

The Mount Vernon City Council met April 6, 2026, at City Hall, 213 1st Street NW, Mount Vernon, IA. A Zoom option was available. The following Council members were present: Engel, Rose, Andresen, Tuerler and Hansen-Player (via Zoom).

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

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

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – March 16, 2026, Regular Council Meeting

Approval of Liquor License – Casey’s Marketing Company

Approval of Liquor 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 a Resolution Amending the Revenue Purpose Statement for the Use of Revenues from Electric and Natural Gas Franchise Fees. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 6:33 p.m. Council then acted on Resolution 4-6-2026A.

Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending Chapter 166.03 (C) Jurisdiction and Applicability in the Two-Mile Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m. When the City Council adopted the first “Two-Mile Extraterritorial Jurisdiction” ordinance, it only included language referencing subdivisions. However, landowners are now turning to “Plats of Survey” to conduct lot splits in the County. Plats of survey can be just as impactful to cities as their larger subdivision counterparts. This would be considered a “cleanup” ordinance to ensure the City has the right to review all subdivisions of land in the two-mile jurisdiction. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 6:37 p.m. Council then acted on Ordinance #4-6-2026A.

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 first reading. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to approve the second reading of Ordinance #3-16-2026A. Roll call all yes. Ordinance passes it’s second 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. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the first reading of Ordinance #4-6-2026A. Roll call all yes. Ordinance passes on it's first 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 #4-6-2026A: Resolution Amending the Revenue Purpose Statement for the Use of Revenues from Electric and Natural Gas Franchise Fees. Staff is asking Council to adopt a new revenue purpose statement for franchise fees that would include public safety purchases, building and equipment. This was the only allowable use that was left out of the first revenue purpose statement. This change would allow the City to purchase vehicles for public safety without further stressing the general fund. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution #4-6-2026A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Mayoral Proclamation

Proclamation Recognizing Friday, April 24, 2026, as Arbor Day in the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	222,389.48
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW	15,404.43
WHKS & COMPANY	CEMETERY GIS MAPPING	8,081.54
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS	7,700.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	6,479.52
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	5,618.06
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	4,823.79
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	4,611.69
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	4,095.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	3,347.50
LINN COUNTY TREASURER	ELECTION SERVICES	2,387.01
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	1,887.12
SPACE WALK INFLATABLES	MARKETING-LBC	1,742.50
LISBON, CITY OF	AMB DIRECTOR CONTRACTED SALARY	1,711.56
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	1,291.66
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	1,279.77
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	1,186.64
SIMMERING CORY IOWA CODIFICATION	CODE SUPPLEMENTS-P&A	850.00
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE/HUBSPOT SUPPORT-ALL DEPTS	825.00
STORM STEEL	EQUIPMENT-PW	769.00
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	707.48
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT,SEW,SW	676.43
MENARDS	BLDG SUPPLIES-PW FACILITIES	629.03
RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS INC	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	470.19
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	457.73
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-LBC	442.00

VESTIS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-LBC	440.35
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	LEGAL FEES-P&A	440.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-LBC	433.03
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PW	431.87
MENARDS	BLDG SUPPLIES-PW FACILITIES	430.67
CLAREYS SAFETY EQUIPMENT INC	EQUIP MAINT-FD	413.20
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-LBC	403.81
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	400.02
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE/USAGE-PD	374.13
CURTIS ENGLISH SELECT SERVICE	PORTABLE RR RENTAL-P&REC	360.00
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE SUPPORT-LBC	325.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	323.21
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	314.93
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	306.93
IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	ONLINE WARRANTS-PD	300.00
KRIS ENGINEERING INC	PLOW HARDWARE-RUT	283.32
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	271.05
CAUSE TEAM	UNIFORMS-FD	255.00
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	240.61
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	227.56
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-LBC	220.54
AMERICAN RED CROSS	TRAINING-LBC	206.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	UNIFORMS-PW	194.90
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW,P&A	186.44
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SIRENS	180.77
HAWKEYE COMMUNICATION INC	FIRE SYSTEM MONITORING-PD	147.00
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC	144.00
US CELLULAR	PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS	140.05
T-MOBILE	VEHICLE SOFTWARE-PW	136.20
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-P&REC	132.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	126.46
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-LBC	120.44
ADVANTAGE ARCHIVES LLC	SERVICES-HPC	116.00
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	114.45
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	108.77
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC,LBC	101.13
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	99.91
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	96.97
VESTIS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-FD	95.79
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-LBC	86.00
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	83.45
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-VC	82.75
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	79.36
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	73.52
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-CITY HALL	72.54
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	INTERNET-CITY HALL	69.95
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-LBC	54.00
GRAINGER	TRAINING FACILITY SUPPLIES-FD	47.96
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-P&REC	45.00
US CELLULAR	INTERNET-WAT,SEW	42.54
HANNAH GANZEL	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
KELLI MARIE KENNON-LANE	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
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HANNAH GANZEL	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50

ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SW	30.64
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-WAT,SEW,P&A	23.98
JULIE ELLEN	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	21.25
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	20.00
CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY	EQUIPMENT-RUT	11.85
LISBON MT VERNON AMBULANCE	TRAINING-PD	10.00
TOTAL		310,531.43

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

PAYROLL	222,389.48
GENERAL FUND	30,316.39
SOLID WASTE	17,251.63
SEWER FUND	8,974.62
LBC	7,829.95
WATER FUND	7,711.76
RACHEL STREET	7,700.00
ROAD USE TAX FUND	7,097.13
PW FACILITIES	1,059.70
STORM WATER FUND	200.77
TOTAL	310,531.43

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for Budget Amendment #1 to the FY 2025-2026 Budget for April 20, 2026 – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to set the public hearing as noted. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget for April 20, 2026 – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Tuerler to set the public hearing as noted.

Discussion and Consideration of Aquatic Control Proposal #447184 – Council Action as Needed. As stated at previous meetings, the IaDNR and Iowa State Extension have recommended the introduction of aquatic herbicide to manage the vegetation in the Quarry Pond. This should be considered an annual expense moving forward as it will be impossible to fully eradicate the invasive plant species in subsequent years without additional treatment. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve the proposal from Aquatics Control for the amount not to exceed \$6,540.00. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Worldmaker Resilience Institute Invoice #0326 – Mount Vernon/Lisbon Police Department – Council Action as Needed. This invoice is in the amount of \$44,586.52 and is being paid with Department of Justice COPS grant funds. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve Invoice #0326. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #3 for the LBC Generator Project – Hawkeye Electric - Council Action as Needed. Pay application #3 is in the amount of \$37,951.20 and represents payment for the remainder of the project, minus the retainage. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve Pay Application #3. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Estimate #4 with Rathje Construction – Rachel Street Improvements - Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve Pay estimate #4 in the amount of \$156,285.97. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51387-5 – Rachel Street Improvements - Council Action as Needed. The invoice is in the amount of \$8,514.70 and represents engineering work for the Rachel Street Improvement project. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve V&K Invoice #51387-5. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51390-1 – Stonebrook Sewer Extension - Council Action as Needed. The invoice is in the amount of \$12,038.00 and represents engineering work for the Stonebrook Sewer Extension Project. This sewer extension connects the Stonebrook Subdivision to Bryant Road. The basis for the installation is to serve the Public Works facility and future properties to the north. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve V&K Invoice #51390-1. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of LBC Cardio Equipment Lease – Council Action as Needed. Every three years the LBC reviews their lease for cardio equipment. Staff's recommendation is to move forward with a three-year lease with Johnson Fitness. In the past, preventive maintenance and warranty have been included in the lease but staff recommends leaving this out of the lease and pay it separately as a one time cost. Staff is also requesting approval for the purchase of a new piece of equipment (Ski Erq) separate from the lease. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve the three year lease with Johnson Fitness in the amount of \$91,265.00 as well as an additional \$13,995.00 for the Ski Erq and shipping, delivery and maintenance of the equipment. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Dump Truck Purchase – 2006 Dump Truck Replacement – Council Action as Needed. Staff included \$150,000 in the FY 2026-2027 (next fiscal year) budget for a dump truck replacement and/or bucket truck replacement. While both pieces of equipment are needed, replacing the 2006 dump truck is most pressing. Staff has been able to locate a used dump truck in good condition for \$75,000, delivered. A new unit is currently a year away from build out (chassis are available, but full build out is a year out) and would carry a sticker price of \$150,000. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve the purchase of a used dump truck not to exceed \$75,000.00. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Bryant Rd. Public Works Facility Cell Boost Quote – Council Action as Needed. One unforeseen problem with the newly insulated/metal Public Works building is the lack of available cell service in the building. The City considers this critical infrastructure during daily operations and emergency situations. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve the proposal from RC Tech in the amount of \$3,085.11. Motion carries.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. Mayor Wieseler reported that the Cottonwood Apartments were very close to full capacity, Coffee with the Mayor will be on April 18th at Hilltop Plants and Records. Recognition and gratitude from local resident, Patty Westercamp, was passed along to Police, Fire and Ambulance for their services.

Council Reports. Engel reported that the Triumvirate Group is finalizing the search committee for the new Cornell president.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City website in the April 6, 2026 Council Packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:27 p.m., April 6, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk