

City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa

Meeting:	Mt. Vernon City Council Meeting
Place:	Mt. Vernon City Hall, 213 1st Street NW, Mt. Vernon, Iowa 52314
Date/Time:	February 18, 2026 – 6:30 PM
Web Page:	www.cityofmtvernon-ia.gov
Posted:	February 13, 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 – February 2, 2026, Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of Liquor License – Yock's Landing
3. Approval of Liquor License - Scorz

- E. Public Hearing**

1. Public Hearing for the Consideration of an Amendment to Chapter 404 Bulk Regulations of the Mount Vernon Zoning Code
 - i. Close public hearing – Proceed to F-2
2. Public Hearing to Approve the Purchase/Sale Agreement of 1040 2nd Avenue NW (Old Public Works Site) as Required by Iowa Code Section 364.7
 - i. Close public hearing – Proceed to G-3

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 the third and final reading
2. Ordinance #2-18-2026A: Amending Chapter 404 Bulk Regulations of the Mount Vernon Zoning Code
 - i. Motion to approve first reading and proceed to the second reading (Council may suspend rules and proceed to the final reading after a vote of the first reading)

G. Resolutions for Approval

1. Resolution #2-18-2026A: Setting the Salaries for the Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Mt. Vernon for Fiscal Year 2026-2027
2. Resolution #2-18-2026B: Approving the Final Plat of Ellis Rose and Jace Roy Wolrab Preservation Addition within the Two-Mile Extraterritorial Subdivision Review
3. Resolution #2-18-2026C: Approving the Purchase/Sale Agreement of 1040 2nd Avenue NW (Old Public Works Site) as Required by Iowa Code Section 364.7

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 Lawn Maintenance Agreement for the Mount Vernon Cemetery – Council Action as Needed
3. Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51361-18 – Hwy 1 Reconstruction Project – Council Action as Needed
4. Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51387-3 – Rachel Street Improvements – Council Action as Needed
5. Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for to Receive the Engineers Report on the Preliminary Plat for the City of Mount Vernon EMS District – Council Action as Needed
6. Discussion and Consideration of Change Order #1 – Rachel Street Improvements – Council Action as Needed
7. Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date and Meeting Time for the Proposed Property Tax Levy Rate for the City of Mount Vernon – Council Action as Needed

K. Reports to be Received/Filed

1. Mt. Vernon/Lisbon Police Report
2. Mt. Vernon Public Works Report
3. Mt. Vernon Parks and Rec Report
4. Cole Library Report
5. LMVAS Annual Report
6. HPC Annual Report

L. Discussion Items (No Action)

1. Council Pay and Other Budget Discussions

M. Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

1. January Reconciliation Report
2. Mayor's Report
3. Council Reports
4. Committee Reports
5. 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

The Mount Vernon City Council met February, 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, Andresen and Tuerler.

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

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. Mayor Wieseler made note that the Oath of Office was taken by Officer David Frankfurt but was not included in the January 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the Agenda. Motion carries.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes with the adjustment – January 19, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

Ordinance Approval/Amendment

Ordinance #1-19-2026B: Amending Article Ten, Sign Regulations of the Municipal Code of Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Staff has not received any verbal or written communication regarding this ordinance since the first reading. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Hansen Player to approve the second reading of Ordinance #1-19-2026B. Roll call all yes. Ordinance passes its second reading.

Resolutions

Resolution #2-2-2026A: Approving the City of Mount Vernon Affirmative Fair Housing Policy. Nosbisch explained that this item is in response to the CDBG grant awarded for the generator at the LBC. Adoption of this policy is a requirement of the \$100,000 grant award, and the policy will be adopted and posted on the City's website. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #2-2-2026A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	106,617.88
LIBERTY IRON WORKS	SIGN POST HARDWARE-UPTOWN LIGHTING	11,332.50
8 FINGER HVAC LLC	TUBE HEATERS-PW FACILITES	7,980.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	7,274.71
GOVDEALS	BOTTLE FILLER TRAILER-FD TRAINING FACILITY	6,757.05
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP	HOTEL/MOTEL TAX-ECON DEV	6,451.21
GOODYEAR COMMERCIAL TIRE	TIRES-FD ENGINE 216	5,944.67
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	VIDEO CLOUD STORAGE-PD	5,445.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	5,090.61
WELTER STORAGE EQUIPMENT CO.	PALLET RACKING-PW FACILITIES	4,920.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PW LIFT STATION	4,524.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	4,341.57
CAUSE TEAM	UNIFORMS-FD	3,610.50
MARION APPLIANCE	APPLIANCES-PW FACILITIES	3,208.10

DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	3,155.16
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO OF IOWA	AMPLIFIERS-LBC	2,815.00
JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON	DESIGN GUIDELINES-HPC	2,269.68
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PW	2,097.87
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	1,917.50
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	STREET MISC ENGINEERING	1,552.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	1,547.48
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,444.90
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	1,344.39
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	NPDES COMPLIANCE	1,287.00
OVERHEAD DOOR CO	OPENERS-PW FACILITIES	1,119.50
AP EXPEDITED LOGISTICS	SHIPPING-FD TRAILER	1,000.00
CEDAR RAPIDS, CITY OF	RANGE USE-PD	1,000.00
CEDAR VALLEY OUTFITTERS CORP	EQUIP-PD	999.99
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	947.59
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD	851.72
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	792.80
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CITY HALL	749.05
AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES INC	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	714.92
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	704.35
HDC PRINTED PRODUCTS	CHECKS-ALL DEPTS	693.46
AFFORDABLE HEATING & COOLING	HVAC MAINT-CITY HALL	630.13
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	552.11
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	LEGAL FEES-P&A	540.00
CAMDEN LEONARD	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	502.50
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS	500.00
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	457.73
RACOM CORPORATION	MOBILE VPN-PD	416.49
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW	402.66
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	400.02
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2024 SANITARY SEWER REHAB	384.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	383.61
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	367.50
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-P&A	348.66
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	314.93
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2024 SANITARY SEWER REHAB	282.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-PW	280.00
CHRIS NOSBISCH	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	256.65
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-LBC	250.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WASTEWATER MISC ENGINEERING	250.00
DONNY FEDDERSEN	UNIFORMS-PW	242.99
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SIRENS	239.27
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW,P&A	218.94
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	217.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	180.70
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT,SEW,SW	160.98
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-PD	159.76
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-LBC	150.91
ALEX R DICKMAN	FIRE TRAINING-FD	150.00
HUNTER A SCHMIDT	FIRE TRAINING-FD	150.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	MMPI EVAL-PD	150.00
WESTON PLATZ	FIRE TRAINING-FD	150.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	147.80
B4 BRANDS	SUPPLIES-CITY HALL,LBC	142.79

CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-CITY HALL	124.00
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-LBC	120.00
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-LBC	120.00
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	108.77
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	102.78
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	100.25
ALEX VOLKOV	FITNESS MEMBERSHIP-WAT,SEW	100.00
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP	COMMUNITY CASH-LBC MARKETING	100.00
ST LUKE'S WORK WELL SOLUTIONS	DRUG TESTING-PW	100.00
VESTIS	RUGS,SERVICES-FD	88.20
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	83.45
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT,SEW,SW	71.68
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-CITY HALL	69.95
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-PD	67.40
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT,SEW,SW	63.50
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-PW	60.41
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	46.80
DUSTIN BURNETT	SUPPLIES-RUT	42.71
US CELLULAR	INTERNET-WAT,SEW	42.54
HANNAH GANZEL	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
TASC	FSA ADJUSTMENT-ALL DEPTS	20.00
MENARDS	SALT BUCKETS-RUT	11.94
TOTAL		224,169.17

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

PAYROLL	106,617.88
GENERAL FUND	46,012.92
PW FACILITIES	17,227.60
SEWER FUND	16,534.47
2025 UPTOWN LIGHTING	11,332.50
ROAD USE TAX FUND	9,378.00
LBC	9,129.54
WATER FUND	4,134.30
SOLID WASTE	2,577.75
ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	666.00
RACHEL STREET	500.00
STORM WATER FUND	58.21
TOTAL	224,169.17

Discussion and Consideration of Five Year IDOT-City Maintenance Agreement – Council Action as Needed. This document is a standard five-year maintenance agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and the Iowa Department of Transportation, outlining maintenance responsibilities for Highway 1 for both parties. Motion by Rose, seconded by Hansen Player to approve the Five Year IDOT-City Maintenance. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Moving the February 16, 2026, City Council meeting to Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – Council Action as Needed. Motion by Engel, seconded by Andresen, to approve moving the February 16, 2026, City Council meeting to Wednesday, February 18, 2026. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Purchasing a Speaker System for the Chalk the Walk Event – Council Action as Needed. The current system is more than 12 years old and is no longer functioning reliably. Staff

has attempted to replace individual components to restore functionality, but these efforts have been unsuccessful. One speaker from the original system remains operational and could be repurposed for pool theme nights or could be sold through GovDeals. The system supports a wide range of events, including Chalk the Walk, pool theme nights, and other community activities. Motion by Rose, seconded by Andresen, to approve the purchase of a speaker system for the Chalk the Walk Event not to exceed \$2,200. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date to Identify Gravestones for Stabilization – Council Action as Needed. Mary Evans with the Cemetery Commission reported that Gravestone Restoration Conservator, John Heider, identified 10 gravestones in need of repair that are at risk of tipping over. Clarification was noted that this motion only sets the public hearing date and does not include any financial commitment for gravestone restoration. Motion by Rose, seconded by Hansen Player, to approve setting the Public Hearing Date for March 2. Motion carries

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #3 – Rachel Street Improvements – Council Action as Needed. Motion by Rose, seconded by Andresen, to approve Pay Application #3 in the amount of \$133,482.76. Motion carries.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. Wiesler complimented Eldon Downs, Alex Volkov and their crews and passed along thanks from residents and Cornell staff for their response to last week's service main break on Cornell's campus. The Legislature is currently in session. Wieseler participates in a Legislative Zoom call every other Friday and attends monthly legislative panels in Cedar Rapids, which typically include 10–12 local legislators, along with a group from Mount Vernon. This Thursday Wieseler will attend a day at the State Capitol along with attending the Iowa League of Cities Local Leaders Day at the State Capitol on March 4. Recent communications from Representative Golding and Senator McClintock have focused on the proposal to allow community colleges to offer four-year degrees. Mount Vernon is one of several Iowa communities where a private four-year college is a major employer. Should this move forward, Cornell College could experience reduced enrollment capacity, which would have a direct economic impact on the City of Mount Vernon. This is one of the topics Wieseler plans to discuss with legislators at the Capitol.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City website in the February 2, 2026 Council Packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:06 p.m., February 2, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Boren
Assistant City Administrator

CLASS "C" RETAIL ALCOHOL LICENSE RENEWAL

Business Information

Name of Legal Entity: YOCKS LANDING LLC

FEIN: XX-XXX5061

Business Type: Limited Liability Company

This business is registered with the Secretary of State.

Business Number of Secretary of State: 563950

Premises Information

Premises DBA: YOCK'S LANDING

Premises Address: 102 1ST ST SE MOUNT VERNON IA 52314

Premises Type: Bar/Tavern

Number of Floors: 1

Control of Premises: Lease

Is your premises equipped with at least one adequate, conveniently located indoor or outdoor toilet facility for use by patrons?
Yes

Does your premises conform to all local and state health, fire and building laws and regulations?
Yes

Is your establishment equipped with tables and seats to accommodate a minimum of 25?
Yes

Has the number of floors of the premises changed?
No

Have there been any changes to the premises in the last 12 months? This includes any changes that affect where alcohol is manufactured, stored, sold or consumed, such as adding, deleting, or changing permanent outdoor service areas.
No

Has there been a change in the control of property over the last 12 months? This includes a renewed/updated lease agreement, or changing from a deed to a lease, or a lease to a deed.
No

License Information

Effective Date: 01-Mar-2026

Length of License Requested: 12MONTH

CLASS "C" RETAIL ALCOHOL LICENSE RENEWAL

Business Information

Name of Legal Entity: KPPS LLC

FEIN: XX-XXX4373

Business Type: Limited Liability Company

This business is registered with the Secretary of State.

Business Number of Secretary of State: 349633

Premises Information

Premises DBA: SCORZ BAR & GRILL

Premises Address: 109 1ST STREET WEST MOUNT VERNON IA 52314

Premises Type: Bar/Tavern

Number of Floors: 1

Control of Premises: Own

Is your premises equipped with at least one adequate, conveniently located indoor or outdoor toilet facility for use by patrons?
Yes

Does your premises conform to all local and state health, fire and building laws and regulations?
Yes

Is your establishment equipped with tables and seats to accommodate a minimum of 25?
Yes

Has the number of floors of the premises changed?
No

Have there been any changes to the premises in the last 12 months? This includes any changes that affect where alcohol is manufactured, stored, sold or consumed, such as adding, deleting, or changing permanent outdoor service areas.
No

Has there been a change in the control of property over the last 12 months? This includes a renewed/updated lease agreement, or changing from a deed to a lease, or a lease to a deed.
No

License Information

Effective Date: 25-Feb-2026

Length of License Requested: 12MONTH

E. Public Hearing

AGENDA ITEM # E – 1 & F – 2

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

DATE:	February 18, 2026
AGENDA ITEM:	Ordinance #2-18-2026A – Amending Chapter 404 Bulk Regulations
ACTION:	Motion to Close

SYNOPSIS: Please see the staff report submitted by City Planner Leigh Bradbury regarding a requested ordinance change to the Zoning Code Bulk regulations that would increase the required setback for the garage (snout house requirement). The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended against the proposed ordinance. The ordinance will be discussed in detail at the meeting.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion to Close

ATTACHMENTS: None

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbsich

DATE PREPARED: 2/13/2026

AGENDA ITEM # E - 2 & G - 3

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

DATE: February 18, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution #2-18-2026C – Approving Purchase of 1040 2nd Ave NW

ACTION: Motion to Close

SYNOPSIS: The City has received an offer to purchase the Old Public Works Shop located at 1040 2nd Ave NW. The resolution of approval will be distributed at your meeting.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion to Close

ATTACHMENTS: Proceed to Resolution #2-18-2026C

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbisch

DATE PREPARED: 2/13/2026

F. Ordinance Approval/Amendment

1. Ordinance Approval/Amendment

AGENDA ITEM # F – 1

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

DATE:	February 18, 2026
AGENDA ITEM:	Ordinance #1-19-2026B – Amending Article 10, Sign Regulations
ACTION:	Motion

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

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance #1-19-2026B

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbsich

DATE PREPARED: 2/13/2026

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.

Table 1010-A: Permitted Signs by Type and Zoning Districts											
Zoning District	AG	SR	SR, NR, TR	HR	CB	TC	UC	LC	GC	BP	LI
Detached Signs											
Sandwich Board	N	N	N	N	P	P	N	N	N	N	N
Directional	P(C)	P(G)	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(G)	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(G)	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

Table 1010-B: Auxiliary Design Elements Zoning Districts

Zoning District	AG	SR	SR, NR, TR	HR	CB	TC	UC	LC	GC	BP	LI
Illumination											
Indirect	P(C)	P(⊖)	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(⊖)	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

Table 1010-C: Permitted Signs by Maximum Permitted Area and District

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 Note 7	150 Note 7	150 Note 4,5,7	200 Note 4	NA Note 5,6	200 Note 4	300

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

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
February 4, 2026
STAFF REPORT

Prepared by: Leigh Bradbury, City Planner

AGENDA ITEM #5: Bulk Regulations for Residential Districts - “Snout House” Zoning

Background Information:

Mount Vernon’s Zoning Regulations include the following for all residential zoning districts:

“In no case shall a garage face be more than ten (10) feet in front of the corresponding dwelling unit.”

As discussed previously, this provision protects neighborhood streetscapes from being dominated by projecting garage fronts, a trend that became prominent in many suburban neighborhoods in the early to mid 1990’s.

Additional Research:

Based on the commission’s request for possible amendment of the code to include a hybrid of Euclidean and Form-based code language, I did run the following AI queries:

- Residential Façade Standards – Comparison Across Major Iowa Cities
- Euclidean-Compatible Ordinance Text preventing garage dominance in Single Family Residential zoning districts
- Average Lot Width for Side-Loading Garages (This query was performed as side-entry garages were listed as the 2nd preferred method for preventing garage-dominated facades).

Results included highlights from Des Moines, Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, as well as nation-wide results. I then read through sections of these three communities, specifically, as they all utilize code language to address the concern of projecting garages. My findings were as follows:

- Des Moines’ design requirements include a 10’ restriction on garage projection.
(CH135-4.1)

- Cedar Rapids' Site and Structure Standards (CH32.04.05) for Traditional Residential requires garage doors to be recessed from the street-facing façade for both street-facing and side-loading options, while also placing a percentage requirement on the ground floor façade and size limitations on garage doors (page 225, Table 32.04.20 and subsection C.4.d.)

For more urban, transitional housing (townhomes and small apartment buildings), the minimum garage setback is 5' behind the Required Build Line (Figure 32.04.05-AG and Table 32.04.05-11, footnote 5) with additional requirements, based on materials, for minimum front porch sizing, façade articulation and minimum fenestration.

- Iowa City's Single-Family Site Development Standards (14-2A-6.4) require a minimum twenty-five foot (25') setback between the garage entrance and the right of way, unless the configuration of the lot makes the standard impractical, in which case a minor modification may be requested.

Other requirements used by other communities include articulated facades, minimum façade percentages for the dwelling unit, front porch sizing and fenestration / transparency requirements.

In general, form-based code has moved towards placement of the garage face *behind* the main façade. Side entry garages are encouraged where lot sizing allows it, and some master-built communities have returned to alley-accessed garages with hopes of restoring the character of America's neighborhoods to a more traditional or "walkable" neighborhood design.

Analysis:

This section of Mount Vernon's zoning ordinance has been in effect through the construction of several subdivisions, supporting the development of vibrant neighborhoods that are highly valued in the current market. *For this reason, staff's recommendation for addressing Mr. Ricklefs' concern is not a revision of functional and effective code language.*

The stated reason for Mr. Ricklefs' request is to accommodate builder and home-owner requests for a "drop zone" adjacent to the house and garage. This raises the question as to whether a "drop zone" may be accommodated if the garage is pushed backward, instead of forward.

Assuming constraints related to specific lots, an alternative approach would be a revised plat for Stonebrook 10th Addition, reducing the number of lots and increasing lot size to accommodate the desired floorplan on lots in question. Larger lot sizes should also be considered for future additions where easements and setbacks place constraints on desired site plans.

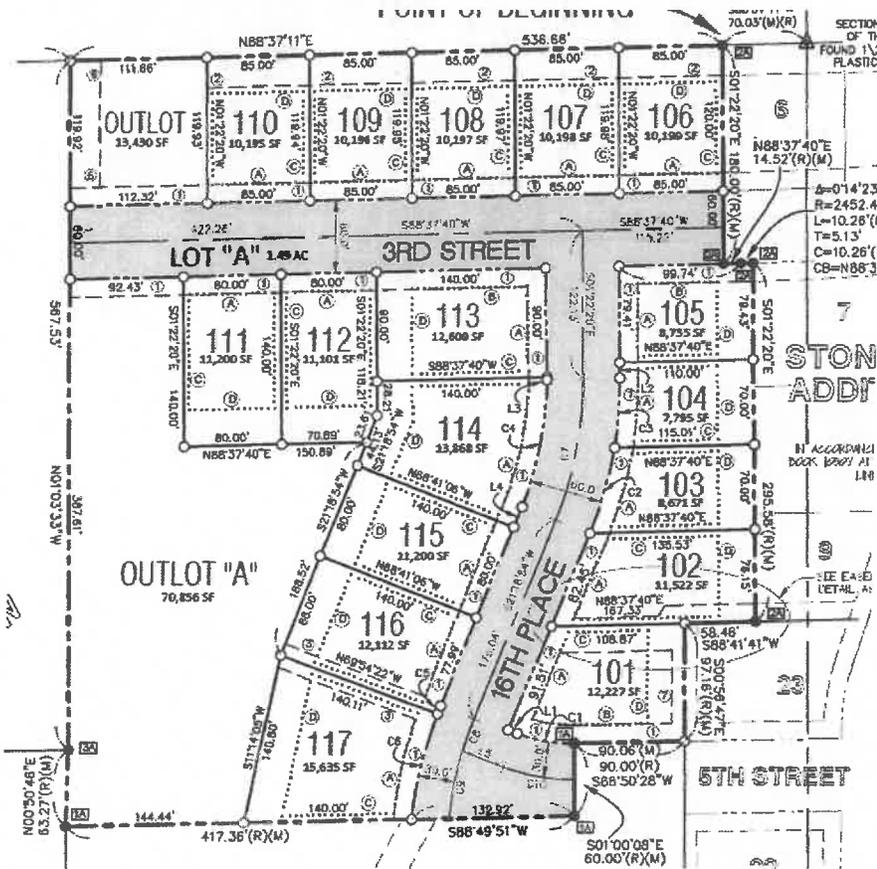
Action Required:

Recommendation to City Council to 1) amend the bulk regulations of residential districts to read "In no case shall a garage face be more than fifteen feet (15') in front of the corresponding dwelling unit."

Stonebrook 7B & 10th Additions - Required Setbacks & Easements

The following graphics demonstrate setbacks and easements established by the Final Plats for both additions discussed:

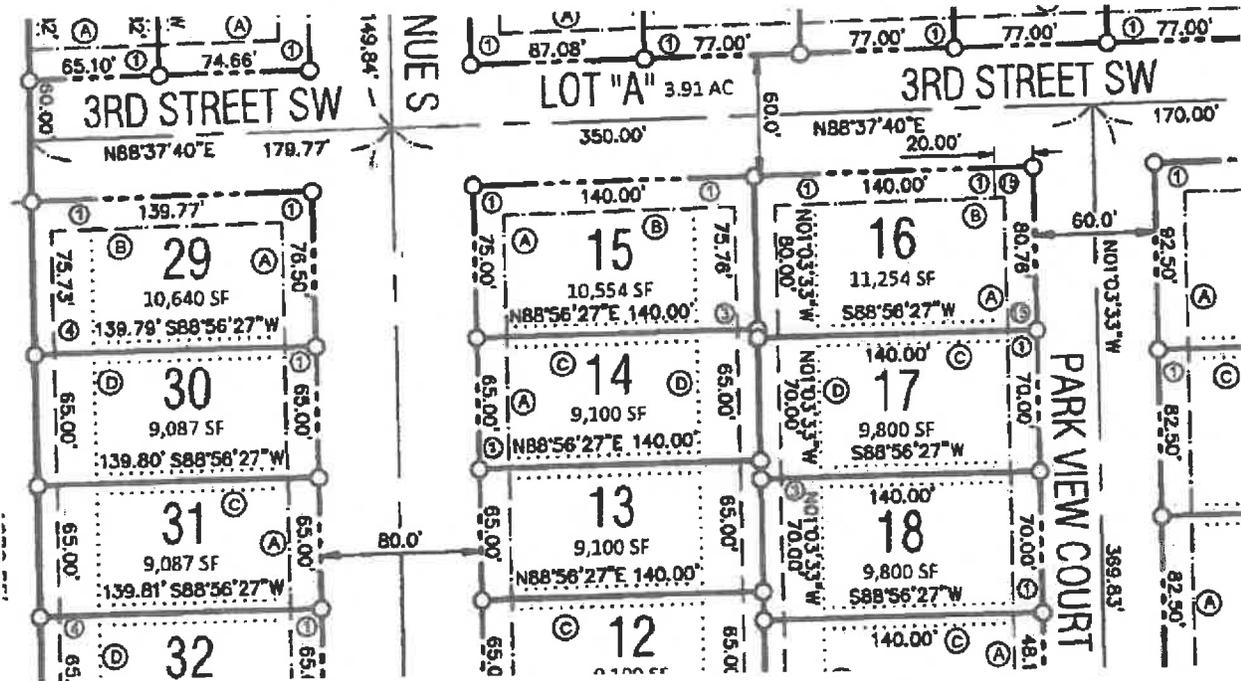
From the Final Plat of Stonebrook 7B:



REQUIRED SETBACK LINE IDENTIFICATION TABLE	
LABEL	DESCRIPTION
(A)	15 FOOT MINIMUM FRONT YARD SETBACK LINE (TYPICAL)
(B)	15 FOOT STREET SIDE YARD SETBACK LINE (TYPICAL)
(C)	5 FOOT MINIMUM INTERIOR SIDE YARD SETBACK LINE (TYPICAL)
(D)	30 FOOT REAR YARD SETBACK LINE (TYPICAL)

EASEMENT IDENTIFICATION TABLE	
LABEL	DESCRIPTION
(1)	15.00 FOOT WIDE PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT
(2)	25.00 FOOT WIDE PUBLIC UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT
(3)	20.00 FOOT WIDE STORM SEWER AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT (CENTERED)
(4)	15.00 FOOT WIDE STORM SEWER AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT
(5)	28.50 FOOT WIDE DRAINAGE EASEMENT
(6)	25.00 FOOT WIDE SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT
(7)	10.00 FOOT WIDE STORM SEWER AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT

NE Section of the Final Plat of Stonebrook 10th Addition:



REQUIRED SETBACK LINE IDENTIFICATION TABLE	
LABEL	DESCRIPTION
(A)	15 FOOT MINIMUM FRONT YARD SETBACK LINE (TYPICAL)
(B)	15 FOOT STREET SIDE YARD SETBACK LINE (TYPICAL)
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EASEMENT IDENTIFICATION TABLE	
LABEL	DESCRIPTION
(1)	15.00 FOOT WIDE PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT
(2)	20.00 FOOT WIDE DRAINAGE EASEMENT
(3)	20.00 FOOT WIDE DRAINAGE EASEMENT (CENTERED)
(4)	10.00 FOOT WIDE DRAINAGE EASEMENT
(5)	25.00 FOOT WIDE DRAINAGE EASEMENT
(6)	5.00 FOOT WIDE SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT
(7)	EXISTING 15.00 FOOT WIDE PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT
(8)	EXISTING 25.00 FOOT WIDE SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT
(9)	15.00 FOOT WIDE STORM SEWER EASEMENT (CENTERED)
(10)	10.00 FOOT WIDE STORM SEWER AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT
(11)	STORM SEWER AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT
(12)	40.0' STORM SEWER, SANITARY SEWER, WATERMAIN EASEMENT
(13)	17.0' STORM SEWER AND UTILITY EASEMENT
(14)	25.0' STORM SEWER, DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT
(15)	15.0' STORM SEWER AND UTILITY EASEMENT

ITEM #5 - CORRESPONDENCE

**Request for Zoning Variance / Design Standard Amendment – Garage
Projection Requirement**

Forge Inc.

13225 Circle Drive

Anamosa, Iowa 52205

319-480-0569

Date: 12/8/25

City of Mount Vernon

213 First Street NW

Mount Vernon, IA 52314

RE: Request for Zoning Variance / Design Standard Amendment – Garage Projection
Requirement for Stone Brook phase 7b and 10

To City Staff,

I am writing to formally request consideration for a variance—or alternatively, a modification to the current residential design standard—related to garage projections in the City of Mount Vernon zoning ordinance in Traditional Zoning.

Current Standard

Mount Vernon’s design standards state that an attached garage may not extend more than 10 feet in front of the primary façade of a residence.

Requested Change

We respectfully request that the City allow a garage projection of up to 15 feet, either by:

1. Granting a site-specific variance for our project, or
2. Amending the design standard to permit a maximum 15-foot projection where appropriate.

Reason for Request

A 15-foot projection provides several planning and construction benefits:

- Improved site functionality on lots with natural grade constraints, easements, or limited buildable widths.
- Better architectural proportions to meet modern garage dimensions, accommodate larger vehicles, and provide necessary storage.
- Consistency with current residential development patterns, allowing more flexibility in home design without compromising neighborhood appearance.

This change maintains the visual character of residential neighborhoods and allows for more practical and aesthetically balanced home layouts. The Builders have some plans that they would like to build that need this changed to the 15'. These are still high end homes and have great Curb Appeal.

Project Impact

This modification is necessary for the design of the homes planned for the Stone Brook Development. Without this adjustment, practical layout and grading considerations significantly restrict feasible home designs.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to working with the City to ensure high-quality residential development aligned with Mount Vernon's long-term planning objectives.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce Ricklefs

President, Forge Inc.

319-480-0569

G. Resolutions for Approval

1. Resolution for Approval

AGENDA ITEM # G - 1

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

DATE:	February 18, 2026
AGENDA ITEM:	Resolution #2-18-2026A – Appointed Officer Salaries
ACTION:	Motion

SYNOPSIS: Staff is presenting a resolution for the non-union/appointed employees of the City. The proposed salaries match the 4% increase that has been approved for the union personnel.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution #2-18-2026A

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbisch

DATE PREPARED: 2/13/2026

RESOLUTION #2-18-2026

**RESOLUTION SETTING THE SALARIES FOR THE APPOINTED OFFICERS AND
EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MT. VERNON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, IOWA:

SECTION 1. The following persons and positions shall be paid salaries or wages indicated and the City Clerk is authorized to issue warrants less legally required authorized deductions from the amounts set out below, bi-weekly or monthly; and make such contributions to IPERS and FICA and other purposes as required by law or authorization of the Council, subject to audit and review by the City Council:

Police:	Current	Effective July 1, 2026
Blinks, Jason	\$102,500.00	\$106,600.00
Public Works:		
Downs, Eldon	\$ 95,599.44	\$ 99,423.42
Volkov, Alex	\$ 95,594.84	\$ 99,418.63
Administration:		
Nosbisch, Chris	\$149,290.67	\$155,262.30
Boren, Lori	\$101,962.00	\$106,040.48
Dewell, Marsha	\$ 96,866.03	\$100,740.67
Bradbury, Leigh	\$ 58,911.35	\$ 61,267.80
Jesse Thurn	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 68,640.00
Parks, Recreation & Pool:		
Siders, Matt	\$ 86,981.98	\$ 90,461.26
Boots, Sarah	\$ 64,236.04	\$ 66,805.48
Katey Forest	\$ 48,771.81	\$ 50,722.68
Fire:		
Goodlove, Nathan	\$ 19,544.08	\$ 20,325.84
Boren, Derek	\$ 7,831.64	\$ 8,144.91
Buster, Jacob	\$ 7,831.64	\$ 8,144.91

This Resolution shall be effective as of the first pay date in July.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of February, 2026.

Thomas M. Wieseler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marsha Dewell, City Clerk/Finance Director

AGENDA ITEM # G - 2

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

DATE: February 18, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution #2-18-2026B – Final Plat of Preservation Addition

ACTION: Motion

SYNOPSIS: Please see the report from City Planner Leigh Bradbury regarding a proposed three lot subdivision (one lot, two out lots) within the two-mile extraterritorial jurisdiction. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted in favor of recommending approval of the subdivision. There will be more discussion regarding this application at the meeting.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution #2-18-2026B

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbisch

DATE PREPARED: 2/13/2026

RESOLUTION NO. 2-18-2026B

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE ELISE ROSE AND JACE
ROY WOLRAB PRESERVATION ADDITION WITH THE TWO MILE SUBDIVISION
REVIEW OF THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, IOWA**

WHEREAS, the Mt. Vernon Planning and Zoning Commission voted to 5-0 to approve the final plat of the Elise Rose and Roy Wolrab Preservation Addition within the two mile extraterritorial district of the City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and,

WHEREAS, the owners have submitted the necessary accompanying materials as specified,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council does hereby approve the Final Plat of the Elise Rose and Roy Wolrab Preservation Addition as described and shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part thereof by reference.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 18th day of February, 2026.

Thomas M. Wieseler, Mayor

ATTEST:

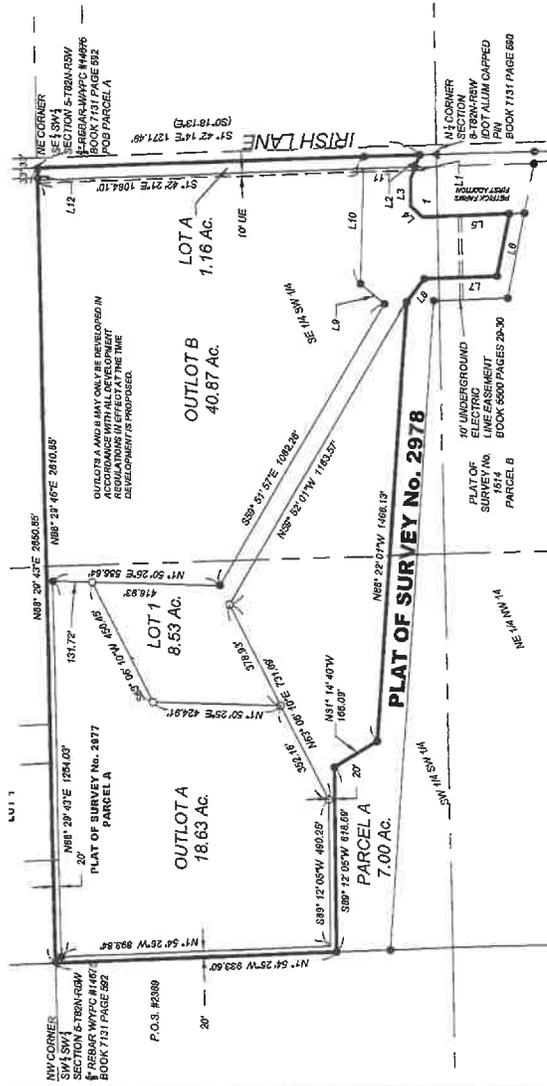
Marsha Dewell, City Clerk

FINAL PLAT ELLIE ROSE AND JACE ROY WOLRAB PRESERVATION ADDITION TO LINN COUNTY, IOWA

Location Description: Part of Parcel A, Plat of Survey No. 2977
 Requestor: TWIN HAVEN LLC
 Surveyor: KEVIN F. BRADSHAW, L.S.
 Surveyor Company: Brain Engineering, Inc.
 Return to: SM Brain, 1540 Midland Ct NE Cedar Rapids, IA
 52402 or m.brain@brain-eng.com (319) 294-9424

Index Legend

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Line #	Length	Direction
L1	38.34	N68° 57' 36" W
L2	43.37	N68° 57' 36" W
L3	92.29	N68° 54' 35" W
L4	52.59	S42° 41' 45" W
L5	291.56	S1° 58' 46" E
L6	211.53	N78° 57' 28" W
L7	244.00	N7° 52' 38" W
L8	96.82	N53° 20' 07" W
L9	104.56	M40° 04' 14" E
L10	382.64	S89° 40' 05" E
L11	170.73	S1° 41' 24" E
L12	40.00	N88° 29' 45" E

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 Parcel A, Plat of Survey No. 2977, except Parcel A, Plat of Survey No. 2978, in Section 5, Township 82 North, Range 5 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Linn County, Iowa, described as follows:

Beginning at the NE Corner of said Parcel A;
 thence S07°42'14"E along the east line of said Parcel A, 1271.49 feet to the NE Corner of Parcel A, Plat of Survey No. 2977, in Section 5, Township 82 North, Range 5 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Linn County, Iowa;
 thence N07°52'38"W along said north line, 244.00 feet;
 thence N07°52'38"W along said north line, 96.82 feet;
 thence N07°52'38"W along said north line, 104.56 feet;
 thence N07°52'38"W along said north line, 382.64 feet;
 thence N07°52'38"W along said north line, 170.73 feet;
 thence N07°52'38"W along said north line, 40.00 feet to the NW Corner of said Parcel A;
 thence N07°52'38"W along said north line, 168.09 feet to the NW Corner of said Parcel A;
 thence N07°52'38"W along said north line, 618.50 feet to the NW Corner of said Parcel A;
 thence N07°52'38"W along said north line, 2850.85 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 89.19 acres which includes 1.16 acres of road right of way.



- ▲ FOUND SECTION CORNER
- FOUND 1/2" REBAR W/ YPC #8647 OR AS LABELED
- △ SET SECTION CORNER
- SET 1/2" REBAR W/ YPC #17543
- POB POINT OF BEGINNING
- ∅ RECORDED AS
- SCM 4"x 4" CONCRETE POST W/DISK
- UDE UTILITY & DRAINAGE EASEMENT
- YPC YELLOW PLASTIC CAP
- OFC ORANGE PLASTIC CAP

SECTION	LOT 1	OUTLOT A	OUTLOT B	LOT A	TOTAL
SW SW	4.04	18.63	8.39	0.00	31.06
SE SW	3.46	0.00	32.48	1.16	37.10
NE NW	1.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.03
TOTAL	8.53	18.63	40.87	1.16	69.19



LOCATION MAP (NO SCALE)

PROPERTY LOCATION:
 1000 IRISH LANE
 SE SW 8-82-5
 NE NW 8-82-5
 FRANKLIN

OWNER:
 TWIN HAVEN LLC
 2718 WESTON DR
 AMES, IA 50010

SURVEYOR:
 BRAIN ENGINEERING, INC.
 1540 MIDLAND COURT, NE
 CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA 52402

NOTE: ALL MEASUREMENTS IN FEET AND DECIMALS THEREOF.

I hereby certify that this land surveying document and the related survey work was performed by me personally or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly licensed land surveyor under the laws of the State of Iowa.

Signed _____ Date _____

Kevin F. Bradshaw, L.S.
 My License Renewal Date is December 31, 2026
 License Number 17543
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**FINAL PLAT
 ELLIE ROSE AND JACE ROY WOLRAB
 PRESERVATION ADDITION**

Title:



Drawn: DJB
 Book: DC
 Date: 10/6/25
 Scale: 1" = 400'

Page: 1
 Of: 1
 Project No: 625825-10

DATE OF SURVEY: 10/3/25

J. Motions for Approval

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CITY OF MOUNT VERNON
CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

RATHJE CONSTRUCTION	PAY ESTIMATE #3-RACHEL STREET	133,482.76
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	115,202.07
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW	115,202.07
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	41,085.26
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-ALL DEPTS	7,210.51
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	4,577.70
MENARDS	CABINETS/COUNTERS-PW FACILITIES	4,390.57
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	3,890.07
WHKS & COMPANY	CEMETERY GIS MAPPING	2,987.73
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,852.00
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	2,460.00
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	2,286.88
MARTIN EQUIPMENT	EQUIP MAINT-PW	2,210.22
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	2,074.60
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,911.89
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,901.88
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PD	1,873.08
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	1,300.00
BANKCARD 8076	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,P&REC	1,291.53
ROUNABOUT REPAIR SHOP LLC	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	1,240.69
FELD FIRE	EQUIPMENT-FD	1,076.00
ROTO-ROOTER	PLAZA LIFT STATION-SEW	1,010.00
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-CITY HALL	959.21
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES	GENERATOR-PD	949.39
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICES-PD	920.70
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	811.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	765.70
CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY	FLOOR SUPPLIES-PW FACILITIES	762.77
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TRAINING-FD	747.14
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-LBC	730.00
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	702.67
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	EQUIPMENT-RUT	572.99
THEISEN SUPPLY INC	UNIFORMS-LBC,PW,P&REC	478.97
D.E.W. PLUMBING	BLDG MAINT-FD	471.76
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-FD	395.51
MERCY PHYSICIAN SERVICES INC	WELLNESS PLATFORM-ALL DEPTS	372.00
MENARDS	PLUMBING SUPPLIES-PW FACILITIES	371.22
INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES-CITY HALL	351.94
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	351.23
OLIVIA CASKEY	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	325.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	316.26
ECICOG	DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION	300.00
PNP	FUEL-PD	285.45
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	IOWA SOLUTIONS	255.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-LBC	220.54
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-LBC	220.00
T-MOBILE	VEHICLE SOFTWARE-PW	202.76
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	180.70
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER	PRE EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL-PD	170.00
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	158.10
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC,P&REC	156.53
SCOTT CANNON	MARKETING SUPPLIES-LBC	156.25
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL	DRUG TESTING-PW,PD	149.00
US CELLULAR	PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS	140.05
GRAINGER	SHOP SUPPLIES-PW	122.65
ELDON DOWNS	TRAINING-PW	118.77
AFFORDABLE HEATING & COOLING	HVAC MAINT-CITY HALL	115.60
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-LBC	109.39

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON
CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

MARSHA DEWELL	LAPTOP SOFTWARE-P&A	106.99
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	102.78
IOWA DARE ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP-PD	100.00
MARY SCHLICHTE	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	96.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-FD	94.50
SEAN MAYS	REFUND-WAT	91.31
JAXSON J BILLINGSLEY	REFEREE-P&REC	90.00
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CEDAR RAPIDS	EQUIPMENT-FD	85.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-PD	85.00
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-VC	82.75
CYPRESS SOLUTIONS	SUBSCRIPTION-PD	78.75
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-PD	77.61
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-CITY HALL	72.54
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-CITY HALL	60.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PW	60.00
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD	54.17
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	47.71
HANNAH GANZEL	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
HETHER STAUFFACHER	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	EQUIP-LBC	41.99
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-SEW	40.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-PW	40.00
WELAND CLINICAL LABORATORIES	DRUG TETSTING-PW	37.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	36.78
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	EQUIP RENTAL-RUT	31.92
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SW	30.40
BRADY WEAVER	REFEREE-P&REC	30.00
GABRIEL GRAFFT	REFEREE-P&REC	30.00
JAMISON W BILLINGSLEY	REFEREE-P&REC	30.00
YEONG HO BISHOP	REFEREE-P&REC	30.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	27.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	26.82
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-CITY HALL	22.99
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	UNIFORMS-LBC	19.98
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-POOL	19.98
FAREWAY STORES INC #257	SUPPLIES-LBC	15.96
AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
TOTAL		467,920.19

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

RACHEL STREET	133,482.76
PAYROLL	115,202.07
SOLID WASTE	46,418.55
GENERAL FUND	42,538.54
WATER FUND	16,347.34
SEWER FUND	14,286.64
LBC	11,631.28
ROAD USE TAX FUND	6,493.39
PW FACILITIES	5,524.56
STORM WATER FUND	1,517.15
2025 UPTOWN LIGHTING	594.62
LOST III UR & STREETScape	300.00
TOTAL	394,336.90

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON
CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

FY 26 JANUARY REVENUE

PUBLIC WORKS	253,512.42
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	197,921.88
CULTURE-RECREATION	60,666.10
PUBLIC SAFETY	40,392.67
TIF REVENUE	18,073.73
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV	14,104.02
TOTAL	584,670.82

AGENDA ITEM # J – 2

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

DATE:	February 18, 2026
AGENDA ITEM:	Cemetery Maintenance Agreement
ACTION:	Motion

SYNOPSIS: Jordan's Property Care, Inc has submitted a proposal to continue maintenance operations at the Mount Vernon Cemetery for an additional year. The proposed \$34,500 annual fee is the same dollar amount that was approved last calendar year.

BUDGET ITEM: General

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: Proposal

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbsich

DATE PREPARED: 2/13/2026

LAWN MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

This contract is entered this 4th day of February, 2026 between the City of Mount Vernon and Jordan's Property Care, Inc.

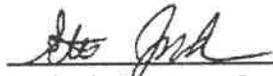
1. The City of Mount Vernon desires to have Jordan's Property Care, Inc. keep the Cemeteries turf areas in an up kept condition which includes mowing, trimming and blowing off concrete areas once per week thru the growing season and as needed thru the dry season.

2. In addition to the above, Jordan's Property Care, Inc. shall:
 - a. Use all their own equipment in the performance of their duties and/or service.
 - b. Furnish the appropriate fuel or gas, lead additive, motor oil, 2 cycle mix, line for weed trimming, and any other parts, service, maintenance and or repairs as needed for their equipment.
 - c. Hold and give to the City of Mount Vernon for file, proof of liability and workers compensation insurance coverage for their services.
 - d. Shall pay for cost and repair of any damages caused by their services and or equipment. All work shall be done in a responsible and safe manner to the satisfaction of the Cemetery's representatives.
 - e. Shall not mow before 8:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m.

3. The City of Mount Vernon shall:
 - a. Pay Jordan's Property Care, Inc. \$34500.00 for the season. The payments will be broke down in 6 payments of \$5750.00 per month with the first payment due on or before May 1st, 2026 with the last payment due on or before October 1st, 2026. 5% late charges will be applied to past due payments and services will be withheld until payments are received.

4. Jordan's Property Care, Inc. shall be solely responsible for hiring and paying those individuals necessary and appropriate to carry out the work called for in this contract. Persons hired by Jordan's Property Care, Inc. shall be and remain Jordan's Property Care, Inc. employees

5. Jordan's Property Care, Inc. agrees to hold the City of Mount Vernon harmless against all claims or actions based on damage or injury to persons or property sustained in connection with the performance of this contract.
6. There will not be any credits or refunds given for any reason with the seasonal contract pricing.
7. The services provided under the contract shall be evaluated annually by the City of Mount Vernon or more frequently when requested by either party. The contract may be amended following said evaluation upon such terms as the parties can mutually agree. If, at any time, either party is in default under the terms of this contract, the other party may give the defaulting party a written notice specifying the defaults. The contract shall terminate thirty (30) days following the Jordan's Property Care, Inc. receipt of said notice.



Jordan's Property Care, Inc.

The City of Mount Vernon

AGENDA ITEM # J – 3

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

DATE:	February 18, 2026
AGENDA ITEM:	Invoice #51361-18 – Hwy 1 Reconstruction Project
ACTION:	Motion

SYNOPSIS: V&K Engineering has submitted an invoice in the amount of \$9,694.90 for the Hwy 1 Reconstruction project.

BUDGET ITEM: RUT

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: Invoice #51361-18

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbsich

DATE PREPARED: 2/13/2026



A Kleinfelder Company
STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

City of Mount Vernon
213 First Street NW
Mount Vernon, IA 52314-9998

January 23, 2026
Invoice No: 51361 - 18

Project Manager Dave Schechinger

Engineering services for Highway 1 Reconstruction - Design Services
Professional Services from December 14, 2025 to January 17, 2026

Phase	1	Design Services			
Professional Personnel					
			Hours	Rate	Amount
Engineer I-A			1.00	250.00	250.00
Engineer II-A			21.00	208.00	4,368.00
Engineer V			4.00	157.00	628.00
Engineer X			17.50	112.00	1,960.00
Technician I			2.00	129.00	258.00
		Totals	45.50		7,464.00
		Total Labor			7,464.00
Unit Billing					
Mileage					32.90
		Total Units			32.90
				Total this Phase	\$7,496.90

Phase	2	Drainage Calcs			
Professional Personnel					
			Hours	Rate	Amount
Engineer V			14.00	157.00	2,198.00
		Totals	14.00		2,198.00
		Total Labor			2,198.00
				Total this Phase	\$2,198.00
				Total this Invoice	\$9,694.90

AGENDA ITEM # J – 4

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

DATE:	February 18, 2026
AGENDA ITEM:	Invoice #51387-3 – Rachel Street Improvement Project
ACTION:	Motion

SYNOPSIS: V&K Engineering has submitted an invoice in the amount of \$13,241.40 for the Rachel Street Improvement project.

BUDGET ITEM: Bond

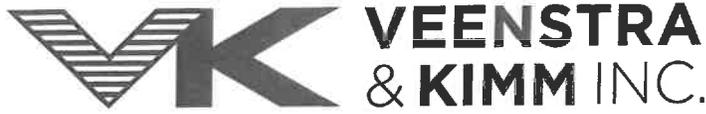
RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: Invoice #51387-3

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbsich

DATE PREPARED: 2/13/2026



**VEENSTRA
& KIMM INC.**

A Kleinfelder Company
STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

City of Mount Vernon
 213 First Street NW
 Mount Vernon, IA 52314-9998

January 23, 2026
 Invoice No: 51387 - 3

Project Manager Dave Schechinger

Engineering services for Rachel Street Improvements -RR

Professional Services from December 14, 2025 to January 17, 2026

Professional Personnel

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Engineer II-A	1.00	208.00	208.00	
Engineer V	.50	157.00	78.50	
Technician III	116.50	105.00	12,232.50	
Totals	118.00		12,519.00	
Total Labor				12,519.00

Unit Billing

Mileage			722.40	
Total Units			722.40	722.40

Total this Invoice \$13,241.40

Billings to Date

	Current	Prior	Total
Labor	12,519.00	6,247.00	18,766.00
Unit	722.40	690.20	1,412.60
Totals	13,241.40	6,937.20	20,178.60

AGENDA ITEM # J – 5

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

DATE:	February 18, 2026
AGENDA ITEM:	Set Public Hearing Date – EMS District
ACTION:	Motion

SYNOPSIS: Snyder and Associates have completed the necessary mapping for the proposed Preliminary Plat for the Mount Vernon EMS District. The larger scale maps will be showcased at your meeting.

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

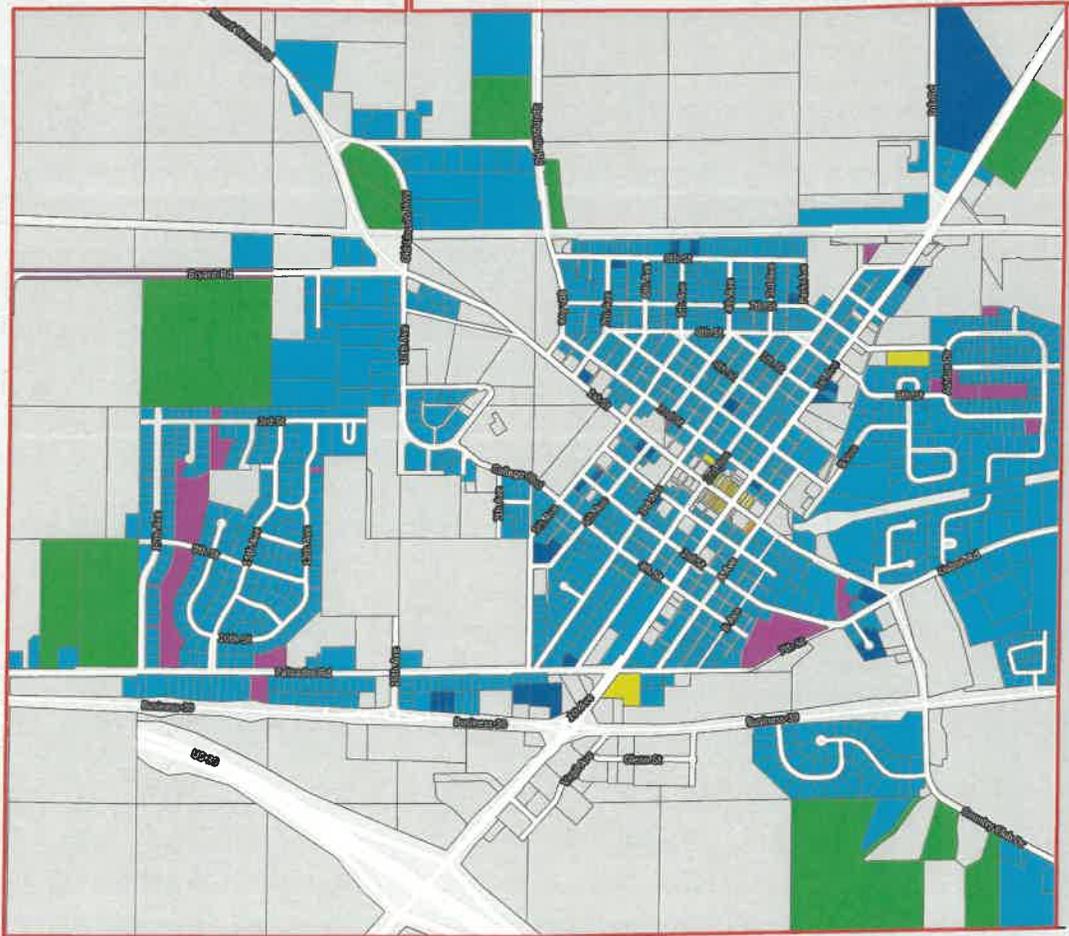
ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Map

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbsich

DATE PREPARED: 2/13/2026

I hereby certify that this Engineering Document was prepared by me or under my direct personal supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Professional Engineer under the Laws of the State of Iowa.

Lindsay Beaman, P.E. Date: 02/06/2026
 License Number 16671
 My License Renewal Date is December 31, 2027
 Pages or sheets covered by this seal:
 All

Lisbon

Legend

- AG DWELLING, AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL
- COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL (MR R3+)
- GOVERNMENT-OWNED RESIDENTIAL
- RESIDENTIAL
- RESIDENTIAL (MR R3+)
- Other
- Mount Vernon EMS District Boundary
- City Limits

AGENDA ITEM # J – 6

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

DATE: February 18, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Change Order #1 – Rachel Street Improvements

ACTION: Motion

SYNOPSIS: Rathje Construction Co. has submitted a change order in the amount of \$4,950.00. It was determined by staff that an additional gate valve is needed to isolate future water shut off's without affecting all of the connections.

BUDGET ITEM: Bond

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: Change Order #1

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbsich

DATE PREPARED: 2/13/2026



Date: **February 10, 2025**

To: **Veensta and Kimm**
Attn: **Dave Schechinger**

Project: **Mount Vernon- Rachel
Street Improvements**

Re: **COR #1 -ADD 10in Gate Valve**

Rathje #: **7584**

Change Order-01 is to install a 10" Gate Valve South of Tee Connection for Isolation of the 8" in the Future

	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>MU</u>	<u>Unit w/ MU</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Bid Item</u>						
37B	10 Inch Gate Valve, Spool Piece and Cap	1.00	EA	\$4,950.00	0.00%	\$4,950.00	\$4,950.00

Please call if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trenton Kos'.

Trenton Kos 319-777-2895

AGENDA ITEM # J – 7

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

DATE: February 18, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Set Public Hearing Date – Proposed Property Tax Levy Rate

ACTION: Motion

SYNOPSIS: While the State of Iowa continues to review property tax legislation, the City must move forward with the existing property tax law created by HF 718. This is the first of two public hearings required by law. City staff is not proposing a change to the levy rate for FY 2026-2027.

BUDGET ITEM: General

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: Motion

ATTACHMENTS: None

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbsich

DATE PREPARED: 2/13/2026

K. Reports-Received/File

1. [Illegible text]



Mt. Vernon-Lisbon Police Department

January 2026 Monthly Report

Vehicle Collisions

There was a total of 7 reported collisions during the month. There were 6 collisions in Mount Vernon. Collision 1 occurred on the 200 block of 1st St NE when unit 1 backed out of a parking spot and struck unit 2, which was legally parked. Damage was estimated at \$1,400 and no injuries were reported. Collision 2 occurred on the 400 block of 2nd St SW when unit 1 backed out a driveway and struck unit 2, which was legally parked. Damage was estimated at \$1,500 and no injuries were reported. Collision 3 occurred on the 300 block of 10th Ave SW when unit 1 lost control and struck an electrical pole. Damage was estimated at \$4,500 and no injuries were reported. Collision 4 occurred on the 700 block of S. 1st Ave when unit 1 failed to yield and struck unit 2, which was already in the roundabout. Damage was estimated at \$6,000 and no injuries were reported. Collision 5 occurred on the 800 block of Palisades Rd SW when unit 1 began to back out of a parking spot and struck unit 2, which was also backing out of a parking spot. Damage was estimated at \$2,500 and no injuries were reported. Collision 6 occurred on Lisbon Rd when unit 1 lost control and struck a sign. Damage was estimated at \$5,000 and minor injuries were reported.

There was 1 collision in Lisbon. Collision 1 occurred on the 800 block of W. Main St. when unit 1 struck a mailbox. Damage was estimated at \$150 and no injuries were reported.

Incidents/Arrest

There were 22 reported incidents during the month. In Mount Vernon, there were 10 reports which included: elder abuse, animal control, burglary (x2), criminal mischief, assault, possession of a controlled substance, forgery, theft, and medical.

In Lisbon, there were 12 reports which included: burglary (x5), assault, hit and run (x2), medical, theft (x2), and trespassing.

During the month, officers had 1 arrest. In Mount Vernon there were 0.

In Lisbon there was 1 for assault.

Community Service/Training/Misc.:

- Officer D. Frankfurt has transitioned from reserve officer to full-time
- Officer Ford is doing DARE at Lisbon Community Schools
- Officer Macke began training at the ILEA

380 Old Lincoln Highway
Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314

319-895-6141 (office)
319-895-6617 (fax)



Mt. Vernon-Lisbon Police Department

- The department hosted a blood drive resulting in 26 donors, helping potentially 67 patients
- Officer Gehrke led Active Threat training at Mount Vernon Bank and Trust
- Lisbon time (administration, call for service, patrol): 268 hours

	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sept	Aug
Administrative	65	23	23	35	42	39
Call for service	25	18	12	29	24	23
Patrol	178	242	210	220	213	191
	268	283	245	284	279	254

K9:

There were 0 deployments. Training is still in progress.

GTSB:

During January, officers worked 0 hours of GTSB.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chief of Police



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IOWA

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

**Public Works Report
2/17/2026
Council Meeting**

As you are all aware, one of our teammates, Dean Smyth, retired last fall. We have now hired Camden Leonard to fill that void in Public Works. He has been with us now for two weeks and seems to fit in wonderfully. If you see Camden, welcome him to the team.

We have been blessed with minimal winter weather events and the temperatures have warmed up a bit. The nicer weather has given our team the chance to get some much-needed tree trimming and tree removal completed. We will continue to do more of this as we have time before the rush of normal spring duties approaches. Our focus is more on trimming the oak species while they are still dormant. There have been a few removals done that were more of a safety concern. Some staff have made some extensive inventory efforts in finding trees that need maintenance.

The team has had some time to get some maintenance done on plows and winter equipment.

We have continued moving supplies and materials to the new shop as we have time.

Most of our time has been spent at the new site on Bryant Road. The pictures will show this. The floor was stained, sealed, and waxed. After the finish work is complete, we will apply another coat of wax on the floor. Cabinets have been hung and coated with polyurethane. The cabinet doors still need coated with poly and hung back on the



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cabinets. Base trim and door trim have been completed. Vanity and faucets have been installed in the bathrooms. All electrical trim has been installed.

The lockers were delivered, unloaded, and installed. Counter tops need to be installed but may be done before the end of this week.

Classic Spray Foam Insulation has finished getting the shop space insulated.

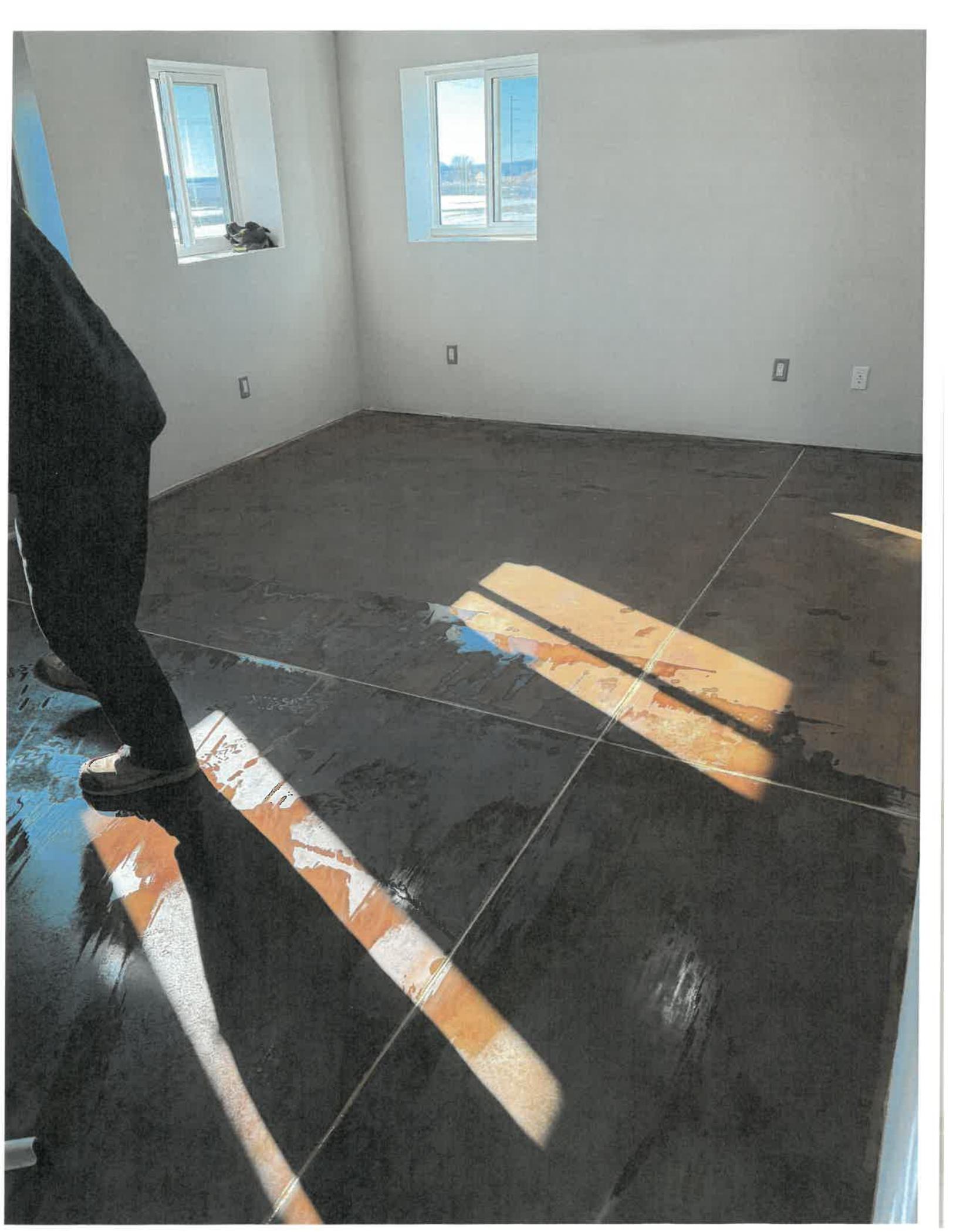
8 Finger HVAC will be installing the radiant heaters in the shop space next week.

The fiber was connected to the building and all cameras are operable.

Normal duties such as HubSpot tickets, garbage, garbage and recycle container deliveries/exchanges, and keeping up with the compost site have kept us busy as well.

"Be the change you wish to see in this world." - Mahatma Gandhi

Eldon Downs
City of Mt. Vernon
Public Works Director
563-331-0424
edowns@cityofmtverno-ia.gov



























Council:

- Scott Rose
- Paul Tuerler
- Craig Engel
- Mark Andresen
- Sherene Hansen Player

Parks and Recreation Department
Directors Report
January 15 – February 15

Parks

-We are still looking at options for Davis Park Concessions / Restroom design. The last bid still came in above the amount we have available to spend.

Sports

-Youth Wrestling started January 19th. We currently have 22 kids ages 4-6 enrolled, last year we had 14.

-Spring Soccer registration started February 10th.

Pool

-Currently in the process of identifying assistant managers and returning staff.

LBC

-LBC has been averaging 342 patrons per day for January 2026, down from 365 in 2025.

-The LBC hosted a youth basketball tournament on February 1st. Things went very well. We will host another one on February 22nd.

-The LBC hosted about 100 MVMS 7th Graders for a field trip. Things went very well. We will host two groups from McKinley Middle School in the next few weeks.

Advancing Rural Care, Improving Patient Outcomes



2025 Annual Report
Lisbon-Mt Vernon Ambulance Service

Director's Update



Where you live shouldn't determine if you live.

At the Lisbon–Mt. Vernon Ambulance Service, this past year marked a defining step forward in our mission to ensure that geography does not determine patient outcomes. Each milestone reflects a shared commitment to improving emergency care for the rural communities we serve through training, equipment, and sustainable funding.

One of the most visible accomplishments was the addition of a new, fully updated ambulance, purchased entirely through community fundraising and grant support. This ambulance serves as a mobile critical care environment, allowing our crews to deliver advanced, high-quality care while maintaining safety during response and transport. In addition, generous community support allowed us to fully fund 10 new portable radios, totaling more than \$56,000, significantly enhancing communications and responder safety.

Our commitment to clinical excellence also extended into education and training. This year, LMVAS secured a new pediatric training manikin, improving preparedness for high-stress, low-frequency pediatric emergencies. While pediatric calls represent only a small percentage of EMS responses nationally, ensuring our providers are fully prepared to care for our youngest patients remains a critical priority.

As demand for services continues to grow, LMVAS also reached a major milestone toward long-term sustainability. With more than 900 signatures collected, we began the process of creating an Emergency Medical Services District, marking the first step toward a hybrid career-and-volunteer staffing model. This achievement demonstrates strong community support and lays the foundation for a stable, locally governed funding structure that will protect and strengthen EMS in the Mount Vernon and Lisbon area for years to come.

Together, these accomplishments reflect a year of progress driven by innovation, partnership, and a relentless focus on patient outcomes. As we look ahead, LMVAS remains committed to advancing rural emergency care, so that when it matters most, every patient has access to the highest standard of lifesaving medicine.

Sincerely,
Jake Lindauer, BS, NRP, FP-C
Director of EMS

Lisbon-Mt. Vernon Ambulance Service
2025 Annual Report

Last Name	First Name	Length of Service	Level
Omar	Michelle	21 years	AEMT
Clough	Sarah	12 years	AEMT
O'Neill	Tyler	8 years	RN/PM
Hanson	Mason	8 years	CCP
Bates	Dave	7 years	AEMT
Pienta	Anna	7 years	Paramedic
Lindauer*	Jacob	7 years	CCP
Julseth	Russ	7 years	Driver
Day	Madison	6 years	CCP
Andrews	Chris	5 years	Driver
Fadden	Kyler	4 years	RN/PM
Koch	Austin	4 years	CCP
VanDeusen	Alex	4 years	AEMT
Carpenter	Laurie	4 years	AEMT
Koffron	Jayna	4 years	Paramedic
Frank	Tanner	3 years	Paramedic
Weaver	Kerri	3 years	AEMT
Pierson	Kyle	3 years	AEMT
Kamon	Mikayla	3 years	EMT
Casey	Jayden	3 years	EMT
Strauch	Patrick	3 years	Driver
Mancke	Darren	2 years	AEMT
Handlin	Elinor	2 years	EMT
Hoekstra	Eric	3 years	Driver
Fluharty	Dawson	3 years	Paramedic
Nuckolls	Matt	3 years	EMT
Kairies	Elin	2 year	EMT
Gehrke	Todd	2 year	EMT
Sutton	RJ	2 year	EMT
Berry	Maddie	1 year	Paramedic
Smith	Jill	1 year	EMT
Ciari	Mason	1 year	EMT
Hansen	Quinn	1 year	Paramedic
Wheeler	Cora	1 year	AEMT
Vanous	Tyler	1 year	Driver
Werner	Tessa	1 year	AEMT
Hamadziripi	Tanatswa	9 months	Driver
Barrios	Luis	8 months	EMT
Newberg	Sydney	6 months	Driver
Eicher	Nick	5 months	Driver
Harty	Bob	5 months	Driver
Hoekstra	Ethan	2 months	Driver

Members



Care

Commitment

Community



Leadership

Director: Jake Lindauer, BS, NRP, FP-C
Medical Director: Dr. Anthony Carter, DO

Board Directors:

President: Doug Shannon, Mt. Vernon
Vice President: Michelle Omar, Mt. Vernon
Secretary: Lori Lynch, Mt. Vernon
Treasurer: Nikki Sporrer, Lisbon

Representative: Jennifer Lee, Mt. Vernon
Representative: Jessica Von Behren, Lisbon
Representative: Julie Light, Lisbon
Representative: Brian Courtney, Lisbon
Volunteer Representative: Patrick Strauch, Lisbon



Highlights

- One of the biggest highlights of 2025 was receiving our new ambulance that was ordered in June of 2023. The ambulance cost over \$270,000 and was paid thanks to grants and fundraising
- LVMAS began the process of accessing long-term, sustainable funding to continue to provide EMS at a high level for the Mount Vernon and Lisbon communities as well as the surrounding areas. The first step was to submit petition signatures to Linn County, Johnson County, City of Mount Veron, and City of Lisbon. LMAS anticipates a special election to create a special purpose district for providing emergency medical services in April of 2026.
- Several LMAS members advanced their education or enrolled in a class or completed their course to advance their education in 2025. These members include Danny Plunkett, EMT; Tessa Werener, AEMT; Cora Wheeler, AEMT; RJ Sutton, AEMT; Tanner Frank, Paramedic; Jayna Koffron, Paramedic; and Dawson Fluharty, Paramedic.
- During 2025, LMAS provided over 850 student hours of education to members of LMAS, Mount Vernon Fire Department, Lisbon Fire Department, Mechaincsville Ambualnce, and Stanwood Ambulance.

Operating Costs

Revenue	Fiscal Year 2025
Transport Fees	\$311,882
Donations	\$66,990
Investments	\$21,831
Grants	\$78,296
Classes	\$957
City of Mount Vernon	\$37,238
City of Lisbon	\$18,600
Total	\$535,794

Expenses	Fiscal Year 2025
Vehicle Expense	\$19,890
Building Expense	\$12,351
Education & Training	\$7,293
Equipment Maintenance	\$3,421
Staffing+	\$145,890
Office Expense	\$30,555
General Admin	\$7,584
Pager & Radio	\$1,578
Uniform	\$3,224
Patient Supplies	\$13,574
Medications	\$9,246
Insurance	\$15,188
Public Relations	\$2,184
Professional Fees	\$41,457
Loan Interest	\$692
Volunteer Association	\$6,000
Total	\$320,127

+Staffing includes director salary, benefits, and member paid on call stipends.

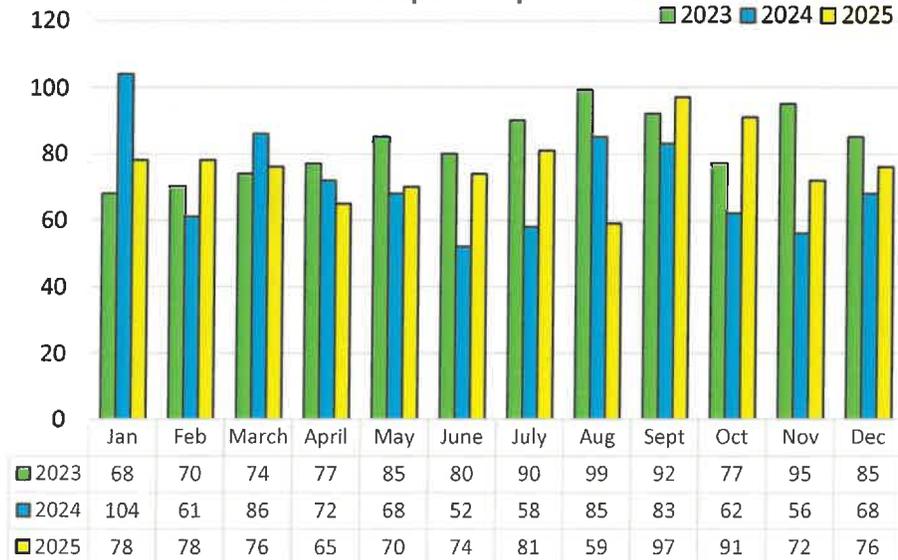
Capital Project Set-A-Side	\$215,667
Building Capital Expense	\$3,677
Equipment Capital Expense	\$41,154
Vehicle Capital Expense	\$260,031
Total Capital Expenditure	\$304,862
Change in Set-A-Side	-\$82,195

***All totals rounded to the nearest dollar.**

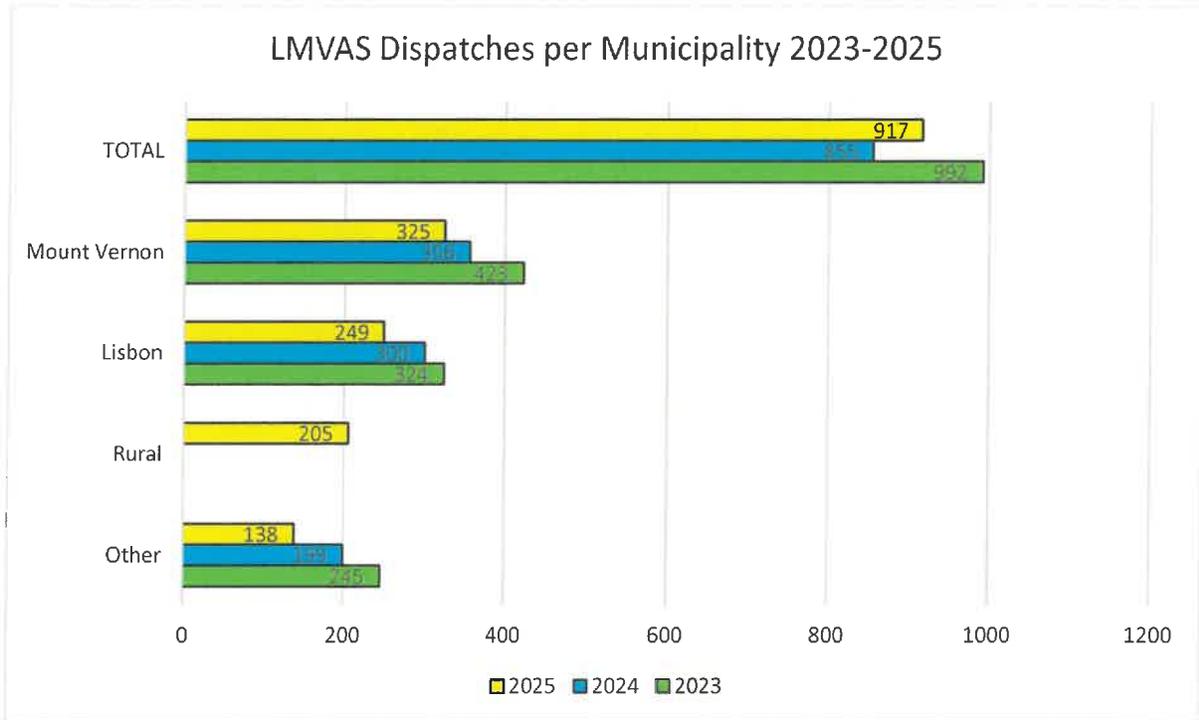
Call Stats

Month	2025	% of Total	'25 v '24	2024	% of Total	'24 v '23	2023	% of Total	'23 v '22
Jan	78	9%	-25%	104	12%	53%	68	7%	6%
Feb	78	9%	28%	61	7%	-13%	70	7%	6%
Mar	76	8%	-12%	86	10%	16%	74	7%	-3%
Apr	65	7%	-10%	72	8%	-6%	77	8%	10%
May	70	8%	3%	68	8%	-20%	85	9%	37%
Jun	74	8%	42%	52	6%	-35%	80	8%	57%
Jul	81	9%	40%	58	7%	-36%	90	9%	30%
Aug	59	6%	-31%	85	10%	-14%	99	10%	18%
Sep	97	11%	17%	83	10%	-10%	92	9%	30%
Oct	91	10%	47%	62	7%	-19%	77	8%	-20%
Nov	72	8%	29%	56	7%	-41%	95	10%	-6%
Dec	76	8%	12%	68	8%	-20%	85	9%	-16%
Total	917	100%	-25%	855	100%	-14%	992	100%	9%
Avg/Month	76.4			71.3			82.7		
Avg/Day	2.5			2.3			2.7		

LMVAS Dispatches per Month



Call Stats – Location



LMVAS Dispatches per Municipality	2024	% of Total
Other	138	15%
Rural	205	22%
City of Lisbon	249	27%
City of Mt. Vernon	325	36%
TOTAL	917	

Frequent Locations	
Location	2025
Rehab of Lisbon	79
Hallmark Care Center	54
Cornell College	31
UnityPoint Clinic	8
Palisades State Park	5
Mercy Clinic	3

Call Stats – Type

Top 5 Dispatch Reasons	
Falls	157 (20.0%)
Sick Person	122 (15.6%)
Traffic Collision	54 (6.9%)
Transfer from SNF or Medical Clinic	46 (5.87%)
Unconscious / Fainting	39 (5.0%)

Runs-Crews	2025	2024	Change
Primary Crew	709	625	13%
Back-Up Crew	74	52	42%
Third-Out Call (handled with mutual aid or from hospital)	3	11	-72%
Tier Crew	86	97	-11%
Standby Crew	24	24	0%
Transfer Crew	21	46	-54%

Destination	
UnityPoint St. Luke's	296
Mercy Medical Center	218
University of Iowa Main	63
UI Healthcare Downtown	14
Jones Regional Medical Center	9
VA Medical Center	6
Mercy Marion Emergency Department	6

Missed Calls	11
911 Primary Crew	0
911 Back-Up Crew	0
Tier	2
Transfer	9

L. Discussion Items (No Action)

AGENDA ITEM # L - 1

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

DATE: February 18, 2026
AGENDA ITEM: City Council Compensation
ACTION: Motion

SYNOPSIS: Under the current city code, council members receive \$15.00 for each council meeting attended. The Grapevine—an email distribution list for Iowa City/County Management (IaCMA)—recently circulated a discussion regarding council compensation and what various communities pay their members per meeting. With budget season underway, it may be an appropriate time to review our council’s per-meeting compensation and consider if there should be further discussion. Compensation examples from other Iowa communities:

Adel, IA (Pop. 6,259) Council: \$2,500 Annually	Decorah, IA (Pop. 7,587) Council: \$50 per meeting
DeWitte, IA (Pop. 5,514) Council: \$40 per meeting	Sergeant Bluff, IA (Pop. 5,015) Council: \$75 per meeting
Ely, IA (Pop. 2,344) Council: \$2,400 Annually	LeMars, IA (Pop. 10,571) Council: \$6,000 Annually
Hampton, IA (Pop. 4,337) Council: \$2,500 Annually	Altoona, IA (Pop. 22,598) Council: \$9,000 Annually
Cascade, IA (Pop. 2,396) Council: \$50 per meeting	Marquette, IA (Pop. 429) Council: \$50 per meeting
Nevada, IA (Pop. 6,925) Council: \$50 per meeting	Huxley, IA (Pop. 4,244) Council: \$125 per month
Cherokee, IA (Pop. 5,199) Council: \$40 per meeting – not to exceed \$2,000 annually	

BUDGET ITEM: N/A

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: City Administrator

MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION: None

ATTACHMENTS: None

PREPARED BY: Chris Nosbisch

DATE PREPARED: 2/13/2026

M. Reports Mayor/Council/Admin.

11. [Illegible text]

Mt. Vernon

January 2026 Reconciliation		12/31/2025	January Receipts	January Expenditures	A/P	A/P	1/31/2025	1/31/2026	Calculated Cash	Reconciled Cash	Difference
		Total Cash	140,209.76	(269,901.30)	-	-	245,793.59	116,102.05	116,102.05	116,102.05	-
001	General Fund	2,501.34	0.82	-	-	2,501.34	2,502.16	2,502.16	2,502.16	-	-
002	Police Forfeiture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
003	Police Vehicle Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
005	Franchise Fee	127,704.87	1,241.26	-	-	127,704.87	128,946.13	128,946.13	128,946.13	-	-
006	Business 30	7,740.92	75.24	-	-	7,740.92	7,816.16	7,816.16	7,816.16	-	-
110	Road Use Tax	526,764.29	53,365.08	(51,793.54)	-	526,764.29	528,335.83	528,335.83	528,335.83	-	-
111	Insurance Levy	84,368.78	26.61	-	-	84,368.78	84,395.39	84,395.39	84,395.39	-	-
112	Benefit Levy	375,433.42	2,443.09	-	-	375,433.42	377,876.51	377,876.51	377,876.51	-	-
113	Law/Emerg Levy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
114	RUT Vehicle Depr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
115	Low-Moderate Income	(58,221.44)	-	-	-	(58,221.44)	(58,221.44)	(58,221.44)	(58,221.44)	-	-
125	TIF	341,368.12	7,448.82	-	-	341,368.12	348,816.94	348,816.94	348,816.94	-	-
140	Capital Improvement Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
141	CIP/Fire Dept./Tax Levy	412,292.68	375.58	-	-	412,292.68	412,668.26	412,668.26	412,668.26	-	-
163	WTP Depreciation	100,000.00	-	-	-	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	-	-
173	Sewer Plant Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
200	Debt Service	1,775,167.56	-	-	-	1,775,167.56	1,775,167.56	1,775,167.56	1,775,167.56	-	-
303	LOST III Streets/Sidewalks	156,348.51	58,464.53	-	-	156,348.51	214,813.04	214,813.04	214,813.04	-	-
304	LOST III Community Center	1,306,731.88	36,259.77	-	-	1,306,731.88	1,342,991.65	1,342,991.65	1,342,991.65	-	-
305	LOST III Trails	310,090.72	13,367.61	-	-	310,090.72	323,458.33	323,458.33	323,458.33	-	-
306	LOST III UR & Streetscape	(350.80)	10,350.23	-	-	(350.80)	9,999.43	9,999.43	9,999.43	-	-
307	2024 Infrastructure	(134,126.40)	-	-	-	(134,126.40)	(134,126.40)	(134,126.40)	(134,126.40)	-	-
308	Sidewalk Project	14,181.00	374.98	-	-	14,181.00	14,555.98	14,555.98	14,555.98	-	-
313	WWTP UV Disinfection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
314	Police Station Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
315	PW Facilities	(412,454.68)	-	(17,837.83)	-	(412,454.68)	(430,292.51)	(430,292.51)	(430,292.51)	-	-
316	Remote Read Meter Proj.	268,906.26	-	-	-	268,906.26	268,906.26	268,906.26	268,906.26	-	-
317	ARPA Linn County Grant	(129,101.55)	-	(666.00)	-	(129,101.55)	(129,767.55)	(129,767.55)	(129,767.55)	-	-
318	Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
320	Davis Park Improvements	158,514.47	-	-	-	158,514.47	158,514.47	158,514.47	158,514.47	-	-
321	4th/5th Ave SW Water Main	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
322	Palisades Road Overlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
323	Glenn St./CHH/Cottonwood	5,790.45	-	-	-	5,790.45	5,790.45	5,790.45	5,790.45	-	-
324	Pool Renovations	59,745.00	-	-	-	59,745.00	59,745.00	59,745.00	59,745.00	-	-
325	Rachel Street/kwik Star	1,815,435.98	-	(189,696.32)	-	1,815,435.98	1,625,739.66	1,625,739.66	1,625,739.66	-	-
326	2025 Uptown Lighting	(4,912.95)	-	(11,332.50)	-	(4,912.95)	(16,245.45)	(16,245.45)	(16,245.45)	-	-
500	Perpetual Care	106,515.00	-	-	-	106,515.00	106,515.00	106,515.00	106,515.00	-	-
600	Water	328,998.38	63,831.03	(49,536.03)	-	328,998.38	343,293.38	343,293.38	343,293.38	-	-
602	Water Vehicle Depr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
610	Sewer	(100,420.43)	74,090.05	(62,510.14)	-	(100,420.43)	(88,840.52)	(88,840.52)	(88,840.52)	-	-
611	Sewer Vehicle Depr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
620	Storm Water	(92,379.57)	6,926.23	(6,487.87)	-	(92,379.57)	(91,941.21)	(91,941.21)	(91,941.21)	-	-
621	Storm Water Vehicle Depr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
670	Solid Waste	248,356.38	55,300.03	(60,039.81)	-	248,356.38	243,616.60	243,616.60	243,616.60	-	-
675	Wellness/Fitness Center	(60,872.94)	60,520.10	(60,455.38)	-	(60,872.94)	(60,808.22)	(60,808.22)	(60,808.22)	-	-
		7,785,908.84	584,670.82	(780,256.72)	-	7,590,322.94	7,590,322.94	7,590,322.94	7,590,322.94	-	-

**CITY OF MT. VERNON
CITY ADMINISTRATOR
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL
February 18, 2026**

- I will be attending the ICMA Regional nominating kickoff meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, and the ICMA Midwest State Leadership Quarterly meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026.
- Staff will be discussing the CDBG grant application process for the Interurban Trail connection on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.
- Staff will be joining staff from ECICOG at the site visit for the Mount Vernon Generator project on Friday, February 27, 2026.