August 3, 2026
City Council Minutes
213 1st Street NW
Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314

The Mount Vernon City Council met August 3, 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 6:30 p.m. Mayor Thomas M. Wieseler 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 Rose to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carries.
Approval of City Council Minutes – July 20, 2026

Resolutions for Approval
Resolution #8-3-2026A: Approving Ballot Language for the City of Mount Vernon Emergency Medical Services District Special Levy September 1, 2026. This resolution establishes the ballot language for the Emergency Medical Service District special levy vote on September 1, 2026. If approved, the levy would fluctuate between $.667 and $1.00 per $1,000 of home valuation. The voted trustees will set the tax levy every year. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Hansen-Player to approve Resolution #8-3-2026A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #8-3-2026B: Establishing Depositories of Public Funds with Hills Bank and Trust. The next three resolutions are done annually and recognize the three local banks to be used as depositories of public funds. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #8-3-2026B. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #8-3-2026C: Establishing Depositories of Public Funds with Bridge Community Bank. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Tuerler to approve Resolution #8-3-2026C. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #8-3-2026D: Establishing Depositories of Public Funds with Mount Vernon Bank and Trust. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #8-3-2026D. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #8-3-2026E: Approving the Disposal of Municipal Property. The Police Department is seeking to dispose of a 2018 Ford Explorer. The LMVAS has asked to take possession of the vehicle and staff is recommending in favor of this course of action. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #8-3-2026E. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Old Business
Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #5 with Modern Concrete - Sidewalk Improvement Project – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Rose to untable this item. Motion carries. Pay Application #5 is in the amount of $13,634.90. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Tuerler to approve Pay Application #5 - Sidewalk Improvement Project. Motion carries.

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	156,698.36
WORLDMAKER RESILIENCE INSTITUTE	THRIVE TRAINING-PD GRANT	50,126.55
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP	HOTEL/MOTEL TAX-ECON DEV	25,790.38
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	8,840.11
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	6,414.54
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	6,214.39
BRECKE MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS	SINK HOLE REPAIRS-MEADOWLANE CT	5,201.63
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	5,091.51
KROUL FARMS	BEAUTIFICATION	4,681.80
IMWCA	WORK COMP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	4,353.00
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES INC	CHEMICALS-POOL	4,200.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WATER MISC ENGINEERING	4,059.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	3,998.31
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-LBC	3,105.79
ASCENDANCE TRUCKS CENTERS	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	2,677.82
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	BRYANT ROAD SANITARY SEWER	2,648.50
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS	2,385.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	2,154.60
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PD	1,973.08
TOTAL TREE CARE OF IOWA CITY	TREE MAINT-RUT	1,875.00
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	METERS-WAT	1,642.18
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	LEGAL FEES-P&A	1,468.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CITY HALL	1,090.48
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	1,003.53
FOSTERS KRAUS PLUMBING-HEATING	HVAC MAINT-CITY HALL	999.23
ATS AUTOMOTIVE	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	977.49
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-CITY HALL	959.21
ORIGINAL WATERMAN INC	UNIFORMS-POOL	946.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-FD	944.13
DSG	SUPPLIES-BRINE SHED	928.20
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICE-PD	920.70
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	744.10
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-LBC	730.00
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&A	682.97
COLE-TAC LLC	UNIFORMS-PD	666.40
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	639.72
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	613.98
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	544.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WWTP PHASE 2 MODELING	520.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PW	458.85
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	457.73
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	ACH RETURN-WAT,SEW,SW	428.50
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-P&A	400.03
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	400.02
CULVERS GARDEN CENTER	PLANTS-K9 MEMORIAL	381.42
MERCY PHYSICIAN SERVICES INC	WELLNESS PLATFORM-ALL DEPTS	329.00
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-LBC	319.24
T-MOBILE	VEHICLE SOFTWARE-PW	319.20
RC TECH	SERVICES-POOL	314.42

CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-ALL DEPTS	288.55
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-CITY HALL	276.30
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WASTEWATER MISC ENGINEERING	270.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-PD	268.74
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2025 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS	265.00
POLICE RECORDS & INFO MANAGEMENT	TRAINING-PD	199.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-RUT,WAT,SEW,P&A	197.92
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	196.64
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-SEW	185.81
CEDAR VALLEY OUTFITTERS CORP	EQUIP-PD	179.97
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	INTERURBAN TRAIL	177.00
IA DEPT OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS	ELEVATOR PERMIT/INSPECT-P&A	175.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-PW	167.13
CHRIS NOSBISCH	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	160.36
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-PD	153.88
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT,SEW,SW	150.00
TASC	FSA ADJUSTMENT-PD	130.76
RC TECH	SERVICES-CITY HALL	123.05
BAUMAN AND COMPANY	DRY CLEANING-P&REC	114.60
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	114.45
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	108.77
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	107.03
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-POOL	105.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	BRYANT ROAD SANITARY SEWER	104.04
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	100.79
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	100.14
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	98.32
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-CITY HALL	97.93
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-K9	97.60
UNITED STATES TREASURY	FORM 720 FILING-P&A	97.16
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-VC	82.75
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-POOL,P&REC	82.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SIRENS	81.91
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-P&A	80.65
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-POOL	76.66
MENARDS	SUPPLIES-K9 MEMORIAL	76.41
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-LBC	75.04
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC	75.00
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	INTERNET-CITY HALL	69.95
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	69.30
MENARDS	TRAINING CENTER SUPPLIES-FD	50.78
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD,P&A	49.26
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC,WAT	44.25
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-P&REC	42.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	40.54
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-SEW	40.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SW	32.03
VESTIS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-LBC	30.12
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ST LUKE'S WORK WELL SOLUTIONS	DRUG TESTING-WAT,SEW	30.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PW	20.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	2.60
TOTAL		**329,310.91**

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS	
PAYROLL	156,698.36
GENERAL FUND	113,837.73
WATER FUND	15,828.25
SEWER FUND	13,086.19
ROAD USE TAX FUND	11,356.98
LBC	5,636.86
ARPA LINN COUNTY GRANT	5,201.63
BRYANT ROAD SANITARY SEWER	2,752.54
RACHEL STREET	2,385.00
SOLID WASTE	1,943.35
SIDEWALK PROJECT	265.00
LOST III TRAILS/PARKS	177.00
STORM WATER FUND	142.02
TOTAL	**329,310.91**

Discussion and Consideration of Vermeer Brush Chipper – Public Works – Council Action as Needed. Staff is seeking approval to purchase a 2019 AX19 Vermeer brush chipper. This model is a bigger, heavier built machine than what the Public Works Department currently has and will be able to process material faster, easier and at a much larger capacity. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve the purchase of a brush chipper from Vermeer in the amount of $65,000.00. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Computer Replacement Purchase – Police Department - Council Action as Needed. Staff is seeking to replace two desktop PC's at the Police Department. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to approve the purchase of two desktop PC's from Iowa Solutions for a total of $4,140.00. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice # 51387-9 – Rachel Street Improvements – Council Action as Needed. This invoice covers engineering and inspection work for the Rachel Street Construction Project. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Hansen-Player to approve V&K Invoice #51387-9 in the amount of $14,991.72. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice # 51361-24 – Hwy 1 Reconstruction – Council Action as Needed. This invoice covers engineering work for the Hwy 1 Reconstruction Project. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve V&K Invoice 51361-24 in the amount of $73,973.43. Motion carries.

Discussion Items (No Action)
E-Bike Ordinances. Staff is seeking Council's opinion as to whether Mount Vernon should consider an ordinance on E-bikes as they are becoming more commonplace, as well as the number of incidents associated with them. Council was given a copy of Bellevue's E-Bike ordinance to use as a starting point for the discussion. It was the consensus of Council that further discussion was warranted to come up with a program that will make the use of E-Bikes safer for users and community members.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator
Mayor's Report. Wieseler will meet with Linn County Conservation to discuss the possibility of a future REAP Grant for trails. Wednesday there will be a meeting with area mayors and the Cedar Rapids Economic Alliance regarding economic development. The Iowa DOT will be at the next meeting with information on the Hwy 1 Reconstruction project as will Linn County Public and SE Linn Community Center with presentations. Breakfast with the Mayor will be August 15th at the First Street Breakfast Club.

Council Reports. Hansen-Player reported on the 2nd annual reading camp at the library last week with 23 attending.

City Administrator's Report. Report is available in the August 3, 2026 Council Packet on the City website.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:29 p.m., August 3, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk