

The Mount Vernon City Council met October 5, 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 Engel, seconded by Tuerler to approve the Agenda. Motion carries.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – September 21, 2026

Approval of Liquor License - MVL CCDG

Appoint Nathan Wolter – Zoning Board of Adjustment

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	117,044.16
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP	HOTEL/MOTEL TAX-ECON DEV	22,963.70
IWORQ SYSTEMS INC	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION-ALL DEPTS	15,000.00
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-ALL DEPTS	12,433.81
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-ALL DEPTS	12,090.06
LYNCH COLLISION CENTER	EQUINOX REPAIRS-ALL DEPTS	6,166.65
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	5,150.29
IMWCA	WORK COMP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	4,353.00
MRK INVESTIGATIONS LLC	INVESTIGATION SERVICES-PD	2,906.25
AB BODYART INC	VIDEO ARCADES-LBC	2,889.04
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	2,606.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP REPAIR-P&REC	2,377.30
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WATER MISC ENGINEERING	2,310.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	2,179.60
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	BRYANT ROAD SANITARY SEWER	2,107.50
LISBON, CITY OF	AMB DIRECTOR SALARY	1,879.66
MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECTURE	CDBG DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION	1,700.00
LINDER TIRE SERVICE	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	1,546.67
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	SAFETY SUPPLIES-PW	1,450.00
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	1,301.22
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS	1,150.92
CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE	EQUIP MAINT-WAT	1,111.69
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	BRYANT ROAD SANITARY SEWER	1,012.50
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICES-CITY HALL	959.21
CARQUEST OF LISBON	EQUIP MAINT-ALL DEPTS	811.69
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	745.14
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-LBC	730.00
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	714.24

IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	675.00
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	640.00
SUSAN SEE	WATER AEROBICS-POOL	567.00
CAMPBELL SUPPLY	EQUIPMENT-FD	531.02
WORLD INSURANCE ASSOCIATES LLC	509A FILING-ALL DEPTS	504.13
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	439.92
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-P&A	409.04
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	360.47
JACOB HUFF	CELL PHONE STIPEND	360.00
T-MOBILE	VEHICLE SOFTWARE-PW	319.20
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	316.77
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-WAT	310.72
TASC	FSA ADJUSTMENT-PD	261.52
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	LBC GENERATOR	249.00
T-MOBILE	PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS	228.36
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	223.93
JACQUELINE ENGELBRECHT	WATER AEROBICS-POOL	216.00
THOMAS M WIESELER	MILEAGE-P&A	212.80
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	197.86
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-LBC	176.55
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT	REFUND-LBC	163.71
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-PD	159.76
HAWKEYE COMMUNICATION INC	FIRE SYSTEM MONITORING-PD	147.00
MERCY PHYSICIAN SERVICES INC	WELLNESS PLATFORM-ALL DEPTS	135.50
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS	132.50
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	130.00
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-CITY HALL	120.92
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	ANNUAL WATER USE FEE-WAT	120.00
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	100.14
LANDON JOHANNINGMEIER	REFEREE-P&REC	100.00
VESTIS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-FD	99.01
MATT SIDERS	MILEAGE-P&REC,LBC	91.20
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WASTEWATER MISC ENGINEERING	67.50
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	64.80
VESTIS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-LBC	64.16
MENARDS	TRAINING CENTER SUPPLIES-FD	60.58
BENNETT R GRAFFT	REFEREE-P&REC	45.00
GABRIEL GRAFFT	REFEREE-P&REC	45.00
JAMISON W BILLINGSLEY	REFEREE-P&REC	45.00
JAXSON J BILLINGSLEY	REFEREE-P&REC	45.00
LUKE RUSHFORD	REFEREE-P&REC	45.00
TEWODROS J BONEWALD	REFEREE-P&REC	45.00
TRAE D BIELEFELD	REFEREE-P&REC	45.00
MONET ROELLE	FUEL-PD	41.13
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-SEW	40.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&A	38.63
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-FD	29.98
CARTER GADBERRY	REFEREE-P&REC	20.00
AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
TOTAL		237,136.11

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

PAYROLL	117,044.16
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GENERAL FUND	60,495.83
WATER FUND	14,427.73
SEWER FUND	10,367.53
LBC	10,268.95
SOLID WASTE	9,737.31
ROAD USE TAX FUND	9,677.03
BRYANT ROAD SANITARY SEWER	3,120.00
LOST III UR & STREETScape	1,700.00
STORM WATER FUND	165.07
RACHEL STREET	132.50
TOTAL	237,136.11

Discussion and Consideration of EMS Board of Director Appointments – Council Action as Needed. The council engaged in an extensive discussion regarding how to appoint three trustees from five qualified candidates following the creation of the new EMS district. Tuerler started the discussion by stating he believes it is in the best interest of the City to go with the will of the voters of the community and appoint the top three vote recipients, which were Dick George with 179 votes, Michelle Zaruba with 104 votes and Rose Hedges with 103 votes. Tuerler then made a motion to appoint Dick George to a three-year term, Michelle Zaruba to a two-year term and Rose Hedges to a one-year term. Engel seconded Tuerler's motion but asked for discussion on the terms. Hansen-Player argued that because it was a write-in election without traditional campaigning, the Council should instead evaluate individual qualifications and how the group will work together. Andresen agreed with Hansen-Player and said it deserves more consideration other than the top votes. Engel agreed with Tuerler's motion to go with the will of the voters but felt the terms should be adjusted based on the applicant's preference on their applications and asked that Tuerler's motion be amended to appoint Zaruba to a one-year term, George to a two-year term and Hedges to a three-year term. Tuerler rejected this amendment to his initial motion. Engel's second to the motion remains. Rose said that given the nature of this vote and the fact that it was strictly write-in, he did have trouble appointing purely on the election results and felt additional consideration was warranted. Wieseler then asked for a vote on Tuerler's motion. Voting yes: Tuerler and Engel. Voting no: Rose, Andresen and Hansen-Player. Motion failed.

Each Council member then discussed their top three choices for appointment based on professional backgrounds such as medical expertise, fiduciary skills and how they would work with other members of the board. After this discussion and based on the top three choices of Council as a whole, Andresen made a motion to appoint Dick George to a three year term, Rose Hedges to a two year term and Alexander Kurjatko to a one year term. This motion seconded by Rose. Voting yes: Engel, Rose, Andresen and Hansen-Player. Voting no: none. Abstain: Tuerler. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51361-26 – Hwy 1 Reconstruction Project - Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Tuerler to approve V&K Invoice #51361-26 in the amount of \$37,568.34. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51388-5 – WWTP Phase 2 - Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve V&K Invoice #51388-5 in the amount of \$7,710.19. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51394-2 – Bryant Road Sanitary Sewer - Council Action as Needed. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve V&K Invoice #51394-2 in the amount of \$13,584.84. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Rec Desk Service Agreement – Council Action as Needed. Rec Desk is the operating program for the LBC. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the annual subscription in the amount of \$8,510.78. Motion carries.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. Wieseler discussed speaking with high school students on producing a video highlighting the school district that could be attached to the CDG presence. Goal setting responses from staff and Council are due by October 12th. Contact will be made with the new casino foundation as a community outside of Cedar Rapids.

City Administrator's Report. Report is available in the October 5, 2026 on the City website.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:28 p.m., October 5, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk