

The Mount Vernon City Council met September 21, 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, Absent: 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 Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the Agenda as noted. Motion carries.

Hansen-Player arrives at 6:31 p.m.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – September 9, 2026

Motions for Approval

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

BRECKE MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS	PAY APP #1-BRYANT RD SANITARY SEWER	188,901.41
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	123,247.12
RATHJE CONSTRUCTION	PAY APP #10 FINAL-RACHEL STREET	38,679.11
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	36,474.77
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ALL DEPTS	34,290.25
GENERAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS	TRAFFIC CONTROL REPAIR-RUT	28,800.00
NEXT GEN EQUIPMENT	KUBOTA-PW	26,951.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	HWY 1 RECONSTRUCTION	18,855.04
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW COMMERCIAL	17,461.46
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WWTP PHASE 2 MODELING	10,378.18
BAKER GROUP	HVAC MAINT CONTRACT-LBC	9,768.00
DIX LAWN CARE	CEMETERY MAINT	5,316.70
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES INC	EQUIP MAINT-PW	5,311.66
MODERN CONCRETE INC	PAY APP #6 FINAL-2025 SIDEWALK IMPROV	4,722.10
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	3,120.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	ANNUAL DUES-P&A	3,043.00
HY-VEE	ACADEMY MEALS-PD	2,786.00
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC-CITY HALL,PD,LBC	2,771.12
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	SUPPLIES-PD	2,093.40
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	1,883.50
RICKARD SIGN AND DESIGN CORP	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	1,295.00
GRAYBILL COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIP MAINT-PW	1,255.00
RACOM CORPORATION	EQUIPMENT-PD	1,153.00
USA BLUE BOOK	SUPPLIES-WAT	1,143.54
BAKER GROUP	BLDG MAINT-LBC	926.36
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	889.51
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE/HUB SUPPORT-ALL DEPTS	825.00

MARK ANDRESEN	HOUSING CONFERENCE-P&A	720.12
COMPASS BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	UTILITY BILLS-WAT,SEW,SW	700.61
LINN COUNTY TREASURER	PAVEMENT MARKINGS-RUT	674.46
BRADLEY HAUGE	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	605.00
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-LBC	582.51
JULIN PRINTING COMPANY	SUPPLIES-PD	542.00
LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	INSPECTION-POOL	468.00
SIMMERING CORY IOWA CODIFICATION	ANNUAL WEB HOSTING-P&A	450.00
BEN MATHIAS	CELL PHONE STIPEND	400.00
INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES-CITY HALL	352.03
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	325.82
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE SUPPORT-LBC	325.00
HAWKEYE COMMUNICATION INC	BLDG MAINT-PD	297.32
TASC	FSA ADJUSTMENT-PD	261.52
CURTIS ENGLISH SELECT SERVICE	PORTABLE RR RENTAL-P&REC	260.00
KONE INC	ELEVATOR MAINT-CITY HALL	250.86
WENDLING QUARRIES	ROADSTONE-RUT	245.22
ROUNABOUT REPAIR SHOP LLC	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	245.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	UNIFORMS-PD	230.00
T-MOBILE	CELL PHONE-PD	229.68
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING-PD	225.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-LBC	220.54
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-LBC	213.23
CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING	DARE SUPPLIES-PD	212.41
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	196.64
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER USAGE-PD	177.82
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL-PW	157.98
HAWKEYE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS	BLDG MAINT-LBC	150.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PW	145.13
THEISEN SUPPLY INC	UNIFORMS-PW,P&REC	144.49
LYNN PEAVEY COMPANY	SUPPLIES-PD	144.02
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	131.29
GRAINGER	TRAINING CENTER SUPPLIES-FD	92.99
MENARDS	BRINE SHED SUPPLIES-RUT	87.00
RC TECH	SERVICES-CITY HALL	86.25
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-FD	83.26
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-PD	72.57
SCHIMBERG COMPANY	BLDG MAINT-FD	64.76
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-FD	60.50
MONET ROELLE	FUEL-PD	38.22
DANIEL DAUBS	MEALS/POSTAGE-PD	36.48
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	35.46
VESTIS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-LBC	31.93
ST LUKE'S WORK WELL SOLUTIONS	DRUG TESTING-PW	30.00
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	20.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	18.88
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-PD	13.75
TOTAL		583,396.98

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

BRYANT ROAD SANITARY SEWER	188,901.41
PAYROLL	123,247.12

GENERAL FUND	51,145.17
ROAD USE TAX FUND	47,805.82
RACHEL STREET	38,679.11
SEWER FUND	34,655.38
SOLID WASTE	28,308.19
WATER FUND	24,641.65
LBC	21,673.75
HWY 1 RECONSTRUCTION	18855.04
2025 SIDEWALK PROJECT	4,722.10
STORM WATER FUND	762.24
TOTAL	583,396.98

FY27 AUGUST REVENUE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,109,764.96
PUBLIC WORKS	269,829.23
CULTURE-RECREATION	66,646.56
PUBLIC SAFETY	3,940.40
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV	1,064.44
TIF REVENUE	806.23
TOTAL	2,452,051.82

Discussion and Consideration of iWorQ Service Agreement – Work Management Program - Council Action as Needed. Staff has been reviewing options for workflow management programs. While pleased with certain functions of the Hubspot application, it is not specifically designed as a government based program. iWorQ, however, is designed for government functionality. The annual program cost will be \$12,000 per year, with a \$3,000 initial setup fee. The annual cost for iWorQ is also less than the current Hubspot application. This new platform will also be more user friendly for both citizens and staff. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Hansen-Player to approve iWorQ Service Agreement-Work Management Program. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Art Trail Sculpture Addition - MVAAC - Council Action as Needed. The Sculpture Trail Committee and the Mt Vernon Area Arts Council are seeking permission to place two new sculptures along the Sculpture Trail. Outside of in-kind Public Works Department staff time, the costs of the proposed sculptures are being absorbed by the MVAAC. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve the placement of two new sculptures along the Sculpture Trail. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Discussion and Consideration of Leadership Goal Setting and Strategic Planning Services – Council Action as Needed. As discussed in the last meeting, staff has sought a proposal for a City Council goal setting session. Midwest Municipal Consulting LLC (Elizabeth Hansen) has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$3,700 to facilitate this process. The City has worked with Hansen in the past and were pleased with the services provided. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the proposal from Midwest Municipal Consulting LLC for goal setting and strategic planning services. Motion carries. Tuerler absent.

Reports to be Received/Filed. Full reports available in the September 21, 2026 Council Packet on the City website.

Mt. Vernon/Lisbon Police Report

Mt. Vernon Public Works Report

Mt. Vernon Parks and Rec Report

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

August Reconciliation Report. Report is available in the September 21, 2026 Council Packet on the City website.

Mayor's Report. The Mayor will be attending the Iowa League of Cities Conference this week, along with other City staff. Charlie Nichols with Linn County Planning and Development extended an invitation to meet regarding community issues.

Council Reports. Andresen attended the Housing Conference in Des Moines recently.

City Administrator's Report. Report is available in the September 21, 2026 Council Packet on the City website.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:17 p.m., September 21, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk