

The Mount Vernon City Council met May 4, 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.

Call to Order. At 6:31 p.m. Mayor Thomas M. Wieseler called the meeting to order.

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. Wieseler noted that items E1 and G1 will remain tabled and the Mayoral Proclamation will be read after the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve the Agenda. Motion carries.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes - April 20, 2026

Mayoral Proclamation

Proclamation Establishing the Months of May-August 2026 as Camp Tanager 100th Anniversary Celebration.

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.

Ordinance Approval/Amendment

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 second reading. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve the third reading of Ordinance #4-6-2026A. Roll call all yes. Ordinance passes its third and final 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 #5-4-2026A: Fixing a Date for a Public Hearing on the Proposal to Enter into a Development Agreement with Mustang Land Company, LLC. This resolution sets a public hearing date for Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to approve the formal development agreement with Mustang Land Company (Mount Vernon Family Dentistry). The terms and conditions of the agreement were approved by the Council in 2023-2024. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #5-4-2026A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #5-4-2026B: Accepting Work for the Project Known as the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project with Municipal Pipe Tool. The 2024 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project that was funded by a Linn

County ARPA grant is now complete and ready to be closed out. The final contract price is \$611,177.37, just shy of being \$100,000.00 under budget. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Hansen-Player to approve Resolution #5-4-2026B. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #5-4-2026C: Ordering Construction of Certain Public Improvements, approving Preliminary Plans and Fixing a Date for Hearing Thereon and Taking Bids Therefor for Improvements Known as the Bryant Road Sanitary Sewer Project. The proposed sewer will service the new Public Works facility and future housing development between 3rd Street SW and Bryant Road. The public hearing will be May 18, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Engel to approve Resolution #5-4-2026C. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	111,088.19
BOBBY GERHART'S TRUCK WORLD	DUMP TRUCK-RUT	70,995.00
8 FINGER HVAC LLC	VENTILATION SYSTEM-PW FACILITIES	12,275.00
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-ALL DEPTS	9,097.56
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	6,253.96
WIENEKE LAND SOLUTIONS	FIELD MAINT-P&REC	5,089.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	4,812.85
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	STONEBROOK SEWER EXTENSION	4,760.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	4,646.99
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	FIREWALL-PD	4,149.13
IRON LEAF PRESS	CHALK-P&REC	3,650.40
BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC	TSHIRTS-P&REC	3,009.50
HOTSY CLEANING SYSTEMS INC	EQUIPMENT-PW	2,982.64
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	HWY 1 RECONSTRUCTION	2,184.00
DSG	SUPPLIES-WAT	2,142.25
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	2,139.60
ROTO-ROOTER	HYDRO VAC-WAT	1,940.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PD	1,938.08
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW,P&A	1,934.70
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS	1,724.00
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT,SEW,SW	1,676.39
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2026 ANNEXATION EXHIBITS	1,548.00
BOWKER PINNACLE MECHANICAL	EQUIP MAINT-SEW	1,523.72
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WWTP PHASE 2 MODELING	1,391.00
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS	1,150.92
EDUCATION & TRAINING SERVICES	TRAINING-ALL DEPTS	1,098.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	1,023.31
KIECKS	UNIFORMS-PD	1,016.96
PITNEY BOWES	METER POSTAGE-ALL DEPTS	1,000.00
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	972.64
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-CITY HALL	959.21
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-PD,P&REC	929.97
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-PD	920.70
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	772.56
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	765.00
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	745.84
KJ & CLINTON	DISPOSAL SERVICES-FD	734.45
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-LBC	710.00
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	698.19

ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	689.32
KROMMINGA MOTORS INC	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	670.49
MIDWEST AERIAL DRONE RECOVERY	PHOTOS-CTW	625.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	622.77
KIECKS	UNIFORMS-PD	548.38
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-PW	529.65
RC TECH	SERVICES-PW	527.50
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2024 SANITARY SEWER REHAB	512.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2025 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS	500.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	500.00
ROUNDAABOUT REPAIR SHOP LLC	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	497.80
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-P&A	489.65
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PW SHOP-FAN REVIEW	480.00
SIMMERING CORY IOWA CODIFICATION	CODE SUPPLEMENTS-P&A	436.00
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES INC	CHEMICALS-POOL	422.38
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	398.54
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL-PW	367.82
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	316.94
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-LBC	308.44
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	START UP CASH-POOL	300.00
PROFESSIONAL WINDOW CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING-PD,CITY HALL	300.00
ROUNDAABOUT REPAIR SHOP LLC	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	296.22
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	273.32
CURTIS ENGLISH SELECT SERVICE	PORTABLE RR RENTAL-P&REC	260.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	260.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-CITY HALL	256.49
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC,LBC	239.25
BAUMAN AND COMPANY	UNIFORMS-PW	234.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	222.03
ALLISON TEAGUE	PERFORMER-CTW	200.00
KIECKS	UNIFORMS-PD	192.99
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SIRENS	181.31
STORM STEEL	SUPPLIES-SEW	177.96
MENARDS	WEED KILLER-P&REC	159.98
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-PD	159.76
MERCY PHYSICIAN SERVICES INC	WELLNESS PLATFORM-ALL DEPTS	157.00
ALEX R DICKMAN	FIRE TRAINING-FD	150.00
US CELLULAR	PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS	140.05
AMERICAN RED CROSS	TRAINING-LBC	126.00
WENDLING QUARRIES	LIME-P&REC	117.32
BILLY BOURBON	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	100.00
BRYCE JANEY	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	100.00
DAVID LEE PAUL SCHROEDER	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	100.00
TOMMY BRUNNER	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	100.00
VICTORIA MILLER	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	100.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	99.47
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	95.10
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IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-LBC	85.00
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	83.45
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-VC	82.75
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-CITY HALL	72.54
JOEL DENES	UNIFORMS-PW	68.95
WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP INC	EQUIPMENT-FD	64.94

VESTIS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-LBC	56.98
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-P&REC	50.00
BERDO AND JONES	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	50.00
CATHERINE KENNEDY	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	50.00
DAVE BONHAM	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	50.00
JEFF ALLEN	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	50.00
MATT PANEK	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	50.00
MV JAZZ	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	50.00
RICH WAGLE	CTW MUSICIAN-P&REC	50.00
MARY SCHLICHTTE	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	48.00
US CELLULAR	INTERNET-WAT,SEW	42.54
HANNAH GANZEL	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
JULIE ELLEN	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
KELLI MARIE KENNON-LANE	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	40.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-SEW	40.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	40.00
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	WIRE TRANSFER FEE-RUT	32.10
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SW	30.53
SARAH L FITZGERALD	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	21.25
IA DEPT OF INSPECTIONS, APPEAL	CHARITABLE GAMBLING LICENSE-PD K9	15.00
DAVID FRANKFURT	CITY KENNEL SUPPLIES	7.69
TOTAL		292,445.96

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

PAYROLL	111,088.19
ROAD USE TAX FUND	79,712.27
GENERAL FUND	43,836.77
SEWER FUND	18,815.09
WATER FUND	14,225.14
PW FACILITIES	12,275.00
SOLID WASTE	4,312.55
LBC	3,199.90
2024 INFRASTRUCTURE	2,184.00
RACHEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS	1,724.00
ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	512.00
SIDEWALK PROJECT	500.00
STORM WATER FUND	61.05
TOTAL	292,445.96

Discussion and Consideration of Simmering-Cory and Iowa Codification Proposal for Codification Services for the Mount Vernon City Code – Council Action as Needed. It has been more than ten years since the City Code has been fully reviewed and codified. Simmering-Cory does provide the city with updated versions of code sections once they are adopted by Council, a number of codes remain out of date in the code books. Simmering-Cory is proposing a fee of \$9,000.00 to complete the project. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to approve the proposal with Simmering-Cory and Iowa Codification to review and update the Mount Vernon Code of Ordinances. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of MVCSD Request to Waive the Water Connection Fee at the Mt. Vernon Athletics Complex – Council Action as Needed. The Mount Vernon Community School District (MVCSD) is requesting a waiver of the connection fee for the water meter in the James W. Bellamy Team Room.

According to Chapter 90.06 Connection Charge, the MVSCD would be charged \$4,000.00 to connect the new structure, based on a two-inch meter size. Nobsch explained that anytime revenue is waived, it is ultimately absorbed by the citizens in other areas, such as possible increases in use fees. This fee has not been waived to any other entities since he has been with the City. Council shared concerns regarding the precedent that this would set by waiving the fee. Sewer and water are services used by all businesses and homes in the community and the issue of fairness and cost would be a concern. Council took no action.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #7 with Municipal Pipe Tool Co., LLC – 2024 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Council Action as Needed. Pay Application #7 is in the amount of \$63,892.83 and represents the retainage for the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation. These monies will be released when the mandatory waiting period has lapsed. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Engel to approve Pay Application #7 with Municipal Pipe Tool for the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #4 with Nelson Electric Co-Uptown Lighting Improvement Project – Council Action as Needed. Pay application #4 is in the amount of \$24,691.29 and represents the last pay application prior to the retainage release. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Tuerler to approve Pay Application #4 with Nelson Electric Co for the Uptown Lighting Improvement Project. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51387-6 – Rachel Street Improvements – Council Action as Needed. This invoice is in the amount of \$6,957.58 for the design/inspection of the Rachel Street Improvements Project. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Hansen-Player to approve V&K Invoice #51387-6 – Rachel Street Improvements. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of a Pay Application with Modern Concrete – Sidewalk Improvements – Council Action as Needed. The amount to be approved for Pay Application #3 is \$44,162.37. With the required retainage amount being withheld, the payment going to the contractor will be \$42,837.50. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve Pay Application #3 with Modern Concrete. Motion carries.

Discussion Items (No Action)

Data Centers. The Mayor asked that this be put on the agenda as a discussion item to gauge feedback on the concept of data centers. The potential impact on Mount Vernon in terms of water usage and energy costs were discussed. City Administrator Nobsch explained that Mount Vernon has fairly shallow wells and does not have the water capacity to meet the water needs of a data center right now without adding more wells and more water towers. No official requests have been made for a data center in Mount Vernon, but a preemptive code could be put in place in case there are future requests. The consensus of Council was to not move forward at this time with putting additional ordinances in place for data centers.

Separate Irrigation Water Meter Option. Kwik Star has put in an official request to the City for the placement of a separate irrigation meter in order to save on sewer charges. Other individuals have made this type of request, but the City does not have provisions in the code for these types of meters. Nobsch explained that eventually, the runoff from the irrigation that flows onto the streets eventually make their way into the sewer system. If Council is interested in irrigation meters, Nobsch suggests referring it to V&K Engineers to come up with a model ordinance. Items that would need to be addressed before allowing a second meter include things such as backflow prevention and the cost of issuing a second meter. Sewer rates will also increase more than they are now because the revenue factor will change. Depending on how many people take advantage of an irrigation meter, the actual volume of revenue loss in the sewer fund could be substantial. A question was asked about only allowing businesses or entities of a certain size

(commercial vs residential) to be allowed to have an irrigation meter. Nobsisch explained that unless there is a scientific reason why commercial would be different than residential, you would have to make them available to everyone.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. The Community Foundation will be contributing \$4,500.00 to the Childcare Solutions Group as well as the "Hopeful Mama's" Group.

Council Reports. Engel reported on the search for a new president at Cornell College.

City Administrator's Report. Full report available on the City website in the May 4, 2026 Council Packet.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:31 p.m., May 4, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk