

The Mount Vernon City Council met April 20, 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, Tuerler and Hansen-Player. Absent: Andresen.

**Call to Order.** At 6:32 p.m. Mayor Thomas M. Wieseler called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval.** Items E1 and G1 will remain tabled and item J7 will be removed from the agenda. The Fire Department Annual Report will be given before the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to approve the Agenda as noted. Motion carries. Andresen absent.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes - April 6, 2026, FY2026-2027 Property Tax Levy

Approval of City Council Minutes – April 6, 2026, Regular Council Meeting

Approval of Liquor License – Chameleon’s Pub and Grub

Approval of Tobacco License – Mount Vernon PNP

### **Public Hearing**

Public Hearing on the Proposed Engineering Report and Formation of the Mount Vernon EMS District (tabled on March 16, 2026, motion to remove item from table will need to be made before discussion can occur). This item remains tabled.

Public Hearing for the Consideration of the City of Mount Vernon Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Annual Budget. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Council was given a copy of the State budget forms that will be submitted along with a PowerPoint presentation from the City Administrator that is available on the City website. The City tax levy will remain at \$13.50187 for FY2027. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. Council then acted on Resolution #4-20-2026A.

Public Hearing for the Consideration of Budget Amendment #1 to the FY 2025-2026 Budget. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. Budget Amendment #1 increases expenditures due to overall rising costs and unexpected expenditures. Revenues have increased mainly due to additional TIF revenue and expected proceeds from the sale of the old Public Works site. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. Council then acted on Resolution #4-20-2026B.

### **Ordinance Approval/Amendment**

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). Staff has not received any verbal and/or written communication regarding this ordinance since the second reading. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve the third

reading of Ordinance #3-16-2026A. Roll call all yes. Andresen absent. Ordinance passes its third and final reading.

Ordinance #4-6-2026A: Amending Chapter 166.03 Jurisdiction and Applicability in the Two-Mile Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa. Staff has not received any verbal and/or written communication regarding this ordinance since the first reading. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Tuerler to approve the second reading of Ordinance #4-6-2026A. Roll call all yes. Andresen absent. Ordinance passes its second reading.

### Resolutions for Approval

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 (tabled on March 16, 2026, motion to remove item from table will need to be made before discussion can occur). This item remains tabled.

Resolution #4-20-2026A: Approving the City of Mount Vernon Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Budget. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Hansen-Player to approve Resolution #4-20-2026A. Roll call all yes. Andresen absent.

Resolution #4-20-2026B: Approving Budget Amendment #1 to the FY 2025-2026 Budget. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #4-20-2026B. Roll call all yes. Andresen absent.

### Motions for Approval

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

RATHJE CONSTRUCTION	PAY ESTIMATE #4-RACHEL STREET	156,285.97
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	109,047.64
WORLDMAKER RESILIENCE INSTITUTE	THRIVE TRAINING-PD GRANT	44,586.52
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	38,359.02
HAWKEYE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS	PAY APPLICATION #3-LBC GENERATOR	37,951.20
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	SOFTWARE SUPPORT-ALL DEPTS	29,382.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW RESIDENTIAL	24,155.60
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW COMMERCIAL	16,109.38
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	STONEBROOK SEWER EXTENSION	12,038.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS	8,514.70
AQUATIC CONTROL INC	QUARRY SERVICES-P&REC	6,343.80
DIX LAWN CARE	CEMETERY MAINT	5,316.66
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	5,297.50
IOWA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	SGEI MEMBERSHIP-PW	3,889.04
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC-P&A,PD,LBC	3,676.80
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,769.00
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	2,485.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	2,058.29
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PD	1,938.08
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	1,224.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,110.29
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	COMPUTER EQUIP-FD	969.99
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-PD	920.70
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE SUPPORT-ALL DEPTS	825.00
ICMA	MEMBERSHIP-ALL DEPTS	530.20
RC TECH	SERVICES-CITY HALL	428.41

STEVE MOEL	FUEL-PD	409.01
FAMILY PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATES, P.C.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-PD	400.00
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	388.10
INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES-CITY HALL	351.98
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-FD	326.43
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE SUPPORT-LBC	325.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	323.15
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	314.83
LORI BOREN	MILEAGE,MEALS-ALL DEPTS	306.50
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-PD	290.05
THOMAS M WIESELER	SUBSCRIPTION,MILEAGE-P&A	257.32
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	ACH RETURN-WAT,SEW,SW	239.16
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	222.68
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-LBC	220.54
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER	PHYSICAL-PD	220.00
MARSHA DEWELL	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	218.95
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC,P&REC	190.11
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-LBC	181.45
PNP	FUEL-PD	160.00
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	154.51
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-FD	154.42
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	MMPI EVAL-PD	150.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING-PD	150.00
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL-PW	147.65
TECH SOLUTIONS	FIRE ALARM MONITORING-LBC	136.35
CHRIS NOSBISCH	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	127.60
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC,P&REC	107.12
VESTIS	RUGS-FD	95.79
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	95.10
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	90.35
TED SEITER	UNIFORMS-PW	89.00
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-POOL	80.00
CYPRESS SOLUTIONS	SUBSCRIPTION-PD	78.75
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	73.70
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-LBC	60.90
ST LUKE'S WORK WELL SOLUTIONS	DRUG TESTING-PW	60.00
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	SUBSCRIPTION-P&A	55.00
MENARDS	ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES-PW	54.36
MARY SCHLICHT	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	48.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER USAGE-PD	47.89
KIECKS	UNIFORMS-PD	43.95
HANNAH GANZEL	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
JULIE ELLEN	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
KELLI MARIE KENNON-LANE	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
UPH ST LUKES DRUG & ALCOHOL	DRUG TESTING-PD	42.00
VESTIS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-LBC	28.49
VESTIS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-LBC	28.49
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-PD	27.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-CHALK THE WALK	21.38
FAREWAY STORES INC #257	SUPPLIES-LBC	18.97
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>523,952.82</b>

**FUND EXPENSE TOTALS**

RACHEL STREET	164,800.67
PAYROLL	109,047.64
GENERAL FUND	106,377.50
LBC	48,793.68
SOLID WASTE	46,857.75
SEWER FUND	25,963.27
WATER FUND	12,728.06
ROAD USE TAX FUND	7,982.92
STORM WATER FUND	1,401.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>523,952.82</b>

**FY26 MARCH REVENUE**

PUBLIC WORKS	260,419.59
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	311,901.69
PUBLIC SAFETY	116,400.93
CULTURE-RECREATION	50,184.35
TIF REVENUE	37,449.14
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV	3,841.79
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>780,197.49</b>

Discussion and Consideration of Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn and Co. PC Proposal for Audit Services – Council Action as Needed. Staff is recommending the City of Mount Vernon continue to utilize the services of Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn & Co. P.C. for the annual audit. This would be a one-year proposal with a proposed cost of \$16,580.00 (small increase of \$1,000). Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve the proposal with Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn and Co PC for auditing services. Motion carries. Andresen absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Bradley L. Hauge, CPA Proposal for Accounting Services – Council Action as Needed. Mr. Hauge assists the City with the completion of state budget forms, TIF reports and monthly bank reconciliations. The yearly contract amount is \$7,935.00 (small increase of \$185). Motion made by Rose, seconded by Hansen-Player to approve the proposal with Bradley Hauge for accounting services. Motion carries. Andresen absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Change Order #3-2025 Sidewalk Improvements – Council Action as Needed. Change Order #3 is in the amount of \$10,300.00. Staff asked for reinforcing steel to be placed in the trail panels identified for reconstruction from the Skate Park to 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve Change Order #3-2025 Sidewalk Improvements. Motion carries. Andresen absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Site Plan Approval for Parking Lot Reconstruction – MVCSD Middle School – Council Action as Needed. The Mount Vernon Community School District seeks to reconstruct the parking lot between the middle and elementary school buildings during the summer of 2026, with improvements to pedestrian and vehicle safety by establishing a bus lane and separating 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW traffic from the parking lot's circulation aisle. The proposed site plan improves pedestrian and vehicle safety by providing a complete reconfiguration of this area, establishing 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW as a separate roadway and providing a new, buses-only lane on the elementary school side. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted to approve the site plan at their meeting on April 15, 2026. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Hansen-Player to approve the site plan for parking lot reconstruction at the Mount Vernon Community School District Middle School. Motion carries. Andresen absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Change Order #3-Uptown Street Light Project – Council Action as Needed. Change Order #3 is in the amount of \$14,677 and represents the movement of GFCI outlets to the base of the pole and providing a 50-amp circuit breaker. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to approve Change Order #3-Uptown Street Light Project. Motion carries. Andresen absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Ventilation System Installation for the Bryant Rd. Public Works Shop – Council Action as Needed. A ventilation system needs to be installed in the north building to ensure the safety of employees while working in the shop area. A quote in the amount of \$24,550.00 has been submitted by 8 Finger HVAC, LLC. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve the ventilation system at the Public Works Shop.

**Reports to be Received/Filed.** Reports available on the City website in the April 20, 2026 Council Packet.

Mt. Vernon/Lisbon Police Report

Mt. Vernon Public Works Report

Mt. Vernon Parks and Rec Report

Cole Library Report

MVFD Annual Report

**Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator**

March Reconciliation Report. Full report available on the City website in the April 20, 2026 Council Packet.

Mayor's Report. Mayor Wieseler reached out and introduced himself to Ellen Habel, new Executive Director of ECICOG. The Community Leaders breakfast at Cornell will be April 30th. Coffee with the Mayor was held on April 18th and the Main Street Iowa tour will be on April 29th.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City website in the April 20, 2026 Council Packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:42 p.m., April 20, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Dewell  
City Clerk