

The Mount Vernon City Council met September 9, 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 (Zoom), 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. Wieseler noted that item J10 under motions for approval would be moved to the communications portion of the meeting. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Tuerler to approve the Agenda. Motion carries.

Agenda Item #J10 - Discussion and Consideration of EMS Election Results and EMS Trustee Selection – Linn County Auditor – Council Action as Needed. Todd Taylor (Linn County Auditor) and Matt Warfield (Deputy Commissioner of Elections). EMS Election was completed at over 92% approval for the measure and five nominations to be considered to the district board of trustees – Dick George, Michelle Zaruba, Alexander Kurjatko, Rose Hedges and Jackie Morrical. The Council will select three trustees. One trustee will serve a three-year term, one will serve a two-year term, and one will serve a one-year term. The council is not required to vote on this today – there is no timeline to voting on these individuals. Lisbon, Johnson County, Linn County and Mount Vernon will each vote three individuals per district. There is a potential for all of four districts to consolidate into one, but that would be after this appointment in the future. There is no specific timeline for establishing the board; however, the board must meet to establish a budget for approval for the following year. Therefore, it would be beneficial to have the board established before November to avoid potentially losing a year of funding. Nosbisch stated that no action is required at this meeting but left the item on the agenda in the event the Council wished to take action. Once the board is established, it will become a separate entity. Andresen stated that five individuals have been presented for consideration and felt the selection should not simply be based on the number of votes each candidate receives, but rather on selecting the three individuals who would work best together as a team. Rose suggested providing each candidate with a brief interest questionnaire for Council to review, allowing members to learn more about the candidates and ask any follow-up questions before making appointments. Council agreed to place the appointments on the agenda for the first meeting in October. Staff will provide each candidate with a questionnaire to help Council better understand their background, interest in serving, and reasons for wanting to become a trustee. Andresen also suggested gauging each candidate's interest in the available term lengths and asking which term they would prefer to serve. No action taken.

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

Approval of City Council Minutes – August 17, 2026
Appoint Alexander Kurjatko – Zoning Board of Adjustment
Approval of Liquor License – CDG Chili Cookoff

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	283,478.21
RATHJE CONSTRUCTION	PAY ESTIMATE #9-RACHEL STREET	110,805.94
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ALL DEPTS	35,067.78
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB,RECYL-SW RESIDENTIAL	24,662.04
GRONEWOLD, BELL, KYHNN & CO PC	AUDIT FEES-ALL DEPTS	9,500.00
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-ALL DEPTS	9,338.54
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	8,125.00
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	EMPLOYEE LBC MEMBERSHIPS-ALL DEPTS	7,892.32
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	LINN COOP OIL	7,820.36
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS	7,334.84
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	BRYANT ROAD SANITARY SEWER	7,013.42
CAPITAL SANITARY SUPPLY	FLOOR FINISH-LBC	6,500.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	4,683.87
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	4,458.91
IMWCA	WORK COMP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	4,353.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	DESKTOP PC'S-PD	4,225.00
IOWA VALLEY MONUMENT	K9 MEMORIAL-PD	4,110.85
ALLIANT ENERGY	FRANCHISE EXTENSION-RACHEL STREET	3,799.90
BOWKER PINNACLE MECHANICAL	BLDG MAINT-LBC	3,395.65
DDM IRRIGATION	IRRIGATION REPAIRS-RACHEL STREET	3,208.42
BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC	T-SHIRTS-P&REC	2,784.25
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	2,641.00
TONY PALLOTTA	K9 SUPPLIES-PD	2,550.00
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-ALL DEPTS	2,508.63
NOLTERRA LLC	ROCK WALL INSPECTION-LBC	2,250.00
KERNOUSTIE GOLF CLUB	CART RENTAL-K9 GOLF	2,228.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	DESKTOP PC'S-PW	2,212.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER EQUIP-ALL DEPTS	2,195.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	2,154.60
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PD	2,013.08
MUNICIPAL MGMT CORP.	LEAK DETECTION-WAT	2,000.00
MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECTURE	CDBG DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION	1,723.87
KIECKS	UNIFORMS-PD	1,599.00
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	1,557.01
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WATER MISC ENGINEERING	1,556.58
JOHNSON FITNESS & WELLNESS	EQUIP-LBC	1,145.00
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP	HOTEL/MOTEL TAX-ECON DEV	1,064.44
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,POOL,P&REC	998.73
RC TECH	ACCESS CONTROL HOSTING-PW	960.00
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICES-CITY HALL	959.21
ROTO-ROOTER	CAMERA SERVICE-SEW	945.00
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICES-PD	920.70
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	858.07
BAKER GROUP	HVAC MAINT-LBC	844.09
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	811.00
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	761.44
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	750.27
COMPASS BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	UTILITY BILLS-WAT,SEW,SW	749.64
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-LBC	730.00
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	701.30
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	ACH RETURN-WAT,SEW,SW	697.48
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	682.24

OTTSEN OIL COMPANY	EQUIP REPAIR-SEW	658.12
CASTLE SPORTS	CASTLE SQUARES-LBC	643.82
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-PW	499.25
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-CITY HALL,LBC	464.37
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	460.00
VERMEER SALES & SERVICE INC	CHIPPER MAINT-SW	459.84
RAPIDS REPRODUCTIONS INC	PLOTTER SERVICE-P&A	457.80
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	457.73
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	435.06
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-P&A	412.38
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	400.02
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	400.00
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC	385.60
AMANDA HAMER	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	375.00
SPEER FINANCIAL INC	BOND DISCLOSURE-P&A	375.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	SAFETY EQUIP-PW	363.00
GARY'S FOODS	CONCESSION SUPPLIES-POOL	352.50
T-MOBILE	VEHICLE SOFTWARE-PD	319.20
AMERICAN RED CROSS	TRAINING-POOL	318.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	317.43
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	316.77
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	316.43
TASC	FSA ADMIN FEE-ALL DEPTS	313.20
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	294.96
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-P&REC	290.00
KIECKS	UNIFORMS-PD	280.00
TASC	FSA ADJUSTMENT-PD	261.52
CURTIS ENGLISH SELECT SERVICE	PORTABLE RR RENTAL-P&REC	260.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	SIGNS-RUT	257.62
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-PW	255.00
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	LEGAL FEES-P&A	252.00
DAVID FRANKFURT	FUEL-PD	245.44
MARKET STREET	SERVICES-HPC	233.00
LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	AIR PERMITS-ALL DEPTS	225.00
IIMC	MEMBERSHIP-ALL DEPTS	210.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PW	199.92
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-POOL	187.78
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-PD	159.76
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-LBC	149.60
PROFESSIONAL WINDOW CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING-PD,CITY HALL	140.00
TASC	FSA ADJUSTMENT-PD	130.76
T-MOBILE	PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS	119.71
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	114.45
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PW	111.62
MENARDS	UNIFORMS-PW	109.97
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	108.77
SARAH BOOTS	MILEAGE/SUPPLIES-LBC	104.51
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	100.14
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	TRAINING CENTER SUPPLIES-FD	98.82
VESTIS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-FD	98.20
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-CITY HALL	97.93
SPIRE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	REFUND-WAT	97.78
VESTIS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-LBC	95.79
CASCADE SWIM TEAM	SWIM TEAM MEDALS-POOL	91.00

BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUNDS-LBC,POOL	88.00
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD	85.87
HANNAH GANZEL	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	85.00
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-VC	82.75
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PW	80.00
CYPRESS SOLUTIONS	SUBSCRIPTION-PD	78.75
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	71.10
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	INTERNET-CITY HALL	69.95
CHRIS NOSBISCH	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	67.64
LANDON JOHANNINGMEIER	REFEREE-P&REC	67.50
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-LBC	67.41
KIMBERLY SCHROCK	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	63.75
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-LBC	58.85
FINNEGAN SHELTON	REFUND-WAT	57.94
CEDAR RAPIDS TIRE	EQUIP MAINT-P&REC	57.50
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-POOL	55.98
KIRSTIN SOGARRD	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	55.87
ROBERT PARKER	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	55.87
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-POOL	43.50
SARAH L FITZGERALD	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-SEW	40.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-CITY HALL	35.75
VESTIS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-LBC	31.93
ST LUKE'S WORK WELL SOLUTIONS	DRUG TESTING-PW	30.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-LBC	27.50
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-PD	24.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-CITY HALL	22.60
KELLI MARIE KENNON-LANE	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	21.25
MENARDS	UNIFORMS-PW	20.00
WELAND CLINICAL LABORATORIES	WELAND CLINICAL LABS	18.50
LAURA SHOOK	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	13.81
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	10.00
LINN COUNTY TREASURER	SMH TAXES-P&A	10.00
AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
STEPHEN THOMAS	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	3.21
TOTAL		612,857.03

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

PAYROLL	283,478.21
RACHEL STREET	125,149.10
GENERAL FUND	67,616.82
LBC	30,007.06
SOLID WASTE	28,441.97
WATER FUND	26,953.86
SEWER FUND	22,743.61
ROAD USE TAX FUND	13,926.78
BRYANT ROAD SANITARY SEWER	7,013.42
SOLID WASTE	5,653.94
LOST III UR & STREETScape	1723.87
STORM WATER FUND	148.39
TOTAL	612,857.03

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51388-4 – WWTP Phase 2 - Council Action as Needed. This invoice is in the amount of \$10,378.18 for documents prepared for the Phase 2 Upgrades of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project will likely move forward in the next year and a half due to state mandated requirements which is the reason for the 15% rate increase on utility bills and is unfunded by the State of Iowa. The estimate for the WWTP Phase 2 upgrade will be between four million to five dollars. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve V&K Invoice #51388-4 – WWTP Phase 2. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51361-25 – Highway 1 Reconstruction - Council Action as Needed. This invoice is in the amount of \$18,855.04 for design work. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Hansen Player to approve V&K Invoice #51361-25 – Highway 1 Reconstruction. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #6 with Modern Concrete – 2025 Sidewalk Improvements – Council Action as Needed. This is the final pay application for this project and represents the retainage in the amount of \$4,722.10. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to approve Pay Application #6 with Modern Concrete – 2025 Sidewalk Improvements. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of 1st Street and 5th Ave Intersection Traffic Control Repair – Council Action as Needed. The quote is in the amount of \$28,800 to replace the obsolete internal control system. The camera system that was originally installed is struggling to consistently detect traffic due to changing shadows and sunset conditions throughout the year. Additionally, the control board located inside the traffic signal control box has experienced overheating issues, causing the system to shut down and revert to its factory settings. When this occurs, the signal no longer responds appropriately to traffic demand, resulting in motorists sitting at the light for extended periods of time. The existing control board is now obsolete, and replacement parts are no longer available. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Hansen Player to approve the quote for the 1st Street and 5th Ave Intersection Traffic Control Repair. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Possible Goal Setting Session for the City Council – Council Action as Needed. It has been three years since the City Council's last goal-setting session. Staff is seeking direction from the Council on whether to move forward with obtaining a proposal from a firm to facilitate a future goal-setting session. The consensus of the Council is to move forward with this process. No formal vote or motion is required.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #10 with Rathje Construction – Rachel Street Improvements – Council Action as Needed. This is the final pay application for this project and represents the retainage in the amount of \$38,679.11. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Tuerler to approve Pay Application #10 with Rathje Construction – Rachel Street Improvements. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #1 with B.G. Brecke, Inc – Bryant Rd Sanitary Sewer – Council Action as Needed. The pay application is the amount of \$194,743.72 -the project is approximately two-thirds of the way complete. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Hansen Player to approve Pay Application #1 with B.G. Brecke, Inc – Bryant Rd Sanitary Sewer. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Change Order #1 with B.G. Brecke, Inc - Bryant Rd Sanitary Sewer – Council Action as Needed. Change Order #1 is in the amount of \$22,798.15. One of the goals set forth by the council is the connection to the interurban trail. When the property owner at 1507 Bryant Road sold the current Public Works site to the City, they retained rights to the open area west of their home because their septic field is located in that area. Nosbisch recently reached out to the property owner to determine whether they would be interested in connecting to the City's sanitary sewer system. The property owner agreed to abandon their existing septic system and connect to City sewer. This will allow the City to utilize

the area in the future to complete the trail connection between the Public Works site and Bryant Park. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Rose to approve the Change Order #1 with B.G. Brecke, Inc - Bryant Rd Sanitary Sewer. Motion carries.

Discussion Items (No Action)

LAP-AID (Linn Area Partners Active in Disaster) provided by United Way. Mayor Wieseler provided the LAP-AID Network Member Guide to Council and Staff. The program is a network of existing organizations that support disaster response in Linn County. Mayor Wieseler asked, if the City is interested in participating in the program, who should serve as its representative. Nosbisch stated that staff can reach out to the program for additional information, including whether participation requires a financial commitment from a member, involves a membership fee, or simply provides access to contacts and resources during catastrophic events. Council expressed interest in learning more about the program and the requirements for becoming a member before moving forward.

Quarry Pond Restocking. There have been two fish kills in the past 10 years. While it is relatively inexpensive for the city to restock the pond through the IDNR, there are potential risks associated with doing so. Due to the shallow nature of the pond, certain conditions can develop that may threaten the fish population, including exceptionally cold winters, bottom of ponds turnover and create low oxygen levels. The City has been asked why it continues to restock the pond given these risks; however, the pond provides a number of recreational and educational benefits. Both adults and children regularly fish there, and Cornell College utilizes the area for research and educational programs, among other uses. The City relies on the Iowa DNR to determine the appropriate restocking schedule and fish species. Tuerler asked about the ongoing maintenance of the quarry pond. Nosbisch stated that the City will need to maintain an ongoing treatment schedule to control unwanted vegetation and other issues within the pond. The Council would like staff to explore options for restocking the pond in coordination with the Iowa DNR.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator

Mayor's Report. Wieseler has attended mayors meeting regarding data centers for informational purposes – led by the Fairfax mayor. Cornell student, Jessica O'Brien reached out about potential volunteer opportunities – more clarification to come. The LBC Speaker Series begins tomorrow. Mayor Wieseler will provide an overview of what is happening throughout the City and engage in an open discussion with residents.

Council Reports. Rose attended a zoom meeting regarding the value that Main Street Iowa brings to main street communities, especially in Mount Vernon. Engel stated the Triumvirate group (City staff, Cornell staff and the Mount Vernon School District) had their monthly meeting. Items discussed during the meeting included an update from Cornell College, which reported new student enrollment in the 300 range, although final numbers are pending census data. Cornell is also exploring the development of a solar field. The Mount Vernon Community School District reported an overall enrollment increase of 24 students, although kindergarten enrollment is down. Cornell College also provided an update on its presidential search. The candidate pool has been narrowed to approximately 12–15 individuals, with the goal of filling the position by the end of the year.

Committee Reports. None.

City Administrator's Report. Report is available in the September 9, 2026 Council Packet on the City website.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 8:00 p.m.,
September 9, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Boren
Assistant City Administrator