.60
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	35,488.21
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW RESIDENTIAL	25,300.72
LINN COUNTY SHERIFF	DISPATCH FEE-PD	22,003.58
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW COMMERCIAL	15,468.45
LEASE SERVICING CENTER, INC	EQUIP LEASE-LBC	8,464.61
UNDER HILL TRUCK & AUTO REPAIR	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	4,420.06
IOWA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	SGEI MEMBERSHIP-PW	3,888.14
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-ALL DEPTS	3,700.70
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	3,198.01
H2I GROUP	BLDG MAINT-LBC	3,000.00
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,954.50
HY-VEE	ACADEMY MEALS-PD	2,865.00
JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON	DESIGN GUIDELINES-HPC	2,370.37
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PD	1,863.08
BANKCARD 8076	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,P&REC	1,137.05
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC-P&A,PD,LBC	1,095.42
PITNEY BOWES	METER POSTAGE-ALL DEPTS	1,000.00
STARNET TECHNOLOGIES	LIFT STATION ALARMS-SEW	960.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS	TRAINING-LBC,POOL	890.00
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE/HUBSPOT SUPPORT-ALL DEPTS	825.00

LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	507.50
SHERWIN WILLIAMS	SUPPLIES-PW FACILITIES	505.14
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	489.56
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	399.20
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	EQUIP-P&A	391.04
MENARDS	BLDG MAINT-BRINE SHED	387.85
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-PD	385.00
INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES-CITY HALL	351.94
BRADLEY HAUGE	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	325.00
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE SUPPORT-LBC	325.00
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	302.94
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	301.82
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-HPC	287.28
IAWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	UNIFORMS-PD	230.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-LBC	220.54
CRITICAL HIRE, PLC	TESTING-PD	200.00
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	182.58
MENARDS	SHOP SUPPLIES-PW	177.02
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	159.50
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL-PW	147.65
TECH SOLUTIONS	FIRE ALARM MONITORING-LBC	136.35
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-LBC	112.54
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	SUPPLIES-PW	104.97
CUSTOM HOSE & SUPPLIES INC	VEHICLE MAINT-WAT	97.34
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	90.35
CYPRESS SOLUTIONS	SUBSCRIPTION-PD	78.75
RANDY COOPER	MAILBOX-RUT	74.99
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-ALL DEPTS	67.50
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-PD	67.40
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	56.66
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	47.98
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER USAGE-PD	47.89
HDC PRINTED PRODUCTS	FORMS-P&A	20.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	6.30
FORGE FIRE & COMPANY	EQUIP-FD TRAINING FACILITY	11,050.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	5,395.00
TOTAL TREE CARE OF IOWA CITY	TREE MAINT-RUT	4,400.00
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	2,795.81
HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	1,098.56
BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC	T-SHIRTS/UNIFORMS-P&REC,LBC	1,066.00
VERMEER SALES & SERVICE INC	CHIPPER REPAIRS-SW	455.02
ROUNDABOUT REPAIR SHOP LLC	VEHICLE MAINT-P&REC,PD	427.94
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	SIGN-CITY HALL	305.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	269.83
HDC PRINTED PRODUCTS	CHECKS-ALL DEPTS	248.74
MENARDS	MATERIALS-PW FACILITIES	105.09
MENARDS	SUPPLIES-RUT	42.66
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	40.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	36.54
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-PD	13.75
TOTAL		521,365.25

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS	
RACHEL STREET	189,196.32
GENERAL FUND	74,614.40
SOLID WASTE	44,512.00
LBC	21,040.04
SEWER FUND	12,012.22
WATER FUND	8,240.29
ROAD USE TAX FUND	11,386.25
STORM WATER FUND	1,317.87
PW FACILITIES	610.23
PAYROLL	158,435.63
TOTAL	521,365.25

Discussion and Consideration of the Replacement of Amplifiers - LBC – Council Action as Needed. RC Tech originally anticipated that the existing amplifiers would be compatible with the newly installed control panels in the community room and fitness studio; however, they were found to be incompatible. As a result, new amplifiers were required for the system to function properly. Motion by Rose, seconded by Andresen, to approve Change Order #1 for new amplifiers for the LBC in the amount of \$2,086.04. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Engineering Services Agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Phase 2 – Process Monitoring – Council Action as Needed. V&K Engineering submitted a services agreement for the IDNR-required Phase 2 nutrient reduction project at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, which includes evaluating and analyzing existing conditions to help identify and anticipate the necessary updates and compliance requirements. Motion by Engel, seconded by Andresen, to approve Engineering Services Agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Phase 2. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Spray Foam Insulation for the Bryant Rd. Public Works Building – Council Action as Needed. With the potential purchase of the existing public works building coming up, the north building at the new public works site needs to be insulated along with heat added in the shop area. Motion by Rose, seconded by Player Hansen, to approve Estimate #1029 from Classic Spray Foam Insulation Inc. in the amount of \$38,713.08. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Tube Heater System for the Bryant Rd. Public Works Building – Council Action as Needed. Motion by Engel, seconded by Andresen, to approve Estimate #1427 from 8 Finger HVAC in the amount of \$15,960. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Discussion and Consideration of a Locker Purchase for the Bryant Rd. Public Works Building – Council Action as Needed. This is for individual locker storage for staff. Motion by Rose, seconded by Andresen, to approve the Salsbury Industries quote in the amount of \$6,600. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Discussion and Consideration of JMT Invoice #6-276762 – HPC Design Guidelines – Council Action as Needed. Motion by Rose, seconded by Hansen Player, to approve JMT Invoice #6-276762 in the amount of \$2,269.68. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Change Order #10 – 2025 Pool Renovations Project – Council Action as Needed. There were workdays included in the original project cost that were not needed/used. Motion by Andresen, seconded by Engel, to approve Change Order #10 providing a credit to the City of Mount Vernon in the amount of \$79,958.64. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #1 – Rachel Street Improvements – Council Action as Needed. There is a significant amount of work being done on the Rachel Street Project as a result of the recent warmer weather. Motion by Engel, seconded by Andresen, to approve Pay Application #1 in the amount of \$112,795.72. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Reports to be Received/Filed. Reports available on the City website in the January 19, 2026 Council Packet.

Mt. Vernon/Lisbon Police Report

Mt. Vernon Public Works Report

Mt. Vernon Parks and Rec Report

Cole Library Report

Cemetery Commission Annual Report 2025

Discussion Items (No Action)

Sue Astley (former chair) gave an update on the Historic Preservation Guidelines. Randy Brown is the new Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission. JMT did great work and stayed right on budget with this project. Sue thanked the City Council for approving the \$16,000 allocation, which covered approximately three-quarters of the cost to update the guidelines, with the remaining balance funded through the HPC annual budget. Sue also expressed appreciation to Chris Nosbisch for successfully negotiating an agreement with JMT, noting that it was a complex and involved process. In addition, she thanked Leigh Bradbury for reviewing and editing the guidelines, and Paul Tuerler for serving as the liaison for the HPC Guidelines. A total of ten requests for proposals were distributed, with four responses received. The HPC subcommittee—comprised of Randy Brown, Edith Dawson, Duane Ash, and Wade Squiers—reviewed the submissions and provided a recommendation on the firm they believed was the best fit. Sue explained how historic districts are established and why it's important to preserve façades that reflect the architectural style of their historical period. Without proper maintenance, the district risks losing its distinctive character and historic value. She outlined what the new guidelines consist of. Nosbisch clarified that the existing Historic Preservation ordinance allows the HPC to adopt design guidelines without requiring City Council approval. The guidelines fall under the authority of the Historic Preservation Commission, with any appeals being presented to the City Council. The Historic Preservation Commission has already voted to approve the new guidelines, and they are ready for implementation and posting on the HPC website.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

December Reconciliation Report. Full report available on the City website in the January 19, 2026 Council Packet.

Quarterly Expense Fund Balance Report. Full report available on the City website in the January 19, 2026 Council Packet.

Mayor's Report. Wieseler noted the Council could consider moving the next meeting from February 16 to February 18 due to Presidents Day falling on Monday. The Mayor reported that he will attend a Linn County Emergency Management meeting tomorrow via Zoom. Wieseler asked if anyone had any topics they would like to present at the Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference, scheduled for Fall 2026 in Bettendorf. An ECICOG item was also discussed, including a submission from Eldy Miller of Ely regarding property tax revenue—specifically where funds originate and how they are allocated. Miller provided a copy of Ely's information along with comparisons to neighboring communities, including Mount Vernon.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City website in the January 19, 2026 Council Packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:41 p.m., January 19, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Boren
Assistant City Administrator

F. Ordinance Approval/Amendment

AGENDA ITEM # F – 1

**AGENDA INFORMATION
MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

DATE: February 2, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance #1-19-2026B – Amending Article 10, Sign Regulations

ACTION: Motion

SYNOPSIS: Staff has not received any verbal or written communication regarding this ordinance since the first reading.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance #1-19-2026B

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbsich

DATE PREPARED: 1/30/2026

ORDINANCE #1-19-2026B

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 165 ZONING REGULATIONS,
ARTICLE TEN SIGN REGULATIONS
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF MT. VERNON, IOWA**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON,
IOWA:**

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. Chapter 165, Article 10 Sign Regulations, Sections 1003 and 1005 and Tables 1010-A, -B, -C and -D are hereby amended, as follows (changes indicated in red):

SECTION 2. SECTION 1003 DEFINITION OF TERMS, AMENDED.

The following items shall be amended into the Definition of Terms in alphabetical order and with subsequent renumbering, as needed:

29. **Neon or Neon-Type Sign:** A sign made of continuous luminous tubes containing neon or other inert gases that glow brightly when high voltage is applied, **or any sign intended to mimic such signs.**

38. **Sandwich Board Sign:** A portable, self-supporting and two-sided sign hinged at the top. (subsequent renumbering)

SECTION 3. SECTION 1005 DESIGN ELEMENTS, AMENDED.

6. **Sandwich Board Signs.** One (1) sandwich board sign is permitted per premise, provided all of the following requirements are met:

- A. Signs may not obstruct pedestrian pathways or the entry to any building. A clear and natural pedestrian pathway must be maintained at a minimum width of four (4) feet between the sign and all permanent streetscape fixtures. This shall include, but is not limited to: steps, stairwells, ramps, railings, benches, trash receptacles and landscape tree boxes, Signs shall also not be placed so as not to steer pedestrians in the direction of said objects.
- B. Signs shall be placed directly in front of the business and parcel with which it is associated with.
- C. Signs shall only be placed during business hours and removed by the time of closing on each business day.

D. Signs must be secure at all times and removed during inclement weather, if at risk of displacement. All signs shall be internally-weighted. Bricks, stones, metal plates, sandbags and other forms of weighted material that is separate from the sign shall not be used for this purpose.

E. Maximum Allowable size shall be twelve (12) square feet, with a maximum height of four (4) feet.

F. Signs within Central Business (CB) district shall be constructed of metal or wood and fitting of the time period in which the building was constructed.

H. Sandwich board signs in the Central Business District (CBD) shall be subject to removal during community events to ensure the safety of pedestrians.

I. Sign must be maintained in good physical condition.

7. Neon and Neon-type "Open" Signs: One illuminated "OPEN" sign shall be allowed per premises in the CBD, TC, GC and UC districts only, with a maximum size not to exceed two (2) square feet.

SECTION 4. TABLES 1010-A, -B, -C AND -D, AMENDED.

Zoning District	AG	BR	SR, NR, TR	HR	CB	TC	UC	LC	GC	BP	LI
Detached Signs											
Sandwich Board	N		N	N	P	P	N	N	N	N	N
Directional	P(C)	P(C)	P(C)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ground	P	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Off-Premise	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Electronic	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P
Portable	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Attached Signs											
Awning	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Banner	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Building Marker	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Directional	P(C)	P(C)	P(C)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Off-Premise	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Projecting	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	N	N	N	N
Roof	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Wall	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Window	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miscellaneous											
Portable	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Temporary	P	P(C)	P(C)	P(C)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

P: Permitted for All Uses P(C): Permitted for Civic Uses N: Not Permitted

Zoning District	AG	SR	SR, NR, TR	HR	CB	TC	UC	LC	GC	BP	LI
Illumination											
Indirect	P(C)	P(C)	P(C)	P(C)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Direct	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Internal	P(C)	P(C)	P(C)	P	N	P	P	P	P	P	P
Neon	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Flashing	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Flame	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Bare Bulb	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Electronic	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

P: Permitted for All Uses P(C): Permitted for Civic Uses N: Not Permitted

Zoning District	AG	SR, NR, TR	HR	CB	TC	UC	LC	GC	BP	LI
The Maximum Permitted Area for all signs on a premises excluding incidental signs, building marker signs exempt signs, sandwich board signs and flags shall not exceed the lesser of the following:										
Square Feet of Signage per Linear	NA	NA	NA	1	1	1	1	1.5	1	1.5
Maximum Total Square Feet	Note 1	Note 2	Note 3	150	150	150	200	NA	200	300
				Note 7	Note 7	Note 4,5,7	Note 4	Note 5,6	Note 4	

Note 1: 100 square feet for civic or commercial uses, 1 square feet for residential uses, including home-occupation businesses.

Note 2: 32 square feet for permitted non-residential uses, 1 square feet for residential uses, including home-occupation businesses.

Note 3: 48 square feet for project identification signs for multi-family or mobile home developments and for permitted non-residential uses; 2 square feet for residential uses, including home-based businesses.

Note 4: Maximum limits apply to non-residential premises only. On premises with primary residential use, 75 square feet for project identification signs for multi-family developments, 1 square feet for residential uses, including home-based businesses.

Note 5: One Business Center Identification Sign with a maximum area of 150 square feet is permitted in addition to the Maximum Permitted Sign Area, subject to the regulations set forth by Table 1010-D.

Note 6: No single sign may exceed 150 square feet. Multiple detached signs must be distributed along the frontage of the premises and separated by a minimum of 200 feet between signs - See Table 1010-D.

Note 7: Projecting, portable, historical identification and awning signs are not included in the total allowable Square Feet of Signage.

Table 1010-D: Permitted Signs by Numbers, Dimensions, and Location

Each individual sign shall comply with the regulations for maximum quantity, maximum size, minimum setbacks, and											
Zoning District	AG	SR/NR/ TR	HR	CB	TC	UC	LC*	GC*	BP*	LI*	
Ground Signs											
Number Permitted Per Premise	1		0	0	1 Note 1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Per Feet of Frontage	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1 per 200	1 per 200	1 per 400	1 per 300
Maximum Size (SF)	100		NA	NA	12	100	100	150	150	100	150
Maximum Sign Height of Structure (feet)	25		NA	NA	4	6	6	10	25	25	20
Front Yard Setback (feet)	25		NA	NA	NA	0	5	5	5	15	15
Side Yard Setback (feet)	10		NA	NA	NA	0	5	5	20	20	20
Attached Signs											
Maximum Size (SF)	100		32	48	100	100	100	150	150	100	150
Projecting Sign	NA		NA	NA	8	8	8	NA	NA	NA	NA
% of Street Facade	NA		NA	NA	20%	20%	20%	20%	25%	20%	25%

Note 1: Portable A-Frame Signs only.

* In addition to its total permitted sign area, each premises used for a business center may have one Business center identification sign, subject to the following conditions:

1. The maximum area for a center identification sign shall be 150 square feet.
2. No Business Center Identification Sign shall be within 300 feet of any other Business Center Identification Sign or within 150 feet of any other detached sign on the same premises.
3. The sign shall display no more than the name and location of the business center.
4. Each sign shall be subject to all other regulations for detached signs or graphics set forth in this Article.

Section 6. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 7. REPEALER. Any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication as provided by law.

Passed this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Thomas M. Wieseler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marsha Dewell, City Clerk

G. Resolutions for Approval

AGENDA ITEM # G - 1**AGENDA INFORMATION
MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION****DATE:** February 2, 2026**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution #2-2-2026A – Affirmative Fair Housing Policy**ACTION:** Motion

SYNOPSIS: The approval of the City of Mount Vernon Affirmative Fair Housing Policy reaffirms our commitment to equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in housing. This policy ensures compliance with federal and state fair housing requirements while promoting inclusive practices that prevent discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability. By approving this policy, the city is demonstrating our dedication to promoting a community where all individuals have fair and equitable access to housing.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A**RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:** City Administrator**MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION:** Motion**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution #2-2-2026A**PREPARED BY:** Chris Nosbisch**DATE PREPARED:** 1/30/2026

RESOLUTION #2-2-2026A

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON AFFIRMATIVE FAIR
HOUSING POLICY**

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the need for equal opportunity in housing and nondiscrimination, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes compliance with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The City Council does hereby approve the City of Mount Vernon Affirmative Fair Housing Policy as identified in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part thereof.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 2nd day of February, 2026.

Thomas M. Wieseler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marsha Dewell, City Clerk

“Exhibit A”

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON AFFIRMATIVE FAIR HOUSING POLICY

This notice is published pursuant to the requirements of the Executive Order 11063 on equal opportunity in housing and nondiscrimination in the sale or rental of housing built with federal assistance, and with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which prohibits discrimination in the provision of housing because of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status.

The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon advises the public that it will administer its assisted programs and activities relating to housing and community development in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing in the sale or rental of housing, the financing of housing and the provision of brokerage services.

The Mayor shall assist individuals who believe they have been subject to discrimination in housing through the resources of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Mayor has designated the City Administrator as the contact to coordinate efforts to comply with this policy. Inquiries should be directed to:

Name:	Chris Nosbisch
Office:	City of Mount Vernon City Hall
Address:	213 1 st Street NW
City, State Zip:	Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314
Phone:	319-895-8742
Hours:	Monday – Friday, 7:00am–4:00pm

This policy is hereby adopted by the City of Mount Vernon, as of February 2, 2026.

Thomas M. Wieseler, Mayor

ATTEST

Chris Nosbisch, City Administrator



We Do Business in Accordance With the Federal Fair Housing Law

(The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988)

It is Illegal to Discriminate Against Any Person Because of Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Handicap, Familial Status, or National Origin

In the sale or rental of housing or residential lots

In the provision of real estate brokerage services

In advertising the sale or rental of housing

In the appraisal of housing

In the financing of housing

Blockbusting is also illegal

Anyone who feels he or she has been discriminated against may file a complaint of housing discrimination:

1-800-669-9777 (Toll Free)
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www.hud.gov/fairhousing

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
Washington, D.C. 20410



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MANDATORY AND ELECTIVE ACTIONS TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING

Fair Housing Strategies for communities participating in the CDBG program

In order to ensure that grantees are fulfilling their requirement to affirmatively further fair housing, all units of local government applying for and receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the State must document how they are meeting their fair housing obligations. A unit of local government can participate in the State's CDBG Program by agreeing to implement all mandatory actions and at least one elective activity appropriate to the conditions and needs in its area. The selected elective activities are of the local government's choice chosen from the list below. All grantees receiving CDBG funds through the State must complete the mandatory strategies and at least one elective strategy regardless of whether they are using CDBG funds for housing activities. The implementation of the mandatory strategies must be carried out each year for which the jurisdiction has received HUD funds through IEDA. This may be achieved through the posting of the information in a conspicuous public place and/or publication in a local newspaper of general circulation.

Mandatory activities to promote Fair Housing:

Communities/counties receiving CDBG funds must complete the following and implement them during the CDBG contract period:

1. Advertise, publicize and pass an affirmative fair housing policy that will certify that the local government adheres to the requirements of the federal Fair Housing Act and the Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965 (adoption and use of the Equal Housing Opportunity logo and the Equal Housing Opportunity statement), and
2. Identify and publish the name and contact information of a Discrimination Complaint Officer within the agency or jurisdiction for any housing-related bias or discrimination complaint, and
3. Refer housing discrimination complaints and assist in filing complaints with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, or a local civil rights commission.

*Note: a fillable PDF version of the **Affirmative Fair Housing Policy** is available here:*

https://www.iowaeda.com/UserDocs/affirmative_fair_housing_policy.pdf Once adopted, if made public it can serve as the notice as well.

Elective activities to promote Fair Housing:

Communities/counties receiving CDBG funds must also complete one of the following activities and implement it during the contract period:

1. Advertise the availability of housing and related assistance to population groups that are least likely to apply through various forms of media (i.e. radio stations, posters, flyers, newspapers, Facebook, city web page) in English and other languages spoken by eligible families within the project service area
2. Include a flyer about fair housing in a local utility or tax bill and send it to every household in the municipality
3. Have the Responsible Entity staff attend a fair housing training or conference.

4. Organize a local letter writing campaign to local legislators and/or local government about the need to fund and support fair housing programs
5. Sponsor trainings for realtors, bankers, landlords, homebuyers, tenants, public housing authority and other city/town employees to educate them on their fair housing rights and responsibilities. This activity **MUST** be done in collaboration with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission or a local civil rights commission.
6. Provide training/educational programs about fair housing for financial, real estate, and property-management professionals at local firms, including their obligations to comply with the federal Fair Housing Act and the Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965 (this can be done by partnering with a bank, board of realtors association, or other local group and helping to sponsor a program taught by a qualified entity such as ICRC)
7. Conduct meetings with advocacy groups for members of the protected classes (i.e. persons with disabilities, immigrants, refugees, etc.) on the availability of affordable and accessible housing and determine housing needs to plan future projects
8. Establish and/or fund fair housing organizations in areas where there are no such organizations
9. Conduct fair housing testing to ensure that local housing providers and/or lenders do not discriminate (fair housing testing must be conducted by a HUD-certified fair housing agency)
10. Assist Housing Choice Voucher program participants to help locate and secure housing outside of racially concentrated areas of poverty (RCAPs) or near-RCAPs
11. Conduct outreach to housing providers and housing developers to discuss affordable and accessible housing needs in RCAPs and near-RCAPs
12. Evaluate the local zoning ordinance against the fair housing benchmarks identified in this AI, using the Zoning Risk Assessment Tool. Evaluate the need for amendments to the zoning ordinance and make them.
13. Organize a tester recruitment event in collaboration with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission to help document instances of housing discrimination

J. Motions for Approval

AGENDA ITEM # J – 2

AGENDA INFORMATION MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: February 2, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: IDOT – Five Year Maintenance Agreement

ACTION: Motion

SYNOPSIS: This is the five-year agreement between the Iowa Department of Transportation (IaDOT) and the City of Mount Vernon outlining the responsibilities, terms, and conditions for the maintenance and repair of primary roads within the city limits. The agreement defines the scope of work, performance standards, and coordination procedures to ensure the safe and efficient upkeep of primary roads.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: Supporting Documents

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbsich

DATE PREPARED: 1/30/2026



KIM REYNOLDS, GOVERNOR
ADAM GREGG, LT. GOVERNOR

SCOTT MARLER, IOWA DOT DIRECTOR

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION/BUREAU
5455 Kirkwood Blvd. SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
Phone: 319-364-0235
Janet.Worrell.gov

January 12, 2026

ATTN: MARSHA DEWELL
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON- CITY HALL
213 FIRST STREET NW
MOUNT VERNON, IA 52314

Re: 5 Year IDOT-City Maintenance Agreement

Dear Ms. Dewell,

Please find enclosed the five-year Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads in Municipalities between the City of Mount Vernon and the Iowa Department of Transportation. This agreement outlines the responsibilities for maintenance and repair of the primary roads within the corporate limits of the city during the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

Please review the document and if in agreement please have the appropriate authority sign their approval. It will then need to be returned to our office for approval by our district office. A final copy will be returned to you for your files.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at this office.

Sincerely,

Janet M. Worrell

Janet Worrell
District 6 Maintenance Manager Assistant
Iowa Department of Transportation

Enclosure



**Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of
Primary Roads in Municipalities**

This Agreement made and entered into by and between the Municipality of Mount Vernon, Linn County, Iowa, hereinafter referred to as the Municipality, and the Iowa Department of Transportation, Ames, Iowa, hereinafter referred to as the Department.

AGREEMENT:

In accord with Provisions of Chapter 28E, Sections 306.3, 306.4, 313.3-5, 313.21-.23, 313.27, 313.36, 314.5, 321.348 and 384.76 of the Code of Iowa and the Iowa Administrative Rules 761 – Chapter 150 (IAC) the Municipality and Department enter into the following agreement regarding maintenance, repair and minor reconstruction of the primary roads within the boundaries of the Municipality.

I. The Department shall maintain and repair:

- A. **Freeways (functionally classified and constructed)**
 1. Maintain highway features including ramps and repairs to bridges.
 2. Provide bridge inspection.
 3. Highway lighting.
- B. **Primary Highways – Urban Cross-Section (curbed) (See Sec. II.A)**
 1. **Pavement:** Maintain and repair pavement and subgrade from face of curb to face of curb (excluding parking lanes, drainage structures, intakes, manholes, public or private utilities, sanitary sewers and storm sewers).
 2. **Traffic Services:** Provide primary road signing for moving traffic, pavement marking for traffic lanes, guardrail, and stop signs at intersecting streets.
 3. **Drainage:** Maintain surface drainage within the limits of pavement maintenance described in I.B.1 above.
 4. **Snow and Ice Removal:** Plow traffic lanes of pavement and bridges and treat pursuant to the Department's policy.
 5. **Vehicular Bridges:** Structural maintenance and painting as necessary.
 6. Provide bridge inspection.
- C. **Primary Highways – Rural Cross-Section (uncurbed) (See II.B)**
 1. Maintain, to Department standards for rural roads, excluding tree removal, sidewalks, and repairs due to utility construction and maintenance.
- D. **City Streets Crossing Freeway Rights of Way (See II.C)**
 1. Roadsides within the limits of the freeway fence.
 2. Surface drainage of right of way.
 3. Traffic signs and pavement markings required for freeway operation.
 4. Guardrail at piers and bridge approaches.
 5. Bridges including deck repair, structural repair, berm slope protection and painting.
 6. Pavement expansion relief joints and leveling of bridge approach panels.

II. The Municipality shall maintain and repair:

- A. **Primary Highways – Urban Cross-Section (curbed) (See Sec. I.B)**
 1. **Pavement:** Maintain and repair pavement in parking lanes, intersections beyond the limits of state pavement maintenance; curbs used to contain drainage; and repairs to all pavement due to utility construction, maintenance and repair.
 2. **Traffic Services:** Paint parking stalls, stop lines and crosswalks. Maintain, repair and provide energy to traffic signals and street lighting.
 3. **Drainage:** Maintain storm sewers, manholes, intakes, catch basins and culverts used for collection and disposal of surface drainage.

4. Snow and ice removal: Remove snow windrowed by state plowing operations, remove snow and ice from all areas outside the traffic lanes and load or haul snow which the Municipality considers necessary. Remove snow and ice from sidewalks on bridges used for pedestrian traffic.
5. Maintain sidewalks, retaining walls and all areas between curb and right-of-way line. This includes the removal of trees as necessary and the trimming of tree branches as necessary.
6. Clean, sweep and wash streets when considered necessary by the Municipality.
7. Maintain and repair pedestrian overpasses and underpasses including snow removal, painting and structural repairs.

B. Primary Highways – Rural Cross-Section (uncurbed) (See Sec. I.C)

1. Maintain and repair highway facilities due to utility construction and maintenance.
2. Removal of trees as necessary and the trimming of tree branches as necessary.
3. Maintain sidewalks.

C. City Streets Crossing Freeway Rights of Way (See I.D)

1. All pavement, subgrade and shoulder maintenance on cross streets except expansion relief joints and bridge approach panel leveling.
2. Mark traffic lanes on the cross street.
3. Remove snow on the cross street, including bridges over the freeway.
4. Clean and sweep bridge decks on streets crossing over freeway.
5. Maintain all roadside areas outside the freeway fence.
6. Maintain pedestrian overpasses and underpasses including snow removal, painting, lighting and structural repair.

III. The Municipality further agrees:

- A. That all traffic control devices placed by the Municipality on primary roads within the Municipal boundaries shall conform to the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways."
- B. To prevent encroachment or obstruction within the right of way, the erection of any private signs on the right of way, or on private property which may overhang the right of way and which could obstruct the view of any portion of the road or the traffic signs or traffic control devices contrary to Section 318.11 of the Code of Iowa.
- C. To comply with all current statutes and regulations pertaining to overlength and overweight vehicles using the primary roads, and to issue special permits for overlength and overweight vehicles only with approval of the Department.
- D. To comply with the current Utility Accommodation Policy of the Department.
- E. To comply with the access control policy of the Department by obtaining prior approval of the Department for any changes to existing entrances or for the construction of new entrances.

IV. Drainage district assessments levied against the primary road within the Municipality shall be shared equally by the Department and the Municipality.

V. Major construction initiated by the Department and all construction initiated by the Municipality shall be covered by separate agreements.

VI. The Department and the Municipality may by a separate annual Supplemental Agreement, reallocate any of the responsibilities covered in Section I of this agreement.

VII. This Agreement shall be in effect for a five year period from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2031

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Parties hereto have set their hands, for the purposes herein expressed, on the dates indicated below.

City of Mount Vernon, Iowa

MUNICIPALITY

By _____

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BY _____

District Engineer

Date _____

Date _____

AGENDA ITEM # J – 3**AGENDA INFORMATION
MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

DATE: February 2, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: February 16, 2026, Meeting Date

ACTION: Motion

SYNOPSIS: The next meeting in February will fall on the President's Day holiday. In past years, the City Council has rescheduled this meeting to the following Tuesday or Wednesday. At the last meeting, it was suggested that the meeting be moved to Wednesday, February 18.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: None

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbsich

DATE PREPARED: 1/30/2026

AGENDA ITEM # J – 4

**AGENDA INFORMATION
MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

DATE: February 2, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Speaker System for Events and Festivals

ACTION: Motion

SYNOPSIS: Due to the age and unreliability of the existing speaker system used for events and festivals (i.e. Chalk the Walk, Pool Theme Nights, etc...), it is recommended that a new system be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$2,200.

BUDGET ITEM: Parks

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: Supporting Documents

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbsich

DATE PREPARED: 1/30/2026



Chris Nosbisch, City Administrator
Jason Blinks, Chief of Police

Thomas M. Wieseler, Mayor

Council:

Scott Rose
Paul Tuerler
Craig Engel
Mark Andresen
Sherene Hansen Player

January 27, 2026

Dear Mr. Mayor and Honorary Council,

Attached you will find the recommendation for the purchase of a new speaker system for events and festivals. This system would be owned by the City of Mount Vernon and stored at the Mount Vernon Park and Rec office at 201 7th Street NE (Park Maintenance Building next to Elliott Park), which is climate controlled.

The current system is over 12 years old and is outdated and failing. We took recommendations from Greg West and Eric Douglas to come up with a system that was portable and functional for our events. We recommend a do not exceed price of \$2200 for the new system.

Sincerely,

Matt Siders
Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Fender Passport Venue S2 Sound System	1	\$1,290	\$1,290
Gator Frameworks GFW-SPK 2000 Speaker Stands (pair)	1	\$180	\$180
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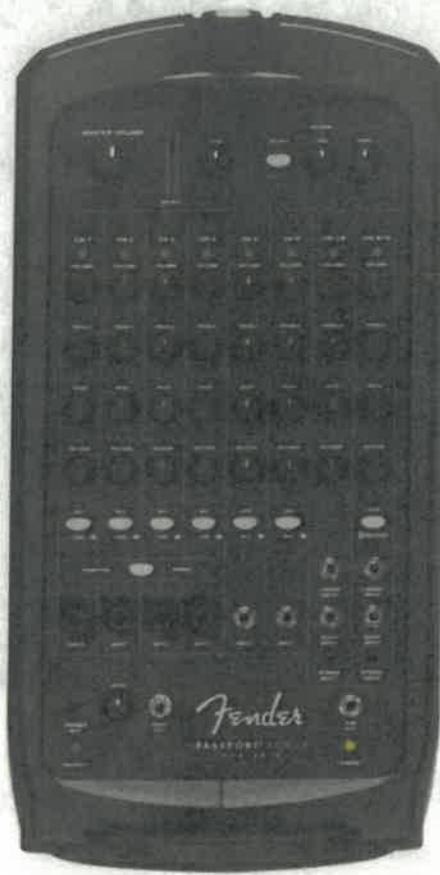
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Portable PA System

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2 x 10" LF, 2 x 1.2" HF

Number of Mixer Channels:
10

Number of Mic Preamps:
4

Phantom Power:
Yes, Global

EQ:
8 x 2-band

Effects:
Reverb

Inputs:
4 x XLR-1/4" combo (mic/line), 2 x 1/4" (Line/Hi-Z), 4 x 1/4" (L/Mono, R), 2 x 1/8" (aux in)

Outputs:
2 x 1/4" (4 ohm), 2 x 1/4" (line, sub), 1 x 1/8" (headphones)

Bluetooth:
Yes

Total Power:
600W Class D

Enclosure Material:
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Mounting Options:
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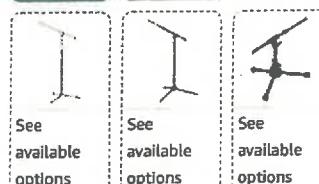
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Brand	Fender
Item dimensions	30.5 x 24.5 x 14.2 inches
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Connectivity	Bluetooth
Technology	
Color	Venue Series 2
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AGENDA ITEM # J – 5

**AGENDA INFORMATION
MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

DATE: February 2, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Gravestone Restoration - Cemetery Commission

ACTION: Motion

SYNOPSIS: The Cemetery Commission has identified several gravestones that require repair due to a significant risk of tipping and creating a safety hazard for visitors. The estimated cost of these repairs is \$2,700, and the Commission is requesting approval of these funds to proceed with the necessary work.

BUDGET ITEM: General

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: Supporting Document

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbsich

DATE PREPARED: 1/30/2026

Mount Vernon Cemetery Commission
January 26, 2026
Mary E. Evans

Chris Nosbisch,

There are unstable gravestones in danger of falling that pose a significant risk to visitor safety. Decades of weathering and ground settlement have compromised the stability of several large monuments weighing in access of three thousand pounds. The deteriorating gravestones represent a significant safety hazard/liability risk for the City.

In July 2025 Gravestone Restoration Conservator John Heider identified ten gravestones that are on the verge of falling over. Pam Kraus owner of Monticello Monument, Monticello, Iowa, walked the cemetery with me in the fall of 2025 identifying several gravestones that are tipping dangerously.

I'm requesting \$2,700 to hire Pam Kraus of Monticello Monument to level, repair and reset the following gravestones. Kraus has extensive experience in gravestone restoration. The work to be started in the spring and completed by the fall 2026.

Block 1

Henry Stolter \$325
Charles C. Haskin \$275

Block 2

Elias Ford \$275

Block 3

Peter H.H. Kepler \$325
Maria Pierce Hayden \$225
Olivia Henrietta Holcom Wilcox \$225
Ida E. Rigby McLennan \$225
Infant Son Ellison \$225

Block 6

Rachel Thomas \$325
Martha Smyth Craig \$275

AGENDA ITEM # J – 6

**AGENDA INFORMATION
MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

DATE: February 2, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Pay Estimate #3 – Rachel Street Improvements

ACTION: Motion

SYNOPSIS: Pay Estimate #3 for the Rachel Street Improvement Project is in the amount of \$133,482.76.

BUDGET ITEM: Bond

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: Pay Estimate #3

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbsich

DATE PREPARED: 1/30/2026



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PAY ESTIMATE NO. 3

RACHEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS
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Contract Amount \$1,299,523.93
Contract Date July 7, 2025
Pay Period Dec. 31, 2025 - Jan. 27, 2026

BID ITEMS							
	Description	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Price	Quantity Completed	Value Completed
1.1	Clearing and Grubbing	Unit	129.7	\$ 55.00	\$ 7,133.50	96.2	\$ 5,291.00
1.2	Topsoil, On-site	CY	1,800	\$ 8.50	\$ 15,300.00	900	\$ 7,650.00
1.3	Topsoil, Off-site	CY	1,030	\$ 22.00	\$ 22,660.00		\$ -
1.4	Excav, Cl 10, Roadway & Borrow	CY	787	\$ 17.00	\$ 13,379.00		\$ -
1.5	Excav, Cl 10, Unsuit/Unstable Mater	CY	500	\$ 8.00	\$ 4,000.00		\$ -
1.6	Excavation, Class 13, Furnish	CY	7,767	\$ 20.00	\$ 155,340.00	6,900	\$ 138,000.00
1.7	Subgrade Preparation	SY	5,173	\$ 1.65	\$ 8,535.45		\$ -
1.8	Granular Stabilization - Modified Sul	CY	170	\$ 38.50	\$ 6,545.00		\$ -
1.9	Granular Stabilization - Macadam S	CY	330	\$ 37.50	\$ 12,375.00		\$ -
1.10	Subgrade Treatment, Polymer Grid	SY	1,490	\$ 6.50	\$ 9,685.00		\$ -
1.11	Subbase, Modified, 6"	SY	5,173	\$ 6.50	\$ 33,624.50		\$ -
1.12	Removal of Structure, Light Pole	Ea.	1	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00		\$ -
1.13	Compaction Testing	LS	1	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0.4	\$ 1,200.00
1.14	Special Pipe Encasement, PCC	LF	40	\$ 160.00	\$ 6,400.00	40	\$ 6,400.00
1.15	Trench Compaction Testing	LS	1	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	0.8	\$ 1,200.00
1.16	San. Sewer GM, Trenched, PVC Tru	LF	1,130	\$ 39.00	\$ 44,070.00	1,130	\$ 44,070.00
1.17	Sanitary Sewer Service Stub, PVC, E	LF	40	\$ 35.00	\$ 1,400.00	40	\$ 1,400.00
1.18	Storm Sewer, Trenched, RCP CL III,	LF	354	\$ 55.00	\$ 19,470.00		\$ -
1.19	Storm Sewer, Trenched, RCP CL III,	LF	329	\$ 72.00	\$ 23,688.00		\$ -
1.20	Storm Sewer, Trenched, RCP CL III,	LF	134	\$ 83.00	\$ 11,122.00	134	\$ 11,122.00
1.21	Removal of Pipe Less Than 36"	LF	10	\$ 30.00	\$ 300.00		\$ -
1.22	Pipe Apron, RCP, 24"	Ea.	2	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 7,000.00	2	\$ 7,000.00
1.23	Subdrain, 6"	LF	1,346	\$ 14.50	\$ 19,517.00		\$ -
1.24	Subdrain Outlets & Connect, Clean	Ea.	2	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ -
1.25	Subdrain Outlets & Connections, D	Ea.	2	\$ 175.00	\$ 350.00		\$ -
1.26	Subdrain Outlets & Connections, In	Ea.	8	\$ 175.00	\$ 1,400.00		\$ -
1.27	Water Main, Trenched, PVC, 8 inch	LF	1,229	\$ 33.00	\$ 40,557.00	890	\$ 29,370.00
1.28	Water Main, Trenched, RJ PVC, 8 in	LF	8	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,200.00		\$ -
1.29	WM w/ Casing Pipe, Trenchless, RJ	LF	180	\$ 300.00	\$ 54,000.00		\$ -
1.30	Fitting, CAP, 8"	Ea.	2	\$ 350.00	\$ 700.00	1	\$ 350.00
1.31	Fitting, 11.25 Bend, 8"	Ea.	2	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	2	\$ 1,000.00
1.32	Fitting, 22.5 Bend, 8"	Ea.	9	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,500.00	1	\$ 500.00
1.33	Fitting, 45 Bend, 8"	Ea.	2	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	2	\$ 1,000.00
1.34	Fitting, Tee, 8" x 8"	Ea.	1	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00		\$ -
1.35	Fitting, Tee, 10" x 8"	Ea.	1	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00		\$ -
1.36	Water Service Stub, Copper, 1"	Ea.	1	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	1	\$ 1,750.00
1.37	Valve, Gate, 8"	Ea.	4	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	1	\$ 2,500.00
1.38	Fire Hydrant Assembly	Ea.	2	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	2	\$ 14,000.00
1.39	Flushing Device (Blowoff), 8"	Ea.	1	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ -
1.40	Manhole, SW-301, 48"	Ea.	3	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 16,500.00	3	\$ 16,500.00
1.41	Manhole, SW-401, 48"	Ea.	1	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00		\$ -
1.42	Intake, SW-510	Ea.	8	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 60,000.00	1	\$ 7,500.00

	Description	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Price	Quantity Completed	Value Completed
1.43	Internal Drop Connection, 6"	Ea.	1	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	1	\$ 1,000.00
1.44	Intake Adjustment, Major	Ea.	1	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ -
1.45	Connection to Existing Manhole	Ea.	1	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	1	\$ 1,500.00
1.46	Remove Intake	Ea.	2	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ -
1.47	Pavement, PCC, 7", C3 MIX	SY	534	\$ 54.50	\$ 29,103.00		\$ -
1.48	Pavement, PCC, 8", C3 MIX	SY	3,931	\$ 61.95	\$ 243,525.45		\$ -
1.49	Saw Cutting Dust Control	LS	1	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ -
1.50	Removal of Sidewalk	SY	12	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00		\$ -
1.51	Sidewalk, PCC, 6", C4 MIX	SY	77	\$ 53.60	\$ 4,127.20		\$ -
1.52	Detectable Warning	SF	40	\$ 28.50	\$ 1,140.00		\$ -
1.53	Pavement Removal	SY	4,533	\$ 5.00	\$ 22,665.00	2,615	\$ 13,075.00
1.54	Curb and Gutter Removal	LF	599	\$ 10.00	\$ 5,990.00		\$ -
1.55	Traffic Signal	LS	1	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 260,000.00		\$ -
1.56	Painted Pav't Markings, Solvent/W	STA	42.74	\$ 60.00	\$ 2,564.40		\$ -
1.57	Painted Symbols and Legends	Ea.	17	\$ 175.00	\$ 2,975.00		\$ -
1.58	Pavement Markings Removed	STA	7.5	\$ 75.00	\$ 562.50		\$ -
1.59	Symbols and Legends Removed	Ea.	4	\$ 165.00	\$ 660.00		\$ -
1.60	Grooves Cut for Pavement Marking	STA	42.74	\$ 32.00	\$ 1,367.68		\$ -
1.61	Grooves Cut for Symbols and Leger	Ea.	17	\$ 147.00	\$ 2,499.00		\$ -
1.62	Temporary Traffic Control	LS	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	0.1	\$ 1,000.00
1.63	Traffic Signs, OM-2, 18"x18"	Ea.	3	\$ 410.00	\$ 1,230.00		\$ -
1.64	Traffic Signs, W14-1, 30"x30"	Ea.	1	\$ 425.00	\$ 425.00		\$ -
1.65	Wood Posts	LF	36	\$ 2.50	\$ 90.00		\$ -
1.66	Remove and Reinstall Traffic Signs	Ea.	2	\$ 210.00	\$ 420.00		\$ -
1.67	Remove and Salvage Traffic Sign As	Ea.	2	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00		\$ -
1.68	Hydraulic Seed, Seed, Fertiliz, & Mi	Acre	3.8	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 11,400.00		\$ -
1.69	Watering	Mgal	250	\$ 50.00	\$ 12,500.00		\$ -
1.70	Plants, Tree, 4" Dia	Ea.	4	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00		\$ -
1.71	SWPPP Preparation	LS	1	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	1	\$ 2,500.00
1.72	SWPPP Management	LS	1	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00	0.2	\$ 550.00
1.73	Wattle, 9"	LF	510	\$ 2.00	\$ 1,020.00	252	\$ 504.00
1.74	Wattle, Removal	LF	510	\$ 0.01	\$ 5.10		\$ -
1.75	Rip Rap, Class E Revetment Stone	Ton	187	\$ 55.00	\$ 10,285.00	125.32	\$ 6,892.60
1.76	Silt Fence/Silt Fence Ditch Check	LF	1,964	\$ 1.85	\$ 3,633.40	1,505	\$ 2,784.25
1.77	Silt Fence/Silt Fence Ditch Check, R	EA	9	\$ 100.00	\$ 900.00		\$ -
1.78	Silt Fence/Silt Fence Ditch Check, R	LF	1,964	\$ 0.01	\$ 19.64		\$ -
1.79	Track-out Control	SY	275	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,375.00	60	\$ 300.00
1.80	Dust Control, Water	Mgal	1	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ -
1.81	Dust Control, Calcium Chloride	Ton	0.4	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00		\$ -
1.82	Inlet Protection Device, Open Thro	Ea.	11	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,100.00		\$ -
1.83	Inlet Protection Device, Maintenan	Ea.	11	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.11		\$ -
1.84	Construction Survey	LS	1	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	0.5	\$ 3,750.00
1.85	Mobilization	LS	1	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0.5	\$ 1,000.00
1.86	Maintenance of Postal Service	LS	1	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00		\$ -
1.87	Concrete Washout	LS	1	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00		\$ -
Contract Price:					\$ 1,299,523.93		\$ 332,658.85

MATERIALS STORED SUMMARY

Description	# of Units	Unit Price	Extended Cost
		Total	\$ -

SUMMARY

The amount \$133,482.76 is recommended for approval for payment in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Prepared By:
Bethie Construction

Recommended By:
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.

Approved By:
Mount Vernon, Iowa

Signature: Douglas, Ruthie, Inc.

nature: Done Signature

Signature:

Name: MARY L RATHJE

Name: Dave Schechinger

Name: _____

Title: SECRETARY

Title: Engineer

Title: _____

Date: 1-28-2026

Date: January 27, 2026

Date: _____

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**CITY OF MT. VERNON
CITY ADMINISTRATOR
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL
February 2, 2026**

- Lori will be attending the IGHCP Annual Conference February 11-13 in Des Moines
- IGHCP reported that the City's health insurance premium will only increase by 2.37%
- The next meeting of representatives from the MVCSD, City and Cornell will take place on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at Noon
- City Hall staff is working with Tyler Technology to upgrade our current software system to ERP Pro10