



**City of Mount Vernon, Iowa**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Mount Vernon City Hall**  
**February 7, 2026, 8:30 AM**  
**[mvhpc.org](http://mvhpc.org)**



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## AGENDA

### **1. Call to Order**

### **2. Introduction of Guests**

- a. Introduction of new MVHPC members:
  - i. Kim Benesh
  - ii. Grace Chamberlain

### **3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (January 3, 2026)**

### **4. Design Reviews**

- a. No new design reviews

### **5. New Business**

- a. Approval of “City of Mount Vernon, Iowa Historic Preservation Design Guidelines” prepared by JMT Industries Inc.
- b. Open Meeting and Open Records Training
  - i. Under House File 706, all newly elected or appointed public officials in Iowa are now required to complete Open Meetings and Open Records training  
<https://ipib.iowa.gov/trainings/ipib-training-newly-elected-and-appointed-officials>

Event	Event Type	Date ^
IPIB Training for Newly Elected and Appointed Officials - February 9, 2026	Course	February 9, 2026 5:00 pm
IPIB Training for Newly Elected and Appointed Officials - February 18, 2026	Course	February 18, 2026 12:00 pm

### **6. Old Business**

- a. Archives and Cemetery Commission activities (Mary)
- b. Home Sales in Historic Districts (Mike)
- c. First Street Community Center (Sue)

## **7. Informational Discussion**

- a. City Council approval of new sign ordinance (Ordinance #1-19-2026B: Amending Article Ten, Sign Regulations of the Municipal Code of Mt. Vernon, Iowa)
  - i. First reading passed City Council approval
- b. The Linn County Historic Preservation Commission is now accepting grant applications from nonprofit organizations for its annual Historic Preservation Grant Program. There is \$28,800 in grant funding available this year. The Linn Co. HPC will host an in-person grant clinic on February 18 at 4 pm at the Jean Oxley Linn County Public Service Center for those interested in learning about the Preservation Grant process or who have questions about their project. A virtual grant clinic will also be held via Microsoft Teams on Saturday, February 28 at 10 a.m. If you are interested in attending the virtual meeting or have questions or concerns about the application format, please contact the Planning & Development Department at 319-892-5130.  
<https://www.linncountyiowa.gov/746/Historic-Preservation-Grant-Program>
- c. Other items for open discussion

## **8. Adjournment**

*Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 PM (if needed)*