

The Mount Vernon City Council met August 17, 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 as noted. Motion carries.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – August 3, 2026

Approval of Liquor License – Bon Appetit at Cornell College

Public Hearing

Public Hearing for the Consideration of the Old Orchard 2nd Addition Final Plat, Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. The proposed plat adjusts boundaries on three current parcels and subdivides Lot 3. Two newly-created parcels do not have frontage along a public right-of-way, preventing them from being developed at this time. For this reason, the parcels are required to be labeled as outlots and are presented as Outlot A & Outlot B. Planning and Zoning has reviewed the plat and voted in favor of recommending approval by Council. Veenstra and Kimm has also reviewed the plat and determined that it meets the necessary requirements. After hearing no public comment, Mayor Wieseler closed the public hearing at 7:46 p.m. Council then moved on to Resolution #8-17-2026D.

Resolutions for Approval

Resolution #8-17-2026A: Approving Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Transfers. This resolution includes transfers to cover upcoming debt payments for the fiscal year. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Tuerler to approve Resolution #8-17-2026A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #8-17-2026B: Accepting Work for the Project Known as the Rachel Street Improvement Project with Rathje Construction. The Rachel Street Improvement Project is now complete and Veenstra & Kimm has submitted a Certificate of Completion. The final contract amount for this project is \$1,289,303.83. The final retainage can be released after the mandatory waiting period. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to approve Resolution #8-17-2026B. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #8-17-2026C: Accepting Work for the Project Known as the 2025 Sidewalk Improvement Project with Modern Concrete. The 2025 Sidewalk Improvement Project is now complete and Veenstra & Kimm has submitted a Certificate of Completion. The final contract amount for this project is \$157,403.78. The final retainage can be released after the mandatory waiting period. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #8-17-2026C. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #8-17-2026D: Approving the Old Orchard 2nd Addition Final Plat to the City of Mount Vernon. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Hansen-Player to approve Resolution #8-17-2026D. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #8-17-2026E: Changing the Name of a Street Currently Designated as “Proposed Street” to “Minish Avenue” in the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa. Linn County still has Minish Avenue listed as “Proposed Street” due to the street name not being submitted in time for the plat to be recorded. This resolution will assign the new street name as “Minish Avenue”. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Hansen-Player to approve Resolution #8-17-2026E. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	151,978.48
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	HWY 1 RECONSTRUCTION	74,519.43
VERMEER SALES & SERVICE INC	CHIPPER-SW	65,000.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	29,689.79
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW RESIDENTIAL	26,793.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW COMMERCIAL	17,684.79
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS	14,991.72
MODERN CONCRETE INC	PAY ESTIMATE #5-2025 SIDEWALK IMPROV	13,634.90
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-ALL DEPTS	9,058.55
RC TECH	ACCESS CONTROL-CITY HALL	7,437.55
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	LINN COOP OIL	6,409.41
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	5,495.00
DIX LAWN CARE	CEMETERY MAINT	5,316.66
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	4,533.65
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	4,160.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-PW	3,778.46
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	3,769.57
GARY'S FOODS	CONCESSION SUPPLIES-POOL	3,645.61
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC-PD,P&A,LBC	3,573.55
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	DESKTOP PC'S-PW	2,532.50
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,499.50
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	2,302.15
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	1,782.60
MENARDS	TRAINING CENTER SUPPLIES-FD	1,663.33
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,POOL,P&REC	1,356.31
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	1,285.98
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	NPDES PERMIT FEE-SEW	1,275.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	935.00
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-PD	916.10
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE/HUB SUPPORT-ALL DEPTS	825.00
911 TECH, INC	SUBSCRIPTION-PD	800.42
DEREK BOREN	REFUND-LBC	693.36
PITA'Z	CTW FOOD VENDOR-P&REC	650.00
CULVERS GARDEN CENTER	BEAUTIFICATION	495.24
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-P&REC	491.68
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-LBC	453.09
THEISEN SUPPLY INC	UNIFORMS-PW,P&REC	389.96
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	352.73
INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES-CITY HALL	352.03
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	327.12
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE SUPPORT-LBC	325.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	260.00
T-MOBILE	PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS	236.13

SPRINGVILLE READY MIX	CONCRETE-PD MEMORIAL, TRAILS	228.50
IA DEPT OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS	ELEVATOR PERMIT/INSPECT-LBC	225.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-LBC	220.54
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	200.88
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY	SUPPLIES-POOL	159.20
GALLS LLC	UNIFORMS-PD	158.00
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL-PW	157.98
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC,POOL,LBC	143.91
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-LBC	140.84
TASC	FSA ADJUSTMENT-PD	130.76
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-PD	123.67
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-FD	111.89
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	98.32
VESTIS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-FD	98.20
AFFORDABLE HEATING & COOLING	HVAC MAINT-CITY HALL	90.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	86.95
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-PD	85.00
CYPRESS SOLUTIONS	SUBSCRIPTION-PD	78.75
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-PD	77.61
MATT SIDERS	MILEAGE-P&REC,LBC	68.40
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-LBC	67.68
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	65.91
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-POOL	65.48
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY	SUPPLIES-LBC	62.01
VESTIS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-LBC	60.24
GALLS LLC	UNIFORMS-PD	56.65
LINCOLNWAY GOLF CARS	TRAINING CENTER SUPPLIES-FD	52.86
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&A	50.92
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY	SUPPLIES-CITY HALL	50.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER USAGE-PD	47.89
FAREWAY STORES INC #257	CONCESSION SUPPLIES-POOL	41.72
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-LBC	41.25
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-FD	33.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	25.59
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-POOL,P&REC	25.00
ELIZABETH SHELDON	DEPOSIT-REFUND-WAT	15.88
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-CITY HALL	13.75
BRENDON DRURY	REFUND-WAT	10.00
AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
TOTAL		478,145.58

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

PAYROLL	151,978.48
SOLID WASTE	116,735.69
HWY 1 RECONSTRUCTION	74,519.43
GENERAL FUND	54,972.42
RACHEL STREET	14,991.72
SEWER FUND	14,761.54
WATER FUND	14,634.08
SIDEWALK PROJECT	13,634.90
LBC	12,692.88
ROAD USE TAX FUND	8,366.77
STORM WATER FUND	705.33

LOST III TRAILS/PARKS	152.34
TOTAL	478,145.58

FY27 JULY REVENUE

PUBLIC WORKS	298,758.57
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	160,031.56
CULTURE-RECREATION	77,879.51
PUBLIC SAFETY	59,201.62
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV	25,790.38
TIF REVENUE	4,833.41
TOTAL	626,495.05

Discussion and Consideration of Moving the Monday, September 7, 2026, City Council Meeting – Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to move the first regularly scheduled Council meeting in September to September 9, 2026. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #9 with Rathje Construction – Rachel Street Improvement Project - Council Action as Needed. This pay application is in the amount of \$110,805.94 and represents the remainder of the contracted amount minus the retainage. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Engel to approve Pay Application #9 – Rachel Street Improvement Project. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Purchasing Replacement Equipment for the LBC – Council Action as Needed. The City purchased the free weights and lifting equipment outright when the facility was opened and some of that equipment is in need of replacement. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve the purchase of replacement equipment in the amount of \$21,027.00. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Purchasing a Replacement Kubota – Public Works – Council Action as Needed. This is the last of the scheduled CIP purchases for this fiscal year. Next Gen Equipment is offering a trade in of \$11,574.28 for the current Kubota. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Hansen-Player to approve the purchase of a new Kubota in the amount of \$26,951.00, after trade-in allowance. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of a Service Contract with Baker Group for the LBC – Council Action as Needed. This is an annual service contract for the air conditioning units and air handling units at the LBC. The contract will be for one year at a cost of \$9,768.00. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to approve the service contract with Baker Group. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of a Commercial Site Plan Review for Si Senior – Council Action as Needed. This site plan is for a patio addition at Si Senior, 100 Business 30 SE. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the site plan with the following modifications: a parking study will be conducted to determine maximum usage during peak demand and to identify a means by which to accommodate the site's potential increase in maximum occupancy; a south-facing accessible ramp shall be installed; total impervious surface area may not increase. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the site plan. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of a Rock Wall Inspection – LBC – Council Action as Needed. According to industry standards, the rock wall at the LBC should be professionally inspected every 2-3 years. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Hansen-Player to approve the proposal with Nolterra Consulting in the amount of \$4,500.00 for the inspection. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Letter of Agreement Between the Lester Buresh Center and the Linn County Emergency Management Agency for Temporary Relocation Center – Council Action as Needed. Linn County EMA is requesting the use of the Lester Buresh Center as an emergency evacuation center. This agreement details the use of the facility and the potential reimbursement process should the facility be needed in the future. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the agreement with Linn County. Motion carries.

Reports to be Received/Filed. Full reports available in the August 17, 2026 Council Packet on the City website.

Mt. Vernon/Lisbon Police Report
Mt. Vernon Public Works Report
Mt. Vernon Parks and Rec Report
Cole Public Library Report

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

July Reconciliation Report. Report is available in the August 17, 2026 Council Packet on the City website.

Quarterly Expense Report. Report is available in the August 17, 2026 Council Packet on the City website.

Mayor's Report. Wieseler wrote Thank You's to The Gazette for recent articles regarding Mount Vernon. Letters of Support were requested from the Mayor for grants for Chameleon's and the 1st Street Community Center. The presidential search process at Cornell is continuing.

Council Reports. Andresen will be attending the Housing Conference in Des Moines next month. Rose will be attending the Main Street Iowa Economic Impact Zoom call on September 2nd.

City Administrator's Report. Report is available in the August 17, 2026 Council Packet on the City website.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 8:28 p.m., August 17, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk