Minutes of the Mount Vernon Cemetery Commission November 10, 2026

The Cemetery Commission met at the Mount Vernon City Hall Conference Room on Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Commission members present were Mike Woods and Mary Evans.

Minutes from October 13, 2026 were approved earlier by all members.

Maintenance of cemetery records and documents
Gravesite mapping using the new ArcGIS Field Maps program continues slowly. Teresa & Mary started in cemetery Block 4, Lot 1, Section 1, Spaces 1-6 identifying the Burk's headstones. Using tablets in the cemetery was difficult due to glare. We filled in the GIS required information seated at a desk using Judy Lass' photo identification sheets and the city's burial data. We will ask Lori Boren to purchase shrouds for the tablets.

The following answers to our questions are still not clear.

- How do we save the individual data we enter?
    - Using the manager, create a burial record and select **Create** at the bottom and the data has been entered.
- Explain the difference between Signing In pages 1-2 and Mount Vernon Manager pages 3-4?
    - The signing in pages are for use in ArcGIS Field Maps with your tablets. The login information is the same login you would use for the Mount Vernon Manager. The Mount Vernon Manager can be used through the web browser on your computer or tablet (computer preferred.)

Restoration and preservation of cemetery monuments
Teresa Cox organized 4 Friday afternoons for gravestone preservation.
Friday, October 16: Mike & Kevin Woods, Bob Meeker, Teresa Cox
Friday, October 23: Duane Eash, Ruth Horton, Mary Evans, Teresa Cox
Friday, November 6: Pam Kraus, Duane Eash, Tim Legore, Teresa Cox and Mary Evans

Maintenance of cemetery grounds
Grass seed is still needed on all the new burials. For example: Mrs. Kurth was buried in March of this year and the city hasn't spread grass seed after several requests from the cemetery commission.

An inventory of dead trees and dead branches needing removal will be submitted in a ticket for city staff to do in the winter months.

Discussion of burial services offered in Iowa
No discussion

Promoting and publicizing the cemetery

- Commission members were pleased with the full-house turnout for the LBC Speaker Series on October 29, 2026 titled Etched in Stone: Mount Vernon Cemetery, 1851-present

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Mary E Evans