

# City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Mt. Vernon City Council Meeting</b>
<b>Place:</b>	<b>Mt. Vernon City Hall, 213 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW, Mt. Vernon, Iowa 52314</b>
<b>Date/Time:</b>	<b>March 16, 2026 – 6:30 PM</b>
<b>Web Page:</b>	<b>www.cityofmtvernon-ia.gov</b>
<b>Posted:</b>	<b>March 13, 2026</b>

<b>Mayor:</b>	Tom Wieseler	<b>City Administrator:</b>	Chris Nosbisch
<b>Mayor Pro-Tem:</b>	Scott Rose	<b>City Attorney:</b>	Holly Corkery
<b>Councilperson:</b>	Sherene Hansen Player	<b>Asst. City Administrator:</b>	Lori Boren
<b>Councilperson:</b>	Craig Engel	<b>Finance Dir/City Clerk:</b>	Marsha Dewell
<b>Councilperson:</b>	Mark Andresen	<b>Chief of Police:</b>	Jason Blinks
<b>Councilperson:</b>	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 – March 2, 2026, Regular Council Meeting
2. Approval of Tobacco License – Happy Daze LLC
3. Approval of Liquor License – Big's Barbeque

- E. Public Hearing**

1. Public Hearing for the Consideration of the Status of Funded Activities for the Mount Vernon Emergency Shelter Generator, As Assisted by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (Contract #20-DRI-015)
  - i. Close Public Hearing – No Formal Action Needed

2. Public Hearing on the Proposed Engineering Report and Formation of the Mount Vernon EMS District
  - i. Close Public Hearing – Proceed to

**F. Ordinance Approval/Amendment**

1. Ordinance #3-16-2026A: Providing that General Property Taxes Levied and Collected Each Year on Certain Property Located within the Spring Meadow Heights Urban Renewal Area, in the City of Mount Vernon, County of Linn, State of Iowa, by and for the Benefit of the State of Iowa, City of Mount Vernon, County of Linn, Mount Vernon Community School District, and other Taxing Districts, be Paid to a Special Fund for Payment of Principal and Interest Loans, Monies Advanced to and Indebtedness, Including Bonds Issued or to be Issued, Incurred by the City in Connection with the Spring Meadow Heights Urban Renewal Area (Phase 4 Parcels)
  - 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 3-16-2026A: Approving the Engineer's Report, Preliminary Plat and Engineer Compensation, and Setting the Election for the EMS Election as Defined in Chapter 357G of the State Code of Iowa and Giving Notice Thereof

**H. Mayoral Proclamation**

1. None

**I. Old Business**

1. Discussion and Consideration of Lawn Maintenance Agreement for the Mount Vernon Cemetery – Council Action as Needed (tabled on March 2, 2026, motion to remove item from table will need to be made before discussion can occur)

**J. Motions for Approval**

1. Consideration of Claims List – Motion to Approve
2. Discussion and Consideration of WHKS Invoice #57069 – Cemetery Mapping Project – Council Action as Needed
3. Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51387 – Rachel Street Improvements – Council Action as Needed
4. Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date to Amend the Revenue Purpose Statement for the Use of Revenues from Electric and Natural Gas Franchise Fees – Council Action as Needed
5. Discussion and Consideration of Replacing the Firewall at the Police Department – 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

**L. Discussion Items (No Action)**

1. Budget Discussions
2. Quarry Pond Vegetation Control

**M. Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator**

1. February 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 March 2, 2026, at City Hall, 213 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Pro Tem Scott Rose called the meeting to order.

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

**Consent Agenda.** Motion made by Engel, seconded by Hansen-Player to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carries.

Approval of City Council Minutes – February 18, 2026, Regular Council Meeting  
 Approval of Liquor License – Kernoustie Golf Club

**Old Business**

Discussion and Consideration of Lawn Maintenance Agreement for the Mount Vernon Cemetery – Council Action as Needed (tabled on February 18, 2026, motion to remove item from table will need to be made before discussion can occur). Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to remove this item from the table. There were two quotes received for this year's cemetery mowing contract. Jordans Property Care maintained the cemetery for the 2025 calendar year and staff has not received any formal complaints regarding their service. Jordans bid is \$2,600.00 more than the bid received from Dix Lawn Care (\$34,500.00 vs. \$31,900.00). Both companies are local businesses. Council recommended tabling this item again to give staff an opportunity to have discussions with both companies and bring forward a recommendation. Tuerler made a motion to table this item, seconded by Andresen. Motion carries.

**Motions for Approval**

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

CLASSIC SPRAY FOAM INSULATION	INSULATION-PW FACILITIES	38,713.08
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES	22,395.18
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS	13,241.40
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	HWY 1 RECONSTRUCTION	9,694.90
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	7,725.58
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	5,573.41
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	5,513.11
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PW	4,212.90
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	3,731.25
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	HWY 1 RECONSTRUCTION	3,348.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	2,340.60
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	2,275.00
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC-P&A,PD,LBC	2,263.78
FOSTERS KRAUS PLUMBING-HEATING	HVAC MAINT-PD	2,194.60
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	2,099.60
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	EQUIPMENT-P&REC,POOL	2,054.83

ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	2,046.76
KRIS ENGINEERING INC	CURB GUARDS/PARTS-RUT	1,788.56
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	1,768.98
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CITY HALL	1,566.40
RC TECH	HDMI EXTENDERS-PW FACILITIES	1,541.16
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	1,432.14
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS	1,266.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW	1,062.04
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	997.72
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-CITY HALL	959.21
UNDER HILL TRUCK & AUTO REPAIR	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	731.55
MT VERNON ROAD TIRE CO	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	723.20
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-LBC	710.00
MENARDS	CABINETS/HARDWARE-PW FACILITIES	651.02
MT VERNON ROAD TIRE CO	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	649.60
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	STREET MISC ENGINEERING	624.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	CARD PRINTER-PD	599.00
SCOTT-MERRIMAN INC	IMPOUND STICKERS-PD	513.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	487.86
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	457.73
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-P&A	415.89
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	400.02
TASC	FSA ADMIN FEE-ALL DEPTS	375.84
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	LEGAL FEES-P&A	354.00
JEFFREY FRANKFURT	SERVICES-PD	352.20
AMERICAN RED CROSS	TRAINING-POOL	336.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	333.21
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	324.93
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	283.56
CAUSE TEAM	UNIFORMS-FD	255.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP REPAIR-PW	253.33
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	NPDES COMPLIANCE	250.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	250.00
MENARDS	RESTROOM EQUIP-PW FACILITIES	240.99
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SIRENS	230.05
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT,SEW,SW	224.27
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	205.53
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	SUPPLIES-PW FACILITIES	198.24
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW,P&A	196.04
LORI BOREN	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	191.40
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	EQUIPMENT-PW	174.70
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	162.50
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC	162.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-PD	159.76
MERCY PHYSICIAN SERVICES INC	WELLNESS PLATFORM-ALL DEPTS	157.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	138.43
T-MOBILE	VEHICLE SOFTWARE-PD	133.20
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	114.45
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2024 SANITARY SEWER REHAB	111.00
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	108.77
TEMP VENDOR	TOBACCO COMPLIANCE-PD	100.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	97.32
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	90.35
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TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	83.45
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	TRAINING-FD	80.00
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-PD	77.61
IMFOA	CLERK CERTIFICATION-P&A	75.00
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	INTERNET-CITY HALL	69.95
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	EQUIP MAINT-LBC	68.00
RC TECH	CAMERA INSTALLATION-PW FACILITIES	63.25
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PW	60.00
MENARDS	SUPPLIES-RUT	59.98
LUANN YARBROUGH	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	57.94
ACME TOOLS	TOOLS-FD	54.97
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-LBC,P&REC	52.49
US CELLULAR	INTERNET-WAT,SEW	42.54
HANNAH GANZEL	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
KELLI MARIE KENNON-LANE	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-SEW	40.00
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-LBC	40.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	34.71
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SW	27.51
LINN COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC	ANNUAL DUES-FD	25.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	23.91
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	20.98
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>156,565.77</b>

**FUND EXPENSE TOTALS**

PW FACILITIES	49,160.20
GENERAL FUND	31,081.15
RACHEL STREET	14,507.40
2024 INFRASTRUCTURE	13,042.90
LBC	11,824.00
WATER FUND	11,808.08
SEWER FUND	11,425.25
ROAD USE TAX FUND	11,217.12
SOLID WASTE	2,291.40
ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	111.00
STORM WATER FUND	97.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>156,565.77</b>

Discussion and Consideration of Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Certification for Stonebrook Phase 1 – Council Action as Needed. The next eight agenda items identify the tax increment financing reimbursement certification for each phase of the Spring Meadow Heights and Stonebrook subdivisions. City Council must review and certify the allowable tax increment financing dollars to the developer each year. Phase 1 of Spring Meadow Heights reached its “not to exceed” cost of accepted infrastructure in FY25. This will be the final year for Phase 2 of Spring Meadow Heights as it reaches its “not to exceed” amount this fiscal year. Once this occurs, the phase is decertified from the TIF district and returned to the other taxing districts. The Council will need to vote on each certification as a separate motion.

Stonebrook Phase 1 will have \$43,504.35 going to the LMI account and \$73,348.60 going to the developer. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve the Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Certification for Stonebrook Phase 1. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Certification for Stonebrook Phase 2A – Council Action as Needed. Stonebrook Phase 2A will have \$29,477.98 going to the LMI account and \$49,700.06 going to the developer. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Tuerler to approve the Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Certification for Stonebrook Phase 2A. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Certification for Stonebrook Phase 2B – Council Action as Needed. Stonebrook Phase 2B will have \$4,006.95 going to the LMI account and \$6,755.75 going to the developer. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Engel to approve the Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Certification for Stonebrook Phase 2B. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Certification for Stonebrook Phase 3 – Council Action as Needed. Stonebrook Phase 3 will have \$31,103.39 going to the LMI account and \$52,440.49 going to the developer. Motion made by Hansen-Player, seconded by Tuerler to approve the Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Certification for Stonebrook Phase 3. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Certification for Stonebrook Phase 4 – Council Action as Needed. Stonebrook Phase 4 will have \$10,175.71 going to the LMI account and \$17,156.32 going to the developer. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to approve the Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Certification for Stonebrook Phase 4. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Certification for Stonebrook Phase 5 – Council Action as Needed. Stonebrook Phase 5 will have \$387.80 going to the LMI account and \$653.84 going to the developer. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Hansen-Player to approve the Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Certification for Stonebrook Phase 5. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Certification for Spring Meadow Heights Phase 2 – Council Action as Needed. Spring Meadow Heights Phase 2 will have \$38,080.97 going to the LMI account and \$38,549.08 going to the developer. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Tuerler to approve the Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Certification for Spring Meadow Heights Phase 2. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Certification for Spring Meadow Heights Phase 3 – Council Action as Needed. Spring Meadow Heights Phase 3 will have \$129.27 going to the LMI account and \$217.94 going to the developer. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Tuerler to approve the Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Certification for Spring Meadow Heights Phase 3. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Cardio Equipment Lease/Purchase – LBC – Council Action as Needed. Per staff's recommendation, motion made by Andresen, seconded by Tuerler to table this item until a future meeting.

Discussion and Consideration of Chalk Purchase for Chalk the Walk – Council Action as Needed. This is a pass-through expense for the Chalk the Walk event. The proposed cost for the chalk purchase is \$3,800.00, a slight decrease from last year. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to approve the purchase of chalk for Chalk the Walk. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Elliott Field E Infield Renovations – Council Action as Needed. Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders, explained that every year the demand for field usage is greater than availability. Field E has been utilized for many years by Prep League with a grass infield. This league, which is no longer in the area or required to play on a grass infield, has not been utilizing the field. As is, the field sits fairly empty throughout the year. To allow more teams to utilize the field, staff is recommending “skinning” the infield and replacing it with lime. Staff received two quotes for this work, one from Wieneke Land Solutions for \$4,814.00 and another from M&K Dust Control for \$5,125.00. LOST funds will be used to fund this project. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to approve the quote from Wieneke Land Solutions, not to exceed \$5,000.00. Motion carries.

**Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator**

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

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:07 p.m.,  
March 2, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Dewell  
City Clerk



License Administration



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# Retail Tobacco License Review

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON

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Application Information

## Legal Ownership Information

Name of sole proprietor, partnership, corporation, LLC, or LLP : HAPPY DAZE LLC

Type of ownership : Limited Liability Company

Primary office address : 500 JORDAN DR ANAMOSA IA 52205-2133

Legal Ownership Phone : 515-669-3840

Legal Ownership Email : HAPPY.DAZE.319@GMAIL.COM

## Application Information

City/County Permit Number : 05-2025/2026

Sales and Use Permit Number : 300306229

Location Name : HAPPY DAZE

Location Phone Number : 319-895-4014

Location Address : 100 2ND AVE NW MOUNT VERNON IA 52314-1301

Location Mailing Address : 500 JORDAN DR ANAMOSA IA 52205-2133

# CLASS "C" RETAIL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

## Business Information

Name of Legal Entity: JIMNAN LLC

FEIN: XX-XXX3096

Business Type: Limited Liability Company

This business is registered with the Secretary of State.

Business Number of Secretary of State: 655836

## Premises Information

Premises DBA: BIG'S BBQ AND BREW PUB

Premises Address: 106 1ST ST SW MOUNT VERNON IA 52314-4706

Premises Type: Restaurant

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

## License Information

Effective Date: 05-Mar-2026

Length of License Requested: 12MONTH

## **E. Public Hearing**

**AGENDA ITEM # E – 1**

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

<b>DATE:</b>	March 16, 2026
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	Public Hearing – CDBG Generator Grant
<b>ACTION:</b>	Motion to Close

**SYNOPSIS:** The City Council must hold a public hearing on the status of the CDBG Disaster Recovery Emergency Generator grant for the LBC. No formal action is required other than to consider the enclosed reports during a public hearing at the Council meeting.

**BUDGET ITEM:** Grant/LOST

**RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:** City Administrator

**MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION:** Motion to Close

**ATTACHMENTS:** Status Report for the LBC Generator Project

**PREPARED BY:** Chris Nosbsich

**DATE PREPARED:** 3/13/2026

THE PURPOSE OF THIS HEARING IS TO CONSIDER THE STATUS OF FUNDED ACTIVITIES FOR THE MOUNT VERNON EMERGENCY SHELTER GENERATOR, AS ASSISTED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM (CONTRACT # 20-DRI-015).

As required for this hearing, it is noted that:

- a. For a general description of accomplishments to date, a CDBG Disaster Recovery Emergency Generator contract in the amount of \$100,000 was awarded to the city of Mount Vernon from the Iowa Economic Development Authority for the installation of a generator at the Lester Buresh Center. A release of funds was issued on April 24, 2024. A pre-construction meeting was held on November 20, 2024, work began on July 29, 2025, and is set to be completed by March 6, 2026. A required site visit conducted by IEDA took place on February 27, 2026.
- b. For a summary of funding of the activity and source of funds, and total funds spent thus far by source, as of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, a total of \$2,700.00 has been invoiced and paid for project delivery service using CDBG funds.
- c. For a general description of remaining work, remaining work on the project is installing the automatic transfer switch and a scheduled power shut down at the community center.
- d. For a general description of changes made to the project budget, performance targets, activity schedules, project scope, location, objectives or beneficiaries, due to delays in equipment being delivered, the contract for this project was extended through March 31, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING – STATUS OF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

Monday, March 2, 2026, 6:30pm

213 1st St W, Mount Vernon, IA 52314

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Public in attendance:

**AGENDA ITEM # E – 2 & G - 1**

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

<b>DATE:</b>	March 16, 2026
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	Engineering Report and Formation of the EMS District
<b>ACTION:</b>	Motion to Close

**SYNOPSIS:** The public hearing has already been established and needs to be addressed at the meeting. However, the Council will need to table the hearing and any action items on Monday, as the election information necessary for the resolution has not been established to date. Should staff receive this information by the time of your meeting, we will prepare a resolution for your consideration.

**BUDGET ITEM:** N/A

**RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:** City Administrator

**MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION:** Motion to Close

**ATTACHMENTS:** Proceed to G-1

**PREPARED BY:** Chris Nosbsich

**DATE PREPARED:** 3/13/2026

## **F. Ordinance Approval/Amendment**

**AGENDA ITEM # F – 1**

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

<b>DATE:</b>	March 16, 2026
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	Ordinance #3-16-2026A Adopting Phase 4 TIF – Spring Meadow Heights
<b>ACTION:</b>	Motion

**SYNOPSIS:** Phase 4 of the Development Agreement for Spring Meadow Heights was further divided into sub-phases (a,b,c). The infrastructure improvements for the first phase of Phase 4 are complete and have been accepted by the City. In order to start collecting TIF (tax increment financing) dollars to reimburse the developer for infrastructure expenses, the Council must adopt the enclosed ordinance. Phase 4 reimbursables are in the amount of \$378,750. The adoption of this ordinance will initiate the 10-year maximum reimbursement schedule.

**BUDGET ITEM:** TIF

**RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:** City Administrator

**MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION:** Motion

**ATTACHMENTS:** TIF Reimbursement Certifications

**PREPARED BY:** Chris Nosbsich

**DATE PREPARED:** 3/13/2026

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THAT GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED AND COLLECTED EACH YEAR ON **CERTAIN PROPERTY** LOCATED WITHIN THE SPRING MEADOW HEIGHTS URBAN RENEWAL AREA, IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, COUNTY OF LINN, STATE OF IOWA, BY AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE STATE OF IOWA, CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, COUNTY OF LINN, MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND OTHER TAXING DISTRICTS, BE PAID TO A SPECIAL FUND FOR PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON LOANS, MONIES ADVANCED TO AND INDEBTEDNESS, INCLUDING BONDS ISSUED OR TO BE ISSUED, INCURRED BY THE CITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE SPRING MEADOW HEIGHTS URBAN RENEWAL AREA (**PHASE 4 PARCELS**)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Iowa, after public notice and hearing as prescribed by law and pursuant to Resolution No. 12-18-2017A passed and approved on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017, adopted an Urban Renewal Plan (the "Urban Renewal Plan") for an urban renewal area known as the Spring Meadow Heights Urban Renewal Area (the "Urban Renewal Area"), which Urban Renewal Area includes the lots and parcels located within the area legally described as follows ("**Phase 4 Parcels**"):

PHASE 4

**(Phase 4a)**

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AND PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER BOTH IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 82 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PARCEL A, PLAT OF SURVEY NO. 591 AS RECORDED IN BOOK 3908, PAGE 662 IN THE OFFICE OF THE LINN COUNTY, IOWA RECORDER; THENCE N88°17'35"E 176.88 FEET; THENCE N1°58'43"W 98.69 FEET; THENCE S88°01'17"W 175.19 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID PARCEL A; THENCE N0°59'11"W 502.69 FEET; THENCE S32°48'01"E 397.74 FEET; THENCE N1°58'43"W 314.00 FEET; THENCE N88°01'17"E 132.01 FEET; THENCE EASTERLY 82.40 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 50.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHERLY (CHORD BEARS S86°03'27"E 73.38 FEET); THENCE N88°01'17"E 126.00 FEET; THENCE S1°58'43"E 348.42 FEET; THENCE S16°50'33"W 60.00 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY 120.18 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 370.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHERLY (CHORD BEARS N82°27'47"W 119.66 FEET);

THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 66.44 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 330.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE WESTERLY (CHORD BEARS S9°00'20"W 66.33 FEET); THENCE S14°46'23"W 58.46 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 5.85 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 270.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY (CHORD BEARS S14°09'07"W 5.85 FEET); THENCE S71°24'29"E 175.66 FEET; THENCE S14°25'20"W 150.98 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 35.72 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 230.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY (CHORD BEARS S71°07'44"E 35.68 FEET); THENCE S23°19'12"W 60.00 FEET; THENCE S15°12'10"W 124.24 FEET; THENCE S88°01'17"W 487.45 FEET; THENCE N1°58'43"W 195.00 FEET; THENCE S88°01'17"W 0.22 FEET; THENCE N1°58'43"W 144.10 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID PARCEL A; THENCE N88°17'35"E 18.12 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 417,474 SQ.FT., 9.58 ACRES, SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

AND

**(PHASE 4B)**

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF CANDLESTICK, PART FIVE TO MOUNT VERNON, IOWA AS RECORDED IN BOOK 4483, PAGES 507-514 IN THE OFFICE OF THE LINN COUNTY, IOWA RECORDER; THENCE N1°02'03"W 348.45 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 10 TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE N0°59'08"W 984.89 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S88°04'49"W 51.60 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY 172.67 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 370.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE NORTHERLY (CHORD BEARS N78°33'01"W 171.11 FEET); THENCE NORTHWESTERLY 59.86 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 430.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHERLY (CHORD BEARS N69°10'10"W 59.81 FEET); THENCE N1°58'43"W 348.42 FEET; THENCE N88°01'17"E 280.29 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE S0°59'08"E 411.46 FEET ALONG SAID EAST LINE AND THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND

**(PHASE 4C)**

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID CANDLESTICK, PART FIVE; THENCE N1°02'03"W 348.45 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE N0°59'08"W 720.08 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N71°24'29"W 466.82 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 5.85 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 270.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY (CHORD BEARS N14°09'07"E 5.85 FEET); THENCE N14°46'23"E 58.46 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 66.44 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 330.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE WESTERLY (CHORD BEARS N9°00'20"E 66.33 FEET); THENCE EASTERLY 120.18 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 370.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHERLY (CHORD BEARS S82°27'47"E 119.66 FEET); THENCE N16°50'33"E 60.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 59.86 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 430.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHERLY (CHORD BEARS S69°10'10"E 59.81 FEET); THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 172.67 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 370.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE NORTHERLY (CHORD BEARS S78°33'01"E 171.11 FEET); THENCE N88°04'49"E 51.60 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE S0°59'08"E 264.81 FEET ALONG SAID EAST LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

WHEREAS, expenditures and indebtedness are anticipated to be incurred by the City of Mount Vernon, State of Iowa, to finance urban renewal project activities carried out in furtherance of the objectives of the Urban Renewal Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Iowa, desires to provide for the division of revenue from taxation on the **Phase 4 Parcels** in the Urban Renewal Area, as above described, in accordance with the provisions of Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa, as amended. [Note: The **Phase 4 Parcels** is the only portion of the Urban Renewal Area that will be included in this TIF Ordinance. The City has previously adopted separate ordinances which provide for the division of revenue with respect to other portions of the Urban Renewal Area. Nothing in this Ordinance shall amend the prior ordinances nor shall this Ordinance impact the base value or division of revenue already established in the previously approved ordinances.]

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That the taxes levied on the taxable property in the **Phase 4 Parcels** of the Urban Renewal Area legally described in the preamble hereof, by and for the benefit of the State of Iowa, City of Mount Vernon, County of Linn, Mount Vernon Community School District, and all other taxing districts from and after the effective date of this Ordinance shall be divided as hereinafter in this Ordinance provided.

Section 2. That portion of the taxes which would be produced by the rate at which the tax is levied each year by or for each of the taxing districts upon the total sum of the assessed value of the taxable property in the **Phase 4 Parcels** of the Urban Renewal Area, as shown on the assessment roll as of January 1 of the calendar year preceding the first calendar year in which the City of Mount Vernon, State of Iowa, certifies to the Auditor of Linn County, Iowa the amount of loans, advances, indebtedness, or bonds payable from the division of property tax revenue described herein, shall be allocated to and when collected be paid into the fund for the respective taxing district as taxes by or for the taxing district into which all other property taxes are paid.

Section 3. That portion of the taxes each year in excess of the base period taxes determined as provided in Section 2 of this Ordinance shall be allocated to and when collected be paid into a special tax increment fund of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Iowa, hereby established, to pay the principal of and interest on loans, monies advanced to, indebtedness, whether funded, refunded, assumed or otherwise, including bonds or obligations issued under the authority of Section 403.9 or 403.12 of the Code of Iowa, as amended, incurred by the City of Mount Vernon, State of Iowa, to finance or refinance, in whole or in part, urban renewal projects undertaken anywhere within the Urban Renewal Area pursuant to the Urban Renewal Plan, except that (i) taxes for the regular and voter-approved physical plant and equipment levy of a school district imposed pursuant to Iowa Code Section 298.2 and taxes for the instructional support program of a school district imposed pursuant to Iowa Code Section 257.19 (but in each case only to the extent required under Iowa Code Section 403.19(2)); (ii) taxes for the payment of bonds and interest of each taxing district; (iii) taxes imposed under Iowa Code Section 346.27(22) related to joint county-city buildings; and (iv) any other exceptions under Iowa Code Section 403.19 in existence at the time this Ordinance becomes effective shall be collected against all taxable property within the **Phase 4 Parcels** of the Urban Renewal Area without any limitation as hereinabove provided.

Section 4. Unless or until the total assessed valuation of the taxable property in **Phase 4 Parcels** of the Urban Renewal Area exceeds the total assessed value of the taxable property in the **Phase 4 Parcels** of the Urban Renewal Area as shown by the assessment roll referred to in Section 2 of this Ordinance, all of the taxes levied and collected upon the taxable property in the **Phase 4 Parcels** of the Urban Renewal Area shall be paid into the funds for the respective taxing districts as taxes by or for the taxing districts in the same manner as all other property taxes.

Section 5. At such time as the loans, advances, indebtedness, bonds, and interest thereon of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Iowa, referred to in Section 3 hereof have been paid, all monies thereafter received from taxes upon the taxable property in the **Phase 4 Parcels** of the Urban Renewal Area shall be paid into the funds for the respective taxing districts in the same manner as taxes on all other property.

Section 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. The provisions of this Ordinance are intended and shall be construed so as to fully implement the provisions of Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa, as amended, with respect to the division of taxes from property within the **Phase 4 Parcels** of the Urban Renewal Area as described above. In the event that any provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be contrary to law, it shall not affect other provisions or application of this Ordinance which shall at all times be construed to fully invoke the provisions of Section 403.19

of the Code of Iowa with reference to the **Phase 4 Parcels** of the Urban Renewal Area and the territory contained therein.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Read First Time: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

Read Second Time: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

Read Third Time: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

PASSED AND APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ passed and approved by the City Council of the City at a meeting held \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, signed by the Mayor on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, and published in the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk, City of Mount Vernon, State of Iowa

(SEAL)

4935-8264-5620-1\13932-030

ORDINANCE CERTIFICATE

STATE OF IOWA )  
 ) SS  
COUNTY OF LINN )

1. I certify that Ordinance Number \_\_\_\_\_, of which a true copy is attached, was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Iowa, signed by the Mayor and published as required by law and is now in effect. I further certify that the consideration(s) and votes taken for the enactment of the Ordinance occurred as follows:

*(For any consideration that was waived, insert N/A in the blanks for that consideration and complete paragraph regarding waiver below.)*

First consideration - Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: In favor \_\_\_\_\_, Opposed \_\_\_\_\_,  
Absent or Abstain \_\_\_\_\_.

Second consideration - Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: In favor \_\_\_\_\_, Opposed \_\_\_\_\_,  
Absent or Abstain \_\_\_\_\_.

Third Consideration - Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: In favor \_\_\_\_\_, Opposed \_\_\_\_\_,  
Absent or Abstain \_\_\_\_\_.

On the date of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, the City Council adopted a motion for the suspension of the rule requiring separate consideration at three meetings and voted the final adoption of the Ordinance. The vote for suspension of the rules was by three-fourths of the full City Council, voting \_\_\_\_\_ in favor, \_\_\_\_\_ opposed, and \_\_\_\_\_ absent, vacant or abstaining and was duly recorded as noted above.

- 2. I further certify that if any consideration of the Ordinance did not receive an affirmative vote for passage, there was no further consideration of the Ordinance on any date thereafter.
- 3. Following final approval of the Ordinance by the City Council, the full text of Ordinance (or a summary of the Ordinance complying with Iowa Code Section 380.7(3)) was published in the following newspaper(s) on the following date(s):

Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2026

4. I further certify that each meeting for the consideration of the Ordinance was duly and publicly held, with a notice of the meeting and tentative agenda naming the consideration of the Ordinance timely posted and upon reasonable advance notice to the media as required by the Chapter 21, Code of Iowa, and rules of the Council then governing.

5. I further certify that the individuals named therein were on the date thereof duly and lawfully possessed of their respective city offices as indicated therein, that no Council vacancy existed except as may be stated in the proceedings, and that no controversy or litigation is pending, prayed or threatened involving the incorporation, organization, existence or boundaries of the City or the right of the individuals named therein as officers to their respective positions.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the City hereto affixed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk, City of Mount Vernon, State of Iowa

(SEAL)

**(Attach Affidavit of Publication to this Certificate  
and send Certificate and Affidavit to Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.)**

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CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION TO COUNTY AUDITOR

I hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the Tax Increment Ordinance approved by the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Iowa, designated as Ordinance Number \_\_\_\_\_, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THAT GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED AND COLLECTED EACH YEAR ON **CERTAIN PROPERTY** LOCATED WITHIN THE SPRING MEADOW HEIGHTS URBAN RENEWAL AREA, IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, COUNTY OF LINN, STATE OF IOWA, BY AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE STATE OF IOWA, CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, COUNTY OF LINN, MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND OTHER TAXING DISTRICTS, BE PAID TO A SPECIAL FUND FOR PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON LOANS, MONIES ADVANCED TO AND INDEBTEDNESS, INCLUDING BONDS ISSUED OR TO BE ISSUED, INCURRED BY THE CITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE SPRING MEADOW HEIGHTS URBAN RENEWAL AREA **(PHASE 4 PARCELS)**

approved by the City Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, and duly published on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, the original of which is on file in the records of the undersigned.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Mount Vernon

(CITY SEAL)

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COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, County Auditor of Linn County, Iowa, hereby certify that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, there was filed in my office a true and correct copy of the Tax Increment Ordinance of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Iowa, Ordinance Number \_\_\_\_\_, approved by the City Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, all duly certified upon the form attached above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Auditor of Linn County, Iowa

(COUNTY SEAL)  
4903-0212-3158-1\13932-030

## **G. Resolutions for Approval**

# **I. Old Business**

**AGENDA ITEM # I – 1**

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

<b>DATE:</b>	March 16, 2026
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	Lawn Maintenance – Mount Vernon Cemetery
<b>ACTION:</b>	Motion (Must have a motion to remove item from table first)

**SYNOPSIS:** Staff have notified both contractors that multiple proposals were received for the cemetery mowing contract. The contractors are aware of the Council meeting date and time.

**BUDGET ITEM:** General

**RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:** City Administrator

**MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION:** Motion

**ATTACHMENTS:** Quotes

**PREPARED BY:** Chris Nosbsich

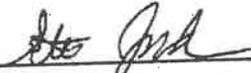
**DATE PREPARED:** 3/13/2026

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 with the last payment due on or before October 1<sup>st</sup>, 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

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# Dix Lawn Care

842 Henik Road  
Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314  
(319) 481-4748  
jmcjdix@gmail.com

# Estimate

Submitted on 2/25/2026

### Estimate for

City of Mount Vernon Iowa  
213 First St NW  
Mount Vernon, IA 52314

### Payable to

Dix Lawn Care

### Project

Cemetery Lawn Care Services

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Description	Qty	Unit price	Total price
Mowing and Trimming 2026 season at Mount Vernon Cemetery	1	\$31,900.00	\$31,900.00

Notes:

Subtotal	\$31,900.00
Adjustments	\$0.00
	<b>\$31,900.00</b>

## 2026 LAWN CARE SERVICE CONTRACT

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, by and between:

- **SERVICE PROVIDER:** Dix Lawn Care, with a mailing address of 842 Henik Road, Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314 (“Contractor”).
- **CLIENT:** City of Mount Vernon, Iowa, with a mailing address of 213 1st Street NW, Mount Vernon, IA 52314 (“City”).

### 1. PROPERTY

The services shall be performed at the Mount Vernon Cemetery, located in Mount Vernon, Linn County, Iowa.

### 2. TERM

The term of this Agreement shall commence in **late March or April 2026** (aligned with the City’s spring cleanup schedule) and shall continue through **November 2026**.

### 3. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Contractor agrees to provide the following services:

- **Mowing & Trimming:** Weekly mowing of all cemetery turf areas during the growing season and as needed during the dry season. Trimming shall be performed around all monuments, markers, trees, and fences.

### 4. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & RESTRICTIONS

- **Monument Protection:** The Contractor is responsible for any damage to monuments, turf, or plantings. Damaged property must be restored to its original condition at the Contractor’s expense.
- **Schedule:** Mowing will only occur between 8:00am and 9:00pm. Mowing should avoid times when funeral services are being conducted. The City will provide notice of scheduled services if possible.

### 5. COMPENSATION & PAYMENT

- **Rate:** The City agrees to pay the Contractor \$31,900 for the season, in 6 equal monthly installments beginning May 1, 2026.
- **Invoicing:** The Contractor shall submit monthly invoices to the City Clerk for approval by the City Council.

### 6. INSURANCE & LIABILITY

- **Insurance:** The Contractor must maintain and provide proof of General Liability and Workers’ Compensation insurance throughout the contract term.
- **Indemnification:** The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless from any claims arising from the Contractor’s operations.

**7. GOVERNING LAW**

This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the **laws of the State of Iowa.**

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**SIGNATURES**  
**Dix Lawn Care**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**City of Mount Vernon, Iowa**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **J. Motions for Approval**

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON  
CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL, MARCH 16, 2026

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	116,730.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	38,376.97
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW	25,748.10
TURF TANK	GPS PAINT ROBOT-P&REC,RUT	11,000.00
8 FINGER HVAC LLC	TUBE HEATERS-PW FACILITIES	7,980.00
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	EMS DISTRICT MAPPING	7,500.00
CANVAS PRODUCTS CO	AWNINGS-CITY HALL	5,948.50
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-ALL DEPTS	4,419.72
RC TECH	AV EQUIP-LBC	3,966.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	3,448.62
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	3,347.35
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	3,235.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	3,193.66
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	2,990.00
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC-P&A,PD,LBC	2,829.16
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	2,400.00
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	2,363.58
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,122.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PD	1,923.08
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	1,535.73
VERMEER SALES & SERVICE INC	EQUIP MAINT-PW	1,284.92
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	1,228.05
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	VIDEO CLOUD STORAGE-PD	1,212.17
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	SALT-RUT	1,115.00
IOWA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	WATER MEMBER DUES-WAT	1,110.00
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES	GENERATOR-PD	950.39
BASEPOINT BUILDING AUTOMATIONS	BLDG MAINT-LBC	949.92
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,P&REC	946.50
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-PD	920.70
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-PD,PW	886.32
STEVE MOEL	MEALS- PD K9 TRAINING	825.00
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-FD	722.65
KATEY FOREST	TRAVEL EXPENSES-POOL,LBC	712.12
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	698.53
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	660.50
MT VERNON ROAD TIRE CO	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	653.60
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-PD	595.00
IPERS	WAGE ADJUSTMENT-PD	510.29
CAMPBELL SUPPLY	EQUIP-FD	500.00
OVERHEAD DOOR CO	DOOR MAINT-FD	476.00
RTL EQUIPMENT	EQUIP MAINT-PW	414.50
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	388.10
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	375.23
INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES-CITY HALL	351.94
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	316.26
ECICOG	GENERATOR GRANT-LBC	300.00
USA BLUE BOOK	SUPPLIES-WAT	287.89
P&K MIDWEST INC	SUPPLIES-SEW	253.31
KONE INC	ELEVATOR MAINT-P&A	234.45
FREY PET HOSPITAL	SERVICES-PD K9	197.79
JUNCTION AUTO SALES	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	185.40
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-LBC	178.33
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-ALL DEPTS	162.25
MARKET STREET	WEBSITE MAINT-HPC	160.00
US CELLULAR	PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS	150.05
THEISEN SUPPLY INC	UNIFORMS-PW	149.97
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL-PW	138.95
CHRIS NOSBISCH	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	134.12

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON  
CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL, MARCH 16, 2026

PNP	FUEL-PD	130.00
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	108.61
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	90.35
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-VC	82.75
CYPRESS SOLUTIONS	SUBSCRIPTION-PD	78.75
STANARD & ASSOCIATES	SUPPLIES-PD	78.00
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-PD	77.61
IOWA DEPT OF AGRICULTURE & LAND	DOG KENNEL LICENSE	75.00
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-CITY HALL	72.54
CAUSE TEAM	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	53.00
UNITYPOINT CLINIC	DRUG TESTING-PW	42.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-RUT	37.02
SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY RENEWAL-P&A	30.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	EQUIP REPAIR-LBC	27.36
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-CITY HALL	19.96
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	18.99
AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>273,421.11</b>

**FUND EXPENSE TOTALS**

PAYROLL	116,730.00
GENERAL FUND	55,551.10
SOLID WASTE	31,303.40
LBC	14,527.34
WATER FUND	14,391.82
ROAD USE TAX FUND	12,850.88
SEWER FUND	12,664.52
PW FACILITIES	7,980.00
FRANCHISE FEE	5,948.50
STORM WATER FUND	1,473.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>273,421.11</b>

**FY26 FEBRUARY REVENUE**

PUBLIC WORKS	271,273.80
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	187,271.31
CULTURE-RECREATION	51,032.20
TIF REVENUE	7,041.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,222.00
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV	577.41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>518,417.72</b>

**AGENDA ITEM # J – 2**

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

<b>DATE:</b>	March 16, 2026
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	WHKS Invoice #57069 – Cemetery GIS
<b>ACTION:</b>	Motion

**SYNOPSIS:** WHKS has submitted an invoice in the amount of \$8,081.54 for the cemetery mapping project. Staff have reviewed preliminary map results and are pleased with the current progress of the project.

**BUDGET ITEM:** General

**RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:** City Administrator

**MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION:** Motion

**ATTACHMENTS:** Invoice

**PREPARED BY:** Chris Nosbsich

**DATE PREPARED:** 3/13/2026



engineers + planners + land surveyors

801 Bluff Street | Suite 2C  
Dubuque, IA 52001-4661  
Phone: 563-239-9400  
Federal ID: 42-0943938

February 25, 2026

Project No: 10433.00

Invoice No: 57069

Lori Boren  
City of Mount Vernon, Iowa  
213 First Street NW  
Mount Vernon, IA 52314

Project 10433.00 Mount Vernon - Cemetery GIS  
Professional Engineering Services from January 03, 2026 through February 06, 2026

**Technical Services** 7,786.59

**Reimbursable Expenses**

Mileage & Transport 97.02  
**Total Reimbursables** 97.02 97.02

**Unit Billing**

Co Vehicle Mileage 197.93

**Total Amount Due this Invoice** \$8,081.54

**Billings to Date**

	Current	Prior	Total
Labor	7,786.59	4,821.75	12,608.34
Expense	97.02	0.00	97.02
Unit	197.93	91.00	288.93
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,081.54</b>	<b>4,912.75</b>	<b>12,994.29</b>

**AGENDA ITEM # J – 3**

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

<b>DATE:</b>	March 16, 2026
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	V&K Invoice #51387 – Rachel Street
<b>ACTION:</b>	Motion

**SYNOPSIS:** V&K Engineering has submitted an invoice in the amount of \$7,700.00 for the Rachel Street Improvements. Staff are unaware of any issues that would delay the contractual deadline. Kwik Star held a preconstruction meeting for their building on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

**BUDGET ITEM:** Bond/TIF

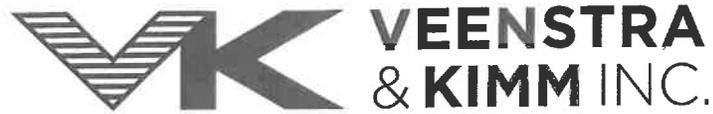
**RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:** City Administrator

**MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION:** Motion

**ATTACHMENTS:** Invoice

**PREPARED BY:** Chris Nosbsich

**DATE PREPARED:** 3/13/2026



**VEENSTRA  
& KIMM INC.**  
 .....  
**A Kleinfelder Company**  
**STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

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

February 21, 2026  
 Invoice No: 51387 - 4

Project Manager Dave Schechinger

Engineering services for Rachel Street Improvements -RR

**Professional Services from January 18, 2026 to February 14, 2026**

**Professional Personnel**

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Technician III	68.50	105.00	7,192.50	
Totals	68.50		7,192.50	
<b>Total Labor</b>				<b>7,192.50</b>

**Unit Billing**

Mileage			507.50	
<b>Total Units</b>			<b>507.50</b>	<b>507.50</b>

**Total this Invoice \$7,700.00**

**Billings to Date**

	Current	Prior	Total
Labor	7,192.50	18,766.00	25,958.50
Unit	507.50	1,412.60	1,920.10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,700.00</b>	<b>20,178.60</b>	<b>27,878.60</b>

**AGENDA ITEM # J – 4**

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

<b>DATE:</b>	March 16, 2026
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	Set Public Hearing Date – Franchise Fees
<b>ACTION:</b>	Motion

**SYNOPSIS:** The City Council adopted a revenue purpose statement for allowable uses of Franchise Fees on April 3, 2017. During the approval process, the City Council was concerned with including the following language in the Revenue Purpose statement, “public safety, including the equipping of fire, police, emergency services, sanitation, street and civil defense departments.” More specifically, the Council was concerned that franchise fees would be leveraged for multiple years to fund the construction of a new police department facility. Since the issue of police facilities/space has now been rectified, staff would once again ask that this language be included in a revised revenue purpose statement for the City. As the general fund/property taxes continue to be limited by the State, the City must identify alternative revenue sources for the purchase of large equipment/vehicles.

**BUDGET ITEM:** FF

**RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:** City Administrator

**MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION:** Motion

**ATTACHMENTS:** Proposed Revenue Purpose Statement Resolution

**PREPARED BY:** Chris Nosbsich

**DATE PREPARED:** 3/13/2026

RESOLUTION #4-6-2026

RESOLUTION AMENDING AND ADOPTING A REVENUE PURPOSE  
STATEMENT FOR THE USE OF REVENUES FROM ELECTRIC AND NATURAL  
GAS FRANCHISE FEES

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa has chosen to establish utility franchise fees for Interstate Power and Light Company (Alliant Energy) for the sale and distribution of electric energy and natural gas within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 364.2, subsection (4)(f) of the Code of Iowa, the City prepared and adopted Resolution #4-3-2017A establishing a Revenue Purpose Statement outlining the purposes for which the City shall use the franchise fee revenues that will be received if the proposed franchise ordinances are adopted; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mt. Vernon is holding a public hearing to amend its Revenue Purpose Statement to its electric and natural gas franchises.

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

Section 1. That the Revenue Purpose Statement for the use or expenditure of electric and natural gas franchise fee revenues for the City of Mt. Vernon, is hereby amended to include additional expenditures and adopted as follows:

REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 364.2 subsection (4)(f) of the Code of Iowa, the City of Mt. Vernon hereby establishes the following purposes allowed under Iowa Code for which franchise fee revenues from its electric and natural gas franchises may be used or expended:

- a. The repair, remediation, restoration, cleanup, replacement, and improvement of existing public improvements and other publicly owned property, buildings and facilities.
- b. Projects designed to prevent or mitigate future disasters as defined in Iowa Code Section 29C.2.
- c. Energy conservation measures for low-income homeowners, low-income energy assistance programs, and weatherization programs.

- d. The establishment, construction, reconstruction, repair, equipping, remodeling, and extension of public works, public utilities, and public transportation systems.
- e. The construction, reconstruction, or repair of streets, highways, bridges, sidewalks, pedestrian underpasses and overpasses, street light fixtures, and public grounds, and the acquisition of real estate needed for such purposes.
- f. Economic development activities and projects.
- g. Public Safety, including the equipping of fire, police, emergency services, sanitation, street and civil defense departments.

Section 2. That the City Clerk shall publish the Revenue Purpose Statement pursuant to Section 362.3 of the Iowa Code.

Section 3. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed, and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

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Thomas M. Weiseler, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Marsha Dewell, City Clerk

**AGENDA ITEM # J – 5**

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

<b>DATE:</b>	March 16, 2026
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	Firewall Replacement – Police Department
<b>ACTION:</b>	Motion

**SYNOPSIS:** The firewall system at the Police Department is in need of replacement. Iowa Solutions is proposing a fee of \$4,149.13.

**BUDGET ITEM:** Police

**RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:** City Administrator

**MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION:** Motion

**ATTACHMENTS:** Proposal

**PREPARED BY:** Chris Nosbsich

**DATE PREPARED:** 3/13/2026



We have prepared a quote for you

**Firewall Replacement - 2026**

Quote # 001033  
Version 1

Prepared for:

**Mount Vernon Police Dept.**

Jason Blinks  
jblinks@mtvernonlisbonpd-ia.gov



Wednesday, March 04, 2026

Mount Vernon Police Dept.  
Jason Blinks  
213 First St West  
Mount Vernon, IA 52314  
jblinks@mtvernonlisbonpd-ia.gov

Dear Jason,

Thank you for giving Iowa Solutions the opportunity to provide pricing and services for Mount Vernon Police Dept.. Here is our proposal **Firewall Replacement - 2026** for your review. We understand that it can be difficult to keep up with the world of technology as it is constantly changing. This is why you need a partner like Iowa Solutions.

Iowa Solutions has been a leader in computer technology solutions since 1999. Our success in this highly competitive industry has been from listening to our customers. Through customer feedback, we consistently identify the technology needs of our clients, enabling us to provide the best support at the fairest price. We strive to understand our customers business needs and meet or exceed their expectations to grow their business, as we grow ours.

*Eric Anderson*

Eric Anderson  
Technical Director  
Iowa Solutions Inc

## Time & Materials

One-time items listed below are based on a Time & Materials basis. Costs are listed as an estimate, versus not-to-exceed.

Description	Price	Qty	Ext. Price
<b>Setup and Configuration</b> Complete initial setup and configuration.  Migrate applicable settings from existing firewall  Make sure to reconnect VPNs as required for Door Access, Cameras (LBC if needed) and Motorola.  Test and verify all settings  Remove existing hardware and dispose.	\$170.00	6	\$1,020.00
<b>FortiGate 50G Firewall with 5 Year UTP + Cloud</b> FortiGate 50G Firewall with 5 Year UTP + Cloud	\$2,960.13	1	\$2,960.13
<b>FortiGate 50G - Rack Kit</b> FortiGate 50G - Rack Kit	\$169.00	1	\$169.00

**Subtotal: \$4,149.13**

## Firewall Replacement - 2026



Prepared by:  
**Iowa Solutions Inc**  
 Eric Anderson  
 319-734-5107  
 eric@iowasolutions.com

Prepared for:  
**Mount Vernon Police Dept.**  
 213 First St West  
 Mount Vernon, IA 52314  
 Jason Blinks  
 (319) 895-6141  
 jblinks@mtvernonlisbonpd-ia.gov

Quote Information:  
**Quote #: 001033**  
 Version: 1  
 Delivery Date: 02/23/2026  
 Expiration Date: 03/25/2026

### Quote Summary

Description	Amount
Time & Materials	\$4,149.13
<b>Total: \$4,149.13</b>	

### Payment Options

Description	Payments	Interval	Amount
Agreement			
Products to Purchase			
<b>Net 20 Terms</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>One-Time</b>	<b>\$4,149.13</b>

### Summary of Selected Payment Options

Description	Amount
<b>Products to Purchase: Net 20 Terms</b>	
<b>Total of Payments</b>	<b>\$4,149.13</b>

**EXPIRATION OF PROPOSAL.** Unless executed by the parties hereto, this Proposal will expire at the earliest of, (i) thirty (30) days from the date of Iowa Solutions, Inc's execution thereof, (ii) the expiration date shown on the signature page of this Proposal or (iii) expiration of any manufacturer's discount included in this Proposal.

Provider reserves the right to correct any errors, inaccuracies or omissions, and to change or update information or cancel orders if any information, including Services or pricing is inaccurate.

#### Acceptance and Incorporation by Reference

This Order together with the Master Services Agreement and Service Attachments and other terms and conditions identified on Exhibit A, all of which are incorporated herein by reference (collectively, the "Agreement") is between Iowa Solutions (sometimes



referred to as "we," "us," "our," or "Provider"), and the customer identified on the Order (sometimes referred to as "you," "your," or "Client"). This Agreement is effective as of the date the Client accepts the Order (the "Effective Date").

By signing or accepting this Order, Client acknowledges, represents, and warrants that it has read and agrees to the terms and conditions identified on Exhibit A to this Order which are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

The parties hereby agree that electronic signatures to this Order shall be relied upon and will bind them to the obligations stated herein. Each party hereby warrants and represents that it has the express authority to execute this Agreement(s).

Provider may make changes to the Agreement at any time. If there are changes, Provider will revise the date at the top of the document. Provider may or may not provide Client with additional notice regarding such changes. Client should review the terms and conditions regularly. Unless otherwise noted, the amended terms and conditions will be effective immediately, and your continued use of the Services thereafter constitutes your acceptance of the changes. If you do not agree to the amended terms and conditions, you must stop using the Services immediately. Please note, you may incur a termination fee or other third-party fees, if applicable. You may access the current version of the terms and conditions at any time by visiting <https://www.iowasolutions.com/legal.html>

The parties, acting through their authorized officers, hereby execute this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Order Form is agreed to by the parties below and entered into as of the Order Effective Date.

Iowa Solutions Inc

Mount Vernon Police Dept.

Signature: Eric Anderson  
Name: Eric Anderson  
Title: Technical Director  
Date: 02/23/2026

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Jason Blinks  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

 Exhibit A

Agreement	Description
<a href="#">Master Services Agreement</a>	General terms and conditions applicable to all Provider products and services.
<a href="#">Service Attachment for Managed Services</a>	Core managed services including monitoring, remote management, and help-desk.
<a href="#">Schedule of Services</a>	Description of managed services offered by Provider.
<a href="#">Data Processing Agreement</a>	Data security and privacy agreement including statutorily required terms.
<a href="#">Service Level Objectives</a>	Targeted response times by tier of severity.
<a href="#">Schedule of Third-Party Services</a>	Notice of third-party services and waiver of claims.

## **K. Reports-Received/File**



# Mt. Vernon-Lisbon Police Department

Jason C. Blinks  
Chief of Police

February 2026 Monthly Report

## Vehicle Collisions

There was a total of 5 reported collisions during the month. There were 3 collisions in Mount Vernon. Collision 1 occurred on N. College Blvd when unit 1 packed out of a parking spot and struck unit 2, which was legally parked. Damage was estimated at \$7,000 and no injuries were reported. Collision 2 occurred on the 100 block of Hwy 1 South when unit 1 rearended unit 2 while going through a drive thru. Damage was estimated at \$0 and no injuries were reported. Collision 3 occurred on the 100 block of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE when unit 1 struck unit 2, which was legally parked. Damage was estimated at \$900 and no injuries were reported.

There were 2 collisions in Lisbon. Collision 1 occurred on W. School St when unit 1 backed into unit 2 which was stopped at a stop sign. Damage was estimated at \$8,500 and no injuries were reported. Collision 2 occurred on the 200 block of W. South St. when unit 1 attempted to turn left and struck unit 2, which was legally parked. Damage was estimated at \$700 and no injuries were reported.

## Incidents/Arrest

There were 19 reported incidents during the month. In Mount Vernon, there were 15 reports which included: assault (x3), criminal mischief (x2), leave scene of accident - property damage, unauthorized use of credit card, harassment, hit and run, employee selling tobacco to person under 21, welfare check, violation of no contact order, theft, driving while barred (x2), possession of drug paraphernalia, and warrant.

In Lisbon, there were 4 reports which included: sexual abuse, violation of no contact order, juvenile issue, and driving while license revoked.

During the month, officers had 5 arrests. In Mount Vernon there were 3, including: warrant and driving while barred (x2)

In Lisbon there were 2 including: violation of no contact order and driving while license revoked.

## Community Service/Training/Misc.:

- The department hosted a THRIVE workshop
- Officer Gehrke conducted threat assessment training with a local business
- Administrative Assistant Tasha Whitman participated in Best Practices for Supporting Schools, Workplaces and Communities After Suicide Loss training

380 Old Lincoln Highway  
Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314

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



# Mt. Vernon-Lisbon Police Department

Jason C. Blinks  
Chief of Police

K9:

No deployments. Officer Moel and Grom will attend training in March, focusing on tracking, article searches, personal protection and apprehension. Due to an injury to the tip of his tail, it was decided by the vet to dock his tail.

GTSB:

During February, officers worked 0 hours of GTSB.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason Blinks".

Chief of Police



**Mount  
Vernon**  
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

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**Public Works Report  
3/16/2026  
Council Meeting**

Spring is approaching and warmer weather is slowly moving in! YAY!

Things are going to get busier than they already are and we have been preparing for the abundant duties associated with the warmer days.

Most of our time in the last several weeks has been spent getting materials, supplies, equipment, and tools moved out of the old shop and placed at the new shop. There are a few items left in the old PW shop at this point for continued use and there are some equipment attachments there for the same reason. All that stuff and the metal dumpster, recycle & garbage dumpster, and the sign shed will be moved in the next week or so.

Work has been done getting all the interior doors painted and hung in the new shop. Cabinets have been fully installed. A fresh coat of wax has been applied to the floor. Benches were installed for the locker area. The tv's for the cameras in the office, break room, and shop have been mounted and hooked up.

The insulation had been done in the shop area and now the new radiant tube heaters are installed and working great.

Almost all the pallet racking has been erected in the south building and has made it easier to get things organized in that space.

We have blown in the attic insulation in the brine shed. We need to texture the walls in the brine shed and then we can get the brine tanks, brine making tub, sink, and plumbing installed.



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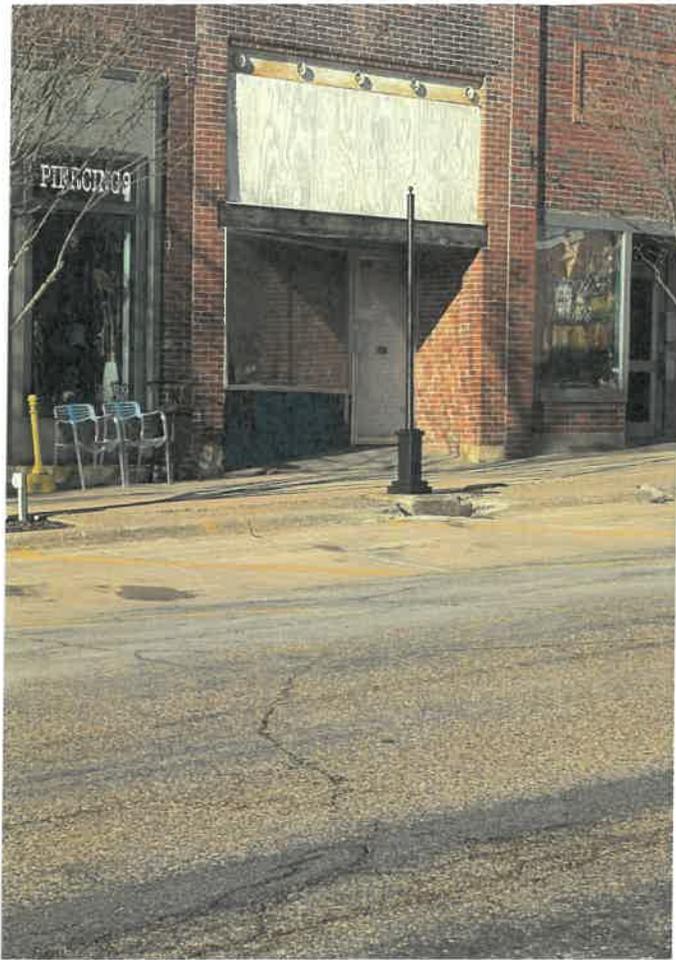
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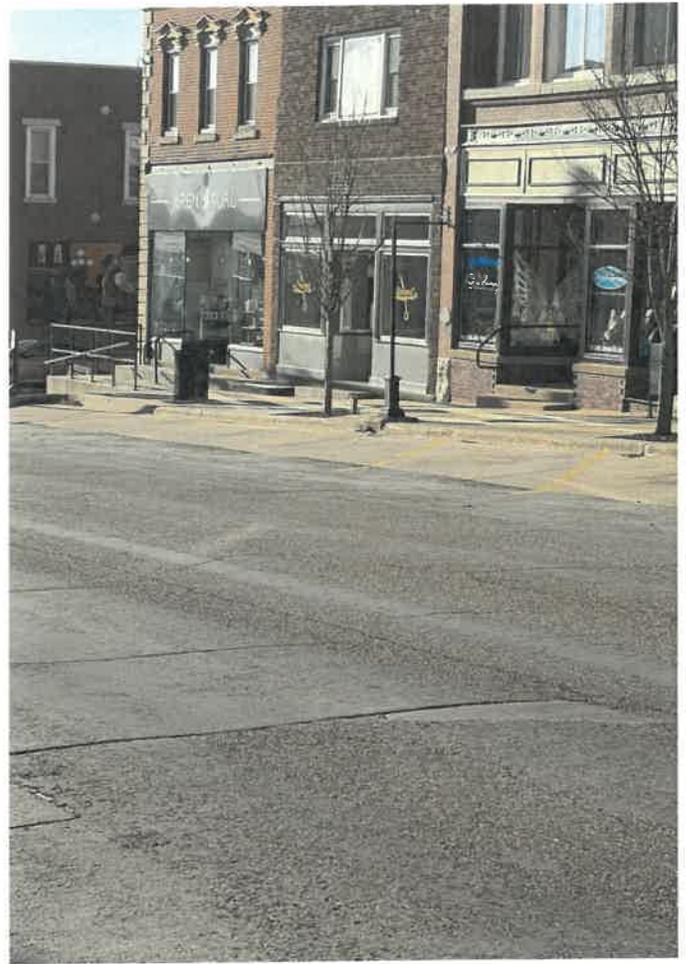
Staff have installed the bubble mirror at the Mt. Vernon Bank along with the new sign bases and posts for uptown regulation signage. These structures were mounted on the old streetlight bases along 1<sup>st</sup> street.

There was time spent on some of the warmer days getting tree work done and staff have kept up with routine duties like garbage, graves, building maintenance, HubSpot tickets, and the compost site. We are also starting to get into park cleanup this week.

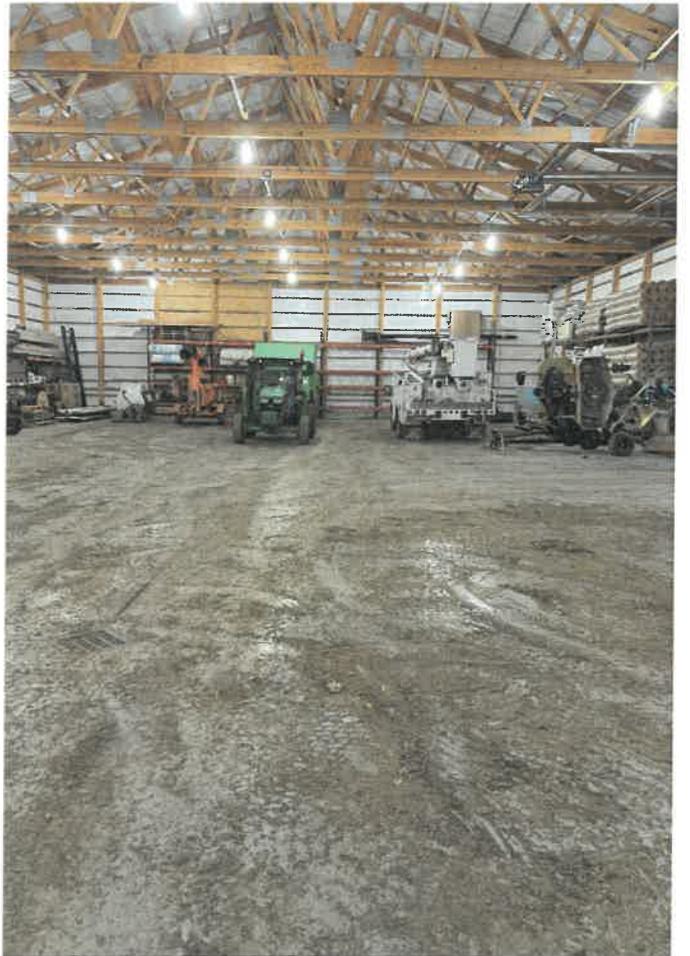
**“It is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change.” – Queen Elizabeth II**

Eldon Downs  
City of Mt. Vernon  
Public Works Director  
563-331-0424  
[edowns@cityofmtverno-ia.gov](mailto:edowns@cityofmtverno-ia.gov)



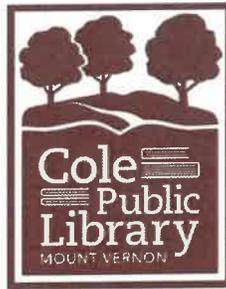












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March 13, 2026

**Mayor Tom Wieseler and City Council Members,**

February was a productive month for library activities. We launched our Community Impact Survey, which helps the library create our 5-year strategic plan. This survey is distributed every 5 years and provides the library with feedback from patrons and citizens on our resources and services. The survey is available through the end of March and can be fill out online or on paper. We were also very excited to received a \$10,000 gift from the Carnegie Association in honor our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. This gift was awarded to all libraries that were founded with a Carnegie grant. The combined town-and-gown library received our grant in 1903. The funds will be shared between the libraries and used for building improvements. The Board of Trustees met on February 6<sup>th</sup> and began review on our Confidentiality of Records policy.

March is largely focused on spring break programing for children. During MVCSD's spring break, we'll hold 4 programs geared towards children and families. On March 16<sup>th</sup>, Mount Vernon Artist-in-Residence Angie Heuton will lead a printmaking program for older children and teens. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, we'll hold a special session of Lego Club: a Lego lunch party. Then on March 18<sup>th</sup>, we've planned a family craft night featuring 3 different crafts that use recycled and natural materials. Finally, Cathy Boggs will lead a spring-themed Story Time on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Alongside our spring break programs, Larry Olson is presenting a workshop on attracting purple martin birds to your yard on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Trustees meets on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in Room 310. They will continue reviewing our Confidentiality of Records policy and begin review of our Personnel Policy.

Warm Regards,  
Grace Chamberlain  
Cole Public Library Director

## **L. Discussion Items (No Action)**

**AGENDA ITEM # L - 2**

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

<b>DATE:</b>	March 16, 2026
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	Quarry Pond Vegetation Control
<b>ACTION:</b>	None

**SYNOPSIS:** Staff have continued to research alternative vegetation control measures at the quarry pond in Nature Park, including but not limited to dyes, herbicides, grass carp etc. After consultation with the IaDNR and ISU Extension, it was determined dyeing and using herbicides will be the only effective measures for controlling vegetative growth on the surface of the pond. Attached is some initial information that staff have received regarding the various applications.

**BUDGET ITEM:** Parks/LOST

**RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:** City Administrator

**MAYOR/COUNCIL ACTION:** None

**ATTACHMENTS:** Supporting Documents

**PREPARED BY:** Chris Nosbsich

**DATE PREPARED:** 3/13/2026

CDBG Downtown Revitalization Project in the amount of \$35,400.00, plus expenses. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by West to approve the contract with Martin Gardner, subject to City Attorney review and approval. Rose absent. Motion carries.

**Discussion Items (No Action)**

Nature Park Quarry. Staff have received sporadic interest in the utilization of the Nature Park quarry. The City, in recent years, has introduced aerators to increase circulation and oxygenation and dispersed biological organisms to reduce the decaying vegetation from the bottom of the quarry (approximately \$75,000). Staff is seeking input from Council as to how large of a priority should be given to the quarry, both in man hours and capital outlay. Some additional measures that could be taken include raking, dyeing, introducing additional grass carp or utilizing environmentally friendly herbicides. Council agreed that they would like to have staff contact the ISU Extension office for further guidance before any decisions are made.

**Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator**

Mayor's Report. Wieseler attended a Linn County Food Council meeting regarding food banks/sites. He also attended a Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation Development meeting and will be attending a REAP meeting this week to learn about grant money for trails.

Council Reports. Andresen attended the Seeds of Faith ribbon cutting for their new garden and commended them on the work they do.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City website in the August 4, 2025 Council Packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:21 p.m., August 4, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Dewell  
City Clerk

# LAKE MANAGEMENT SERVICES



# AQUATIC VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Aquatic vegetation occurs naturally in lakes and ponds and provides important benefits to fish, wildlife, and overall water quality. However, when left unmanaged, aquatic plants and algae can become overabundant and negatively affect both the ecosystem and recreational use. Maintaining a healthy balance often requires human intervention.

Aquatic Control offers a wide range of aquatic plant management programs tailored to fit your needs and budget. Services can vary from a single targeted treatment to a full season-long maintenance program. Our biologists are experienced in managing everything from small ponds to large, multi-use reservoirs, and we have the equipment necessary to work efficiently and effectively.

If nuisance aquatic plants or algae are becoming a problem, it may be time to call in the professionals. Contact us anytime for a free on-site consultation.



I would give Aquatic Control 10 stars if that was an option. For years I spent hundreds if not thousands trying to control things myself only leading to frustration. These people are very professional and controlled all weed and algae problems without me having to worry about a thing. Should have used them years ago but I was trying to "save money." Never again will I take this task on myself.

**Aric from Iowa**

# HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM MANAGEMENT

Harmful algal blooms (HABs) can create severe issues in fresh water, including toxin production, taste and odor production, interference with recreational activities, adverse effects on aquatic ecosystems, and declines in property values. As a result, beneficial uses of water resources may be limited or completely restricted. Aquatic Control designs site-specific management plans to proactively control growth of HABs, help water resource managers consistently meet their management goals, and maintain or regain the value and various uses of water resources. Especially in municipal surface waters, there are numerous benefits of controlling densities of HABs in source waters. Aquatic Control can manage concentrations of toxins and taste and odor compounds at the source, resulting in less pressure on treatment plants and less reliance on secondary water supplies.

Our custom HAB management plans are designed based on site-specific management goals, with designated uses of the water resource in mind. We work with each client to identify problematic algal species present, characterize the spatial and temporal dynamics of the bloom at the site, and develop an effective management strategy using EPA registered algaecides. Several EPA registered algaecides are also certified by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) for use in potable water sources. Contact us to get started on your harmful algal bloom management plan today.



*Aquatic Control helped our Lakefront Property Association determine existing lake health and recommend functional, reasonably priced solutions to improve the health of our valued lake!*

*Robert from Indiana*



# FISH POPULATION MANAGEMENT

Our fisheries management division can provide a diverse set of services that can meet your needs as a steward of your lake or pond. Electrofishing surveys can range from something as basic as giving you a snapshot of what is going on in your pond to a multi-year management plan that lays out the specific steps we will take to achieve your goals. These steps may include: installation of artificial fish habitat, installing fish feeders, beginning a feed plan, stocking fish, culling stunted fish populations, assessing water quality and more. Aquatic Control can lead you to a trophy bass fishery or simply create the perfect place for the grandchildren to catch their first fish!



Learn more about fish management on [page 24](#)

# FOUNTAINS & AERATION

Aquatic Control has been selling and maintaining fountains for over 30 years. Our factory trained field and shop technicians along with our office staff comprise one of the most qualified teams in the business. We recognize that an investment in aeration is an investment in the aesthetic appeal, health, and sustainability of your aquatic resource. We also know that a good investment takes work to make it last, so we offer complete equipment installation, routine maintenance, and repair services. In fact, we are uniquely positioned as one of the only factory authorized repair centers in the Midwest for industry leading brands AquaMaster, Kasco, and Otterbine. When you choose Aquatic Control, you are choosing top rate equipment and dependable service that delivers true value long after the initial purchase.



Learn more about fountains & aeration on [page 30](#)



## LABORATORY SERVICES

Aquatic Control's in-house laboratory offers various analyses related to water quality, algae, and toxins produced by harmful algae. These services are intended to help pond owners and lake managers understand basic characteristics of their water and to guide decision-making for nutrient, plant, and algae management, as well as for fish health and reproduction. For each of the described services, you will receive a report containing results, interpretations, and recommendations where applicable.

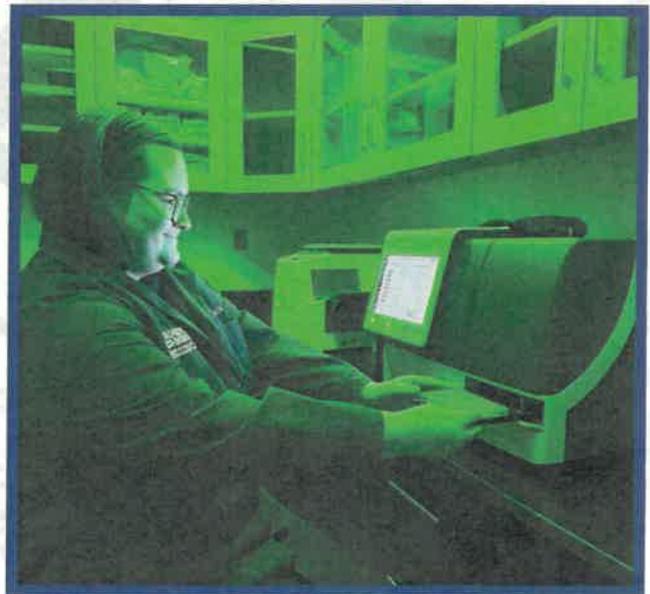
Custom nutrient analyses are available if specific forms of nitrogen or phosphorus are needed. As part of our harmful algal bloom (HAB) management plans, we also conduct algacide performance evaluations to identify effective products for control of site-specific algae.

Please contact us if you would like more information on our laboratory services or assistance with collection and shipment of samples. Sample analysis request forms and sampling kits can be requested by emailing [lab@aquaticcontrol.com](mailto:lab@aquaticcontrol.com).



Aquatic Control has made a world of difference with the health of our pond. We plan to continue to use them to keep our pond in the best condition possible!!

**Susan from Tennessee**



# WATER QUALITY SERVICES

## Baseline Water Quality Analysis

Includes total suspended solids (TSS), total phosphorus (TP), and total nitrogen (TN)

PRODUCT #	PRICE
LMOLAB010	\$118.00/SAMPLE



## Advanced Water Quality Analysis

Includes total suspended solids (TSS), total phosphorus (TP), total nitrogen (TN), pH, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, alkalinity, and hardness

PRODUCT #	PRICE
LMOLAB020	\$185.00/SAMPLE



## Fisheries Water Quality Analysis

Includes pH, alkalinity, hardness, total phosphorus (TP), total nitrogen (TN), conductivity

PRODUCT #	PRICE
LMOLAB080	\$124.00/SAMPLE



## Phosphorus Management Essentials

Includes total phosphorus (TP), reactive phosphorus, and total suspended solids (TSS).

PRODUCT #	PRICE
LMOLAB070	\$118.00/SAMPLE



## Water Clarity Analysis

Includes screening for suspended solids that may be causing increased turbidity and a recommendation for water clarity chemical application at effective rates based on a bench scale single replicate jar test. pH, alkalinity and total suspended solids (TSS) are reported as well as management recommendations for turbidity.

PRODUCT #	PRICE
LMOLAB090	\$206.00/SAMPLE



## Water Wellness Check

A comprehensive assessment of your water's overall health. This test includes phosphorus analysis for algae bloom prevention, a harmful algae screen for safe recreation, E. coli MPN (Most Probable Number) for assessing the risk of waterborne pathogens, and key water chemistry parameters to support healthy fisheries. Ideal for: General water health monitoring, recreational water bodies.

PRODUCT #	PRICE
LMOLAB100	\$300.00/SAMPLE

# ALGAE & TOXIN SERVICES



## Harmful Algae Screen

Microscopic analysis to evaluate for presence of potential toxin-producing cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) in water sample

PRODUCT #	PRICE
LMOHAB080	\$87.00/SAMPLE

## Qualitative Algal ID

Microscopic analysis to identify all detected algae in water sample to genus level (and species level if possible)

PRODUCT #	PRICE
LMOHAB040	\$119.00/SAMPLE

## Harmful Algae ID + Enumeration

Microscopic analysis to identify and measure cell density of potential toxin-producing cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) in water sample

PRODUCT #	PRICE
LMOHAB130	\$166.00/SAMPLE

## Total Algae ID + Enumeration

Microscopic analysis to identify and measure cell density of all algae detected in water sample

PRODUCT #	PRICE
LMOHAB030	\$226.00/SAMPLE

## Cyanotoxin Detection Tests

Recommended as qualitative screening tool for presence/absence of cyanotoxins in water. Available toxins: microcystins, cylindrospermopsins, and anatoxin-a

PRODUCT #	PRICE
LMOHAB070	STARTING AT \$80.00/SAMPLE



## E. coli Enumeration (MPN)

Assesses the most probable number (MPN) of E. coli bacteria for use in determining the sanitary conditions of aquatic ecosystems. Ideal for: swim beaches, recreational water bodies, and long-term monitoring.

PRODUCT #	PRICE
LMOHAB320	\$70.00/SAMPLE



SUMMER 2025







## **M. Reports Mayor/Council/Admin.**



City of Mount Vernon, IA

# Treasurers Report Summary

Date Range: 02/01/2026 - 02/28/2026

Fund	Beginning Cash Balance	Revenues	Expenses	Net Change Assets	Net Change Liabilities	Calculated Ending Balance	Actual Ending Balance	Calculated - Actual Ending
001 - GENERAL FUND	116,102.05	39,531.76	182,876.11	0.00	0.00	-27,242.30	-27,242.30	0.00
002 - POLICE FOREFTURE ACCOUNT	2,502.16	0.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,502.93	2,502.93	0.00
005 - FRANCHISE FEE	128,946.13	68,879.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	197,825.62	197,825.62	0.00
006 - BUSINESS 30	7,816.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,816.16	7,816.16	0.00
110 - ROAD USE TAX FUND	528,335.83	41,291.69	34,031.24	0.00	0.00	535,596.28	535,596.28	0.00
111 - INSURANCE LEVY	84,395.39	36.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	84,432.32	84,432.32	0.00
112 - BENEFIT LEVY FUND	377,876.51	3,391.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	381,268.08	381,268.08	0.00
115 - LOW-MODERATE INCOME FUND	-58,221.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-58,221.44	-58,221.44	0.00
125 - TIF	348,816.94	7,041.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	355,857.94	355,857.94	0.00
140 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
141 - CIP/FIRE DEPARTMENT/TAX LEVY	412,668.26	521.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	413,189.66	413,189.66	0.00
163 - WTP DEPRECIATION	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
200 - DEBT SERVICE FUND	1,775,167.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,775,167.56	1,775,167.56	0.00
303 - LOST III STREETS & SIDEWALKS	214,813.04	41,441.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	256,254.34	256,254.34	0.00
304 - LOST III COMMUNITY CENTER	1,342,991.65	18,836.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,361,828.60	1,361,828.60	0.00
305 - LOST III TRAILS/PARKS	323,458.33	7,534.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	330,993.11	330,993.11	0.00
306 - LOST III UR & STREETS/CAPE	9,999.43	7,534.79	300.00	0.00	0.00	17,234.22	17,234.22	0.00
307 - 2024 INFRASTRUCTURE	-134,126.40	0.00	9,694.90	0.00	0.00	-143,821.30	-143,821.30	0.00
308 - SIDEWALK PROJECT	14,555.98	7,421.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,976.98	21,976.98	0.00
315 - PW FACILITIES	-430,292.51	0.00	14,430.52	0.00	0.00	-444,723.03	-444,723.03	0.00
316 - REMOTE READ METER PROJ	268,906.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	268,906.26	268,906.26	0.00
317 - ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	-129,767.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-129,767.55	-129,767.55	0.00
320 - DAVIS PARK IMPROVEMENTS	158,514.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	158,514.47	158,514.47	0.00
323 - GLENN ST/CH/COTTONWOOD	5,790.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,790.45	5,790.45	0.00
324 - POOL RENOVATIONS	59,745.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	59,745.00	59,745.00	0.00
325 - RACHEL STREET/KWIK STAR	1,625,739.66	0.00	146,724.16	0.00	0.00	1,479,015.50	1,479,015.50	0.00
326 - 2025 UPTOWN LIGHTING	-16,245.45	0.00	594.62	0.00	0.00	-16,840.07	-16,840.07	0.00
500 - PERPETUAL CARE	106,515.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	106,815.00	106,815.00	0.00
600 - WATER FUND	343,293.38	80,085.67	63,752.97	0.00	0.00	359,626.08	359,626.08	0.00
610 - SEWER FUND	-88,840.52	85,365.09	55,885.61	0.00	0.00	-59,361.04	-59,361.04	0.00
620 - STORM WATER FUND	-91,941.21	6,952.54	6,637.65	0.00	0.00	-91,626.32	-91,626.32	0.00
670 - SOLID WASTE	243,616.60	57,578.81	56,773.45	0.00	0.00	244,421.96	244,421.96	0.00
675 - LBC	-60,808.22	44,672.20	50,852.97	0.00	0.00	-66,988.99	-66,988.99	0.00
<b>Report Total:</b>	<b>7,590,322.94</b>	<b>518,417.74</b>	<b>622,554.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,486,186.48</b>	<b>7,486,186.48</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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**CITY OF MT. VERNON  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL  
March 16, 2026**

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- Staff will be attending the IMMI (Iowa Municipal Managers Institute) Wednesday, March 25, 2026, through Friday, March 27, 2026.
- The next Triumvirate meeting with Cornell and the MVCSD will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2026.
- Staff met with WHKS on Thursday, March 12, 2026 and will be meeting with the Chair of the Cemetery Commission (Mary Evans) to discuss the GIS program and application on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.