November 16, 2026
City Council Minutes
213 1st Street NW
Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314

The Mount Vernon City Council met November 16, 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. Absent: Mayor Thomas M. Wieseler.

Call to Order. At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Rose 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 Andresen, seconded by Tuerler to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carries.
Approval of City Council Minutes – November 2, 2026

Resolutions for Approval
Resolution #11-16-2026A: Approving the Department of Transportation Street Finance Report for Fiscal Year 2026. The City is required to file an annual Street Finance Report with the Iowa DOT. The report tracks the street expenditures versus the incoming RUT revenue, in addition to creating an inventory of our street equipment. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Hansen-Player to approve Resolution #11-16-2026A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #11-16-2026B: Approving the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2026. The Annual Financial Report details the revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #11-16-2026B. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #11-16-2026C: Approving the Annual Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year 2026. The Urban Renewal Report is an annual report required by the State that shows how the City uses Tax Increment Financing. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Tuerler to approve Resolution #11-16-2026C. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #11-16-2026D: Certifying to County Auditor, TIF Debt Incurred in Calendar Year 2026 for Fiscal Year 2028. The City is required to certify the amount of TIF (Tax Increment Financing) dollars it is requesting for the next fiscal year by December 1st of each calendar year. Mt. Vernon's request consists of three submittals. Spring Meadow Heights and Stonebrook subdivisions account for the residential development agreements in place and the third document itemizes TIF monies that are used to repay bonds (Streets, Pool, LBC, etc). Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #11-16-2026D. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #11-16-2026E: Accepting Work for the Project Known as the 2026 Bryant Road Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project with Brecke Construction. The Bryant Road Sanitary Sewer Project is now complete. Final contract price for the project is $313,632.09. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #11-16-2026E. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Motions for Approval

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

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	116,905.05
WOODRUFF CONSTRUCTION INC	FINAL RETAINAGE-POOL RENOVATIONS	87,676.53
MCGRATH AUTO	2025 TAHOE-PD	87,178.72
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	31,991.13
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	HWY 1 RECONSTRUCTION	30,341.00
WOODRUFF CONSTRUCTION INC	PAY APP #10-2-24 POOL RENOVATIONS	25,948.22
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB, RECYL-SW RESIDENTIAL	25,897.66
RACOM CORPORATION	2026 EXPLORER UPFIT-PD	24,977.49
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	10TH AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION	22,803.08
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-ALL DEPTS	22,784.99
WORLDMAKER RESILIENCE INSTITUTE	THRIVE TRAINING-PD GRANT	22,390.00
ZOLL MEDICAL CORP	AED'S-FD	19,486.82
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GB, RECYL-SW COMMERCIAL	19,024.10
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	BRYANT ROAD SANITARY SEWER	13,435.50
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	8,558.22
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX	3,568.68
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	3,132.50
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	2,949.80
8 FINGER HVAC LLC	HEATING UNIT-BRINE SHED	2,850.00
RED LION RENEWABLES	SOLAR ELECTRIC-P&A,PD,LBC	2,185.54
MIDWEST MUNICIPAL CONSULTING LLC	GOAL SETTING SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	2,121.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	2,040.00
KAY PARK RECREATION	EQUIPMENT-P&REC	1,655.78
BRADLEY HAUGE CPA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	1,565.00
MARTIN EQUIPMENT	EQUIP MAINT-PW	1,525.20
COMPASS BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	UTILITY BILLS-WAT,SEW,SW	1,055.23
JOHNSON FITNESS & WELLNESS	EQUIPMENT-LBC	1,026.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	EQUIPMENT-FD	1,025.97
SPRINGVILLE READY MIX	CONCRETE-RUT	982.50
CAMPBELL SUPPLY	TRAINING CENTER SUPPLIES-FD	981.95
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	865.50
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE/HUB SUPPORT-ALL DEPTS	825.00
MENARDS	BLDG MAINT-RUT	590.15
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-PW	535.85
BAUMAN AND COMPANY	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	533.58
ONLINE RIVER LLC	EQUIPMENT-LBC	530.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	499.62
LEIGH BRADBURY	MILEAGE/MEALS-ALL DEPTS	472.88
INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES-CITY HALL	355.63
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-SEW	352.67
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	NEW SOFTWARE UPGRADE-ALL DEPTS	325.00
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE SUPPORT-LBC	325.00
MENARDS	TRAINING CENTER SUPPLIES-FD	318.89
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-FD	316.37
MERCY PHYSICIAN SERVICES INC	WELLNESS PLATFORM-ALL DEPTS	300.50
TASC	FSA ADJUSTMENT-PD	261.52
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-LBC	220.54
HDC PRINTED PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	201.53
LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	GENERATOR PERMIT-LBC	195.00
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-LBC	159.87

AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL-PW	157.98
MONET ROELLE	FUEL-PD	152.51
NEXT GEN EQUIPMENT	EQUIP MAINT-PW	148.34
GALLS LLC	UNIFORMS-PD	142.49
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	EQUIP MAINT-WAT	106.97
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	99.54
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	PLAQUES-P&A	94.95
SJ SMITH CO, INC	TRAINING CENTER SUPPLIES-FD	91.17
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	83.98
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PW	81.25
CYPRESS SOLUTIONS	SUBSCRIPTION-PD	78.75
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	EQUIP RENTAL-FD	74.90
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-FD	74.00
VESTIS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-LBC	64.46
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	62.97
GALLS LLC	EQUIPMENT-PD	61.45
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-PW	55.48
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER USAGE-PD	47.89
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-FD	43.98
LISBON MT VERNON AMBULANCE	TRAINING-PD	40.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING SERV	WATER/SALT-FD	33.00
JAMES BRONNER	MEALS-P&A	29.67
ALLIANT ENERGY	ENERGY USAGE-SW	28.98
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING SERV	WATER/SALT-CITY HALL	27.50
MARSHA DEWELL	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	26.60
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-P&REC	18.76
AUTHNET GATEWAY BILLING	CREDIT CARD SERVICES-LBC	5.00
TOTAL		**598,181.83**

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	184,485.04
PAYROLL	116,905.05
POOL RENOVATIONS	113,624.75
SOLID WASTE	49,309.68
HWY 1 RECONSTRUCTION	30,341.00
10TH AVENUE STREET PROJECT	22,803.08
SEWER FUND	19,062.66
WATER FUND	18,800.01
ROAD USE TAX FUND	15,409.93
BRYANT ROAD SANITARY SEWER	13,435.50
LBC	13,097.68
STORM WATER FUND	907.45
TOTAL	**598,181.83**

FY27 OCTOBER REVENUE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,097,390.65
TIF REVENUE	571,430.20
PUBLIC WORKS	305,327.54
PUBLIC SAFETY	149,669.54
CULTURE-RECREATION	36,517.88
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV	9,720.13
TOTAL	**2,170,055.94**

Discussion and Consideration of Heater Installation Estimate for the Public Works Brine Shed - Council Action as Needed. This project was approved by the City Administrator to ensure completion in time for winter operations to begin. The 8 Finger HVAC estimate of $5,700.00 is for the installation of a small heating unit in the new brine shed. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Hansen-Player to approve the purchase of the heating unit from 8 Finger HVAC. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Change Order #2 - Bryant Rd Sanitary Sewer Project – Council Action as Needed. This Change Order is in the amount of $5,546.06 and includes repairs made to the existing service stub where the connection was made and the placement of asphalt millings on Bryant Road. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Engel to approve Change Order #2 - Bryant Rd Sanitary Sewer Project. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #2 – Bryant Rd Sanitary Sewer Project – Council Action as Needed. This pay application is in the amount of $115,321.72. The project is now complete. The final retainage will be paid after the mandatory 30-day waiting period. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Engel to approve Pay Application #2 – Bryant Rd Sanitary Sewer Project. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Debt and TIF Report – Speer Financial – Council Action as Needed. Speer Financial has provided a letter of explanation and the final Debt and TIF report for the City of Mount Vernon. This is an important tool for the Council as we prepare for the upcoming budget season. At the End of FY 27, the City will be within two years of retiring three additional notes. The statutory debt limit for this fiscal year is $23,999,375 and the remaining debt capacity for the city sits at $12,900,346. Once the contingency reserve is removed, there is $8,100,471 in usable debt capacity for this fiscal year. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Tuerler to accept the Debt and TIF Report as presented. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of 2026 Leadership – Goal Setting Executive Summary – Council Action as Needed. Council was given a copy of the Executive Summary provided by Elizabeth Hansen after goal setting sessions by staff and Council. Once this is approved, department heads will move forward with designating individual tasks for staff members. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to accept the Executive Summary provided by Elizabeth Hansen. Motion carries

Reports to be Received/Filed. Full reports available in the November 16, 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
October 2026 Reconciliation Report. Report is available in the November 16, 2026 Council Packet on the City website.

Council Reports. Hansen-Player attended the Sustainability Committee meeting last week.

City Administrator's Report. Report is available in the November 16, 2026 Council Packet on the City website.

Closed Session – Pursuant to Chapter 20, Exempt Session for Employee Relations. At 7:14 p.m., Tuerler made a motion to go into closed session. Seconded by Andresen. Motion carries. At 8:02 p.m., Engel made a motion to come out of closed session. Seconded by Tuerler. Motion carries. No action taken by Council.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 8:02 p.m., November 16, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk