July 6, 2026
City Council Minutes
213 1st Street NW
Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314

The Mount Vernon City Council met July 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 absent.

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

Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve the Agenda. Motion carries. Tuerler and Hansen-Player absent.

Consent Agenda. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carries. Tuerler and Hansen-Player absent.
Approval of City Council Minutes – June 15, 2026
Approval of Liquor License – CDG (Heritage Days Event)
Approval of Retail Tobacco License – Happy Daze LLC
Approval of Device Retailer License – Happy Daze LLC
Approval of Liquor License – Kwik Trip Inc
Approval of Retail Tobacco License - Kwik Trip Inc

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). Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to remove this item from the table. Motion carries. Tuerler and Hansen-Player absent. A new public hearing will be set tonight to begin this process again.

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). Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to remove this item from the table. Roll call all yes. Motion carries. Tuerler and Hansen-Player absent. No action taken on this item.

Motions for Approval
Consideration of Claims List – Motion to Approve. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to approve the claims list. Motion carries. Tuerler and Hansen-Player absent.

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	161,981.06
IA COMMUNITIES ASSURANCE POOL	PROPERTY/VEHICLE INSURANCE	197,827.00
COLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	ANNUAL SUPPORT	158,000.00
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	2026 FORD EXPLORER-PD	51,468.30
LISBON MT VERNON AMBULANCE	ANNUAL SUPPORT	38,370.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	37,595.13
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP	ANNUAL SUPPORT	23,500.00
SE LINN COMMUNITY CENTER	ANNUAL SUPPORT	22,000.00
MORTON SALT INC	SALT-RUT	18,379.65

HUBSPOT INC	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION-ALL DEPTS	14,350.18
ASCENDANCE TRUCKS CENTERS	DUMP TRUCK REPAIRS-PW	14,219.53
US BANK	CREDIT CARD CHARGES-ALL DEPTS	10,567.24
NELSON ELECTRIC	GAS DETECTION-PW FACILITIES	8,065.00
WIENEKE LAND SOLUTIONS	FERTILIZER/WEED CONTROL-P&REC	7,245.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	6,345.92
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	6,006.18
GARY'S FOODS	CONCESSION SUPPLIES-POOL	5,502.76
MOUNT VERNON AREA ARTS COUNCIL	ANNUAL SUPPORT	5,500.00
DIX LAWN CARE	CEMETERY MAINT	5,316.66
CCDG	HERITAGE DAYS SUPPORT	5,000.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	4,885.96
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	4,796.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	BRYANT ROAD SANITARY SEWER	4,609.68
YANKEE HILL MACHINE CO, INC	RIFLE UPFIT-PD	4,584.82
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-ALL DEPTS	4,480.86
IMWCA	WORK COMP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	4,353.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	4,223.67
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES INC	CHEMICALS-POOL	4,200.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	3,380.00
RTL EQUIPMENT	EQUIP MAINT-PW	3,363.32
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS	3,302.33
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER EQUIP-PD	2,650.00
CAMPBELL SUPPLY	EQUIPMENT-PW	2,629.91
TIER 1 TACTICAL, LLC	RIFLE UPFIT-PD	2,466.64
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WATER MISC ENGINEERING	2,304.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	2,136.83
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	2,129.60
FELD FIRE	SAFETY SUPPLIES-FD	2,027.00
GEISSELE AUTOMATICS INC	RIFLE UPFIT-PD	2,005.00
COMMUNITY BAND	ANNUAL SUPPORT	2,000.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PD	1,953.08
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON	PERPETUAL CARE-CEMETERY	1,860.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2025 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS	1,781.85
LISBON, CITY OF	AMB DIRECTOR SALARY	1,736.24
KIECKS	UNIFORMS-PD	1,722.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-PD	1,706.00
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	UPTOWN PLAQUES-HPC	1,530.10
ELECTRIC PUMP	LIFT STATION REPAIRS-SEW	1,510.41
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	SIGNS-RUT	1,411.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS	TRAINING-POOL	1,338.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	1,314.24
POLICE LEGAL SCIENCES INC	TRAINING-PD	1,310.00
CEDAR RAPIDS KERNELS	KERNELS TICKETS-P&REC	1,300.00
UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY	TUITION-PD	1,295.00
WELTER STORAGE EQUIPMENT	FURNITURE-PD	1,234.00
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	VEHICLE DECALS-PD	1,180.00
FELD FIRE	TRAINING-FD	1,148.00
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	1,132.35
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES INC	EQUIP REPAIR-POOL	991.55
LINCOLNWAY GOLF CARS	CART RENTAL-K9 GOLF	990.00
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-CITY HALL	959.21
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-PD	920.70
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	833.64

DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE/HUB SUPPORT-ALL DEPTS	825.00
SPACE WALK INFLATABLES	MARKETING-LBC	810.50
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	740.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	738.27
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-LBC	730.00
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	685.07
CAMDEN LEONARD	CELL PHONE STIPEND	680.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	INTERURBAN TRAIL	660.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	642.24
DEREK BOREN	CELL PHONE STIPEND	600.00
JACOB BUSTER	CELL PHONE STIPEND	600.00
NATHAN GOODLOVE	CELL PHONE STIPEND	600.00
UMB BANK	2024 GO FEES	600.00
UMB BANK	2025 GO FEES	600.00
ROUNDABOUT REPAIR SHOP LLC	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	575.60
TEK TO TEK INC	EQUIPMENT-FD	561.93
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD	557.89
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	527.46
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-POOL	521.69
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-LBC	511.42
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-LBC	510.00
CHARLES WELDON	SERVICES-HPC	500.00
FULL MOON HORIZON	MARKETING-LBC	500.00
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-ALL DEPTS	487.43
ALEX VOLKOV	CELL PHONE STIPEND	480.00
CHRIS NOSBISCH	CELL PHONE STIPEND	480.00
DONALD FEDDERSEN	CELL PHONE STIPEND	480.00
DUSTIN BURNETT	CELL PHONE STIPEND	480.00
ELDON DOWNS	CELL PHONE STIPEND	480.00
JACOB SEE	CELL PHONE STIPEND	480.00
JAYNE DEWITTE	CELL PHONE STIPEND	480.00
KATEY FOREST	CELL PHONE STIPEND	480.00
LEIGH BRADBURY	CELL PHONE STIPEND	480.00
LORI BOREN	CELL PHONE STIPEND	480.00
MARSHA DEWELL	CELL PHONE STIPEND	480.00
MATT PLOTZ	CELL PHONE STIPEND	480.00
MERIDITH HOFFMAN-CASSELL	CELL PHONE STIPEND	480.00
RYAN CROCK	CELL PHONE STIPEND	480.00
SARAH BOOTS	CELL PHONE STIPEND	480.00
TED SEITER	CELL PHONE STIPEND	480.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-P&REC	466.23
GALLS LLC	EQUIPMENT-PD	458.35
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	457.73
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PD,P&A	445.75
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	ACH RETURN-WAT,SEW,SW	442.92
RACOM CORPORATION	MOBILE VPN-PD	437.30
COAST TO COAST SOLUTIONS	MARKETING-PD	426.32
CAUSE TEAM	SUPPLIES-K9 GOLF	420.00
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	400.02
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	START UP CASH-K9 GOLF	400.00
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	388.10
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-P&A	386.43
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	LBC GENERATOR	381.50
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	368.59

SCHIMBERG COMPANY	SUPPLIES-RUT	367.19
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PW	354.64
CAUSE TEAM	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	353.50
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2024 SANITARY SEWER REHAB	337.50
VERMEER SALES & SERVICE INC	EQUIP MAINT-SW	332.60
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CITY HALL	325.94
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE SUPPORT-LBC	325.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	323.89
T-MOBILE	VEHICLE SOFTWARE-PW	319.20
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD,P&A	303.33
JOE JENNISON	CELL PHONE STIPEND	300.00
UMB BANK	2018 GO FEES	300.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	294.96
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&A	277.65
CURTIS ENGLISH SELECT SERVICE	PORTABLE RR RENTALS-P&REC	260.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WWTP PHASE 2 MODELING	257.50
UMB BANK	2014 GO FEES	250.00
UMB BANK	2013A GO FEES	250.00
MENARDS	SHELVING-PW	249.98
MAXWELL SIDERS	FIELD PREP-P&REC	247.00
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-POOL,LBC	243.46
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	231.07
WENDLING QUARRIES	ROADSTONE-RUT	225.55
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-LBC	220.54
EDITH DAWSON	SERVICES-HPC	218.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	202.39
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT,SEW,SW	182.67
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	LEGAL FEES-P&A	181.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW,P&A	181.32
DAVID FRANKFURT	FUEL-PD	179.83
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER USAGE-PD	174.96
MATT SIDERS	MILEAGE-P&REC,LBC	174.00
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	168.15
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE METER LEASE-ALL DEPTS	165.33
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-PD	159.76
BADGE AND WALLET	UNIFORMS-PD	158.65
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	149.01
HAWKEYE COMMUNICATION INC	FIRE SYSTEM MONITORING-PD	147.00
MENARDS	SUPPLIES-PW	143.98
CEDAR RAPIDS, CITY OF	CRIME STOPPERS-PD	132.30
MARKET STREET	SERVICES-HPC	120.00
TRAE DAVID BIELEFELD	REFEREE-P&REC	120.00
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-P&REC,K9	115.84
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-POOL	115.68
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	114.45
ORIGINAL WATERMAN INC	UNIFORMS-POOL	112.95
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	108.77
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	SIGNS-PD K9	105.00
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	100.14
CCDG	COMMUNITY CASH-LBC	100.00
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-CITY HALL	97.93
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	97.33
VESTIS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-LBC	90.36
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	FUNDRAISER REG-P&A	90.00

IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-P&A	85.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	84.60
UPH ST LUKES DRUG & ALCOHOL	DRUG TESTING-PW	84.00
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-VC	82.75
RYAN IZER	REFEREE-P&REC	80.00
TRAE DAVID BIELEFELD	REFEREE-P&REC	80.00
RYAN IZER	REFEREE-P&REC	80.00
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	INTERNET-CITY HALL	69.95
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SIRENS	67.62
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-POOL	65.00
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-PD	61.78
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT,P&REC	60.65
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-FD	59.19
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-PW	53.81
JACK ROGERS	TRAINING-FD	52.75
CATHY GEORGE	CTW SUPPLIES-P&REC	51.27
BANKCARD 8076	REFUND-LBC	50.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	UPTOWN LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS	49.50
MARY SCHLICHTE	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	48.00
US CELLULAR	INTERNET-WAT,SEW	42.54
HANNAH GANZEL	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
MERCY PHYSICIAN SERVICES INC	WELLNESS PLATFORM-ALL DEPTS	42.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-SEW	40.00
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES INC	EQUIP REPAIR-POOL	35.45
MARY SCHLICHTE	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	32.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SW	31.85
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	30.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PD	25.48
IOWA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP-FD	25.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	24.96
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-PD	24.40
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	20.00
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-CITY HALL	15.90
AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
TOTAL		**936,110.59**

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS	
GENERAL FUND	434,046.89
INSURANCE LEVY	169,568.00
PAYROLL	161,981.06
ROAD USE TAX FUND	40,539.43
WATER FUND	32,439.88
SEWER FUND	26,493.99
POLICE FORFEITURE	20,789.92
LBC	13,833.30
SOLID WASTE	12,288.15
PW FACILITIES	8,065.00
BRYANT ROAD SANITARY SEWER	4,609.68
RACHEL STREET	3,302.33
DEBT SERVICE	2,000.00
PERPETUAL CARE	1,860.00
SIDEWALK PROJECT	1,781.85
STORM WATER FUND	1,464.11

LOST III TRAILS/PARKS	660.00
ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	337.50
2025 UPTOWN LIGHTING	49.50
TOTAL	**936,110.59**

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date to Receive the Engineers Report on the Preliminary Plat for the City of Mount Vernon EMS District – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to set the public hearing for July 20, 2026. Motion carries. Tuerler and Hansen-Player absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Change Order #11 to the Mt. Vernon Pool Renovations – Woodruff Construction - Council Action as Needed. This is the formal change order for the shallow end pump at the pool that was not part of the original project. This change order is in the amount of $22,272.56 and the work was previously approved by staff and Council. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Rose to approve Change Order #11 – Mt. Vernon Pool Renovations. Motion carries. Tuerler and Hansen-Player absent.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51387-8 – Rachel Street Improvement Project – Council Action as Needed. V&K Invoice #51387-8 is in the amount of $10,319.40. This invoice covers engineering and inspection work for the Rachel Street Construction Project. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve V&K Invoice #51387-8. Motion carries. Tuerler and Hansen-Player absent.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51361-23 – Hwy 1 Reconstruction Project – Council Action as Needed. V&K Invoice #51361-23 is in the amount of $20,455.00. This invoice covers engineering work for the Hwy 1 Reconstruction Project. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve V&K Invoice #51361-23. Motion carries. Tuerler and Hansen-Player absent.

Discussion and Consideration of North Window Replacement Quote – City Hall – Council Action as Needed. The windows on the north side of City Hall have been leaking significant amounts of water during rain events. The estimate to replace four of the windows is $9,615.00. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to approve the window replacements at City Hall, not to exceed $10,500.00. Motion carries. Tuerler and Hansen-Player absent.

Discussion and Consideration of 2026-2027 City of Mount Vernon Employee Wellness Program – Council Action as Needed. The City had 13 of the 28 full time employees engage in the wellness program this year. Staff would like to expand the program to include, part-time employees, Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers. The reason behind the program is to maintain healthy employees and reduce workplace injuries, which has the potential to reduce the Mod Factor for work comp insurance, significantly reducing premiums. As part of the program administered by Mercy, the employee receives a single membership to the LBC. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Engel to approve the 2026-2027 City of Mount Vernon Employee Wellness Program. Motion carries. Tuerler and Hansen-Player absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Date for CDBG Downtown Revitalization Funds from the Iowa Economic Development Authority – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to set the public hearing for CDBG Downtown Revitalization grant application for July 20, 2026. Motion carries. Tuerler and Hansen-Player absent.

Discussion and Consideration of K-9 Police Vehicle Purchase – MVL Police Department – Council Action as Needed. This is a planned Capital Improvement expense for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. The cost of the vehicle fully outfitted is $86,854.12. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to approve the purchase of a new K-9 Police vehicle. Motion carries. Tuerler and Hansen-Player absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Heritage Days Special Event Approval – Council Action as Needed. Staff provided Council with a letter from the City to the State of Iowa Alcohol Beverage Division regarding the liquor license for Heritage Days. The letter provides details for the event, including the sale of alcohol on designated Uptown streets. CDG has secured insurance for the Heritage Days event. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve the liquor license for Heritage Days. Motion carries. Tuerler and Hansen-Player absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #8 – Rachel Street Improvement Project – Council Action as Needed. Pay Application #8 is in the amount of $130,380.24. This project is expected to be complete by the middle of July. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Rose to approve Pay Application #8 – Rachel Street Improvement Project. Motion carries. Tuerler and Hansen-Player absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #4 – Sidewalk Improvement Project – Council Action as Needed. Pay Application #4 is in the amount of $38,260.82. The Sidewalk Improvement Project is complete, pending close-up items. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve Pay Application #4 – Sidewalk Improvement Project. Motion carries. Tuerler and Hansen-Player absent.

Discussion Items (No Action)

Letter of Support – Trails. Mayor Wieseler is looking for an endorsement from Council to continue work on the Interurban Trail. The City's obligation would be to Irish Lane and we are almost halfway there. Council agreed that this was a project that will enhance the community. Wieseler will write a letter of support and send it to Linn County Conservation to help move that process forward.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. Cornell College reached out to the Mayor to do a "Welcome to Cornell" for students and parents. With the cooperation of the American Legion, Wiesler was part of the reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th. The Cedar Rapids Economic Alliance did an interview segment on "All Politics is Local" that the Mayor was part of. There is one opening on the Parks and Recreation Board and three on the Board of Adjustment.

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

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:44 p.m., July 6, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk