November 2, 2026
City Council Minutes
213 1st Street NW
Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314

The Mount Vernon City Council met November 2, 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 and Hansen-Player.Absent: Tuerler.

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 Rose to approve the Agenda. Motion carries.

Tuerler 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 – October 19, 2026

Public Hearing
Public Hearing on the Proposal to Enter into a Development Agreement with Pogo Properties LLC. Mayor Wieseler opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. This agreement would allow for TIF rebates to the developer on anything above the taxable base value of $250,000 allowed statutorily for 20 years on the old public works property. After hearing no public comment, the public hearing was closed at 6:33 p.m.

Resolutions for Approval
Resolution #11-2-2026A: Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Development Agreement by and Between the City of Mount Vernon and Pogo Properties LLC. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution #11-2-2026A. Roll call all yes. Resolution passes.

Resolution #11-2-2026B: Providing for "No Right Turn on Red" Designations Within the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa. After concerns were brought forward about pedestrian safety as they were crossing Highway 1, the Iowa Department of Transportation has given approval to move forward with "No Right Turn on Red" signage for east and westbound traffic on First Street utilizing right turns to head north and south on Highway 1. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Hansen-Player to approve Resolution #11-2-2026B. Roll call voting yes: Andresen, Rose, Hansen-Player, Engel. Voting no: Tuerler. Resolution passes.

Motions for Approval
Consideration of Claims List – Motion to Approve. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve the Claims List. Motion carries.

PAYROLL	CLAIMS	115,519.91
MIDWEST INJECTION INC	SLUDGE REMOVAL-SEW	18,000.00
US BANK	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-ALL DEPTS	10,304.35
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	INSURANCE CLAIMS-ALL DEPTS	7,330.51
MUNICIPAL ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC	EQUIP LEASE-LBC	7,281.00
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-ALL DEPTS	6,122.32
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	4,894.47

IMWCA	WORK COMP INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	4,353.00
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	4,055.96
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	STREET MISC ENGINEERING	3,872.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	NATURE PARK TRAIL	3,139.58
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-ALL DEPTS	2,289.60
MIDWEST MUNICIPAL CONSULTING LLC	GOAL SETTING SERVICES-ALL DEPTS	2,127.28
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL FEES-P&A	2,022.00
EQUIPMENT MGMT COMPANY	EQUIP MAINT-FD	1,735.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	LBC GENERATOR	1,700.58
RC TECH	ACCESS CONTROL-CITY HALL	1,650.34
L.L. PELLING CO INC	STREET PATCH-RUT	1,597.51
OVERHEAD DOOR CO	BLDG MAINT-FD	1,580.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WWTP PHASE 2 MODELING	1,549.64
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INC	ROAD MAINT-RUT	1,272.54
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	LEGAL FEES-P&A	1,151.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	VIDEO CLOUD STORAGE-PD	1,118.75
CAUSE TEAM	UNIFORMS-ALL DEPTS	1,109.00
FELD FIRE	TRAINING CENTER SUPPLIES-FD	1,100.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	BRYANT ROAD SANITARY SEWER	1,060.00
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-ALL DEPTS	1,048.51
RACOM CORPORATION	EQUIP MAINT-PD	1,040.00
SHULTZ'S ROOF RENOVATIONS LLC	BLDG MAINT-LBC	1,033.50
SPRINGVILLE READY MIX	STREET PATCH-RUT	982.50
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICES-CITY HALL	959.21
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	VIRGIL AVENUE SIDEWALK	952.00
NIGHT SHIFT LLC	CLEANING SERVICES-PD	920.70
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PARKS MISC ENGINEERING	907.14
RC TECH	SERVICES-CITY HALL	862.15
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	CREDIT CARD FEES-LBC,P&REC	849.30
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	827.70
P&K MIDWEST INC	EQUIP MAINT-P&REC	822.20
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	746.68
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-LBC	730.00
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY	EQUIP MAINT-FD	683.00
UMB BANK	2022 GO FEES	600.00
UMB BANK	2019 GO FEES	600.00
LYNCH FORD-LYNCH CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	587.42
GPM ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS LLC	SERVICES-SEW	564.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WASTEWAER MISC ENGINEERING	535.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	530.00
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-LBC	457.73
KROUL FARMS	BEAUTIFICATION	445.56
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP-WAT	425.00
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PD	400.02
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-P&A	396.51
MATT PLOTZ	UNIFORMS-PW	364.97
T-MOBILE	VEHICLE SOFTWARE-PW	351.36
THOMAS M WIESELER	TRAVEL/TRAINING-P&A	335.50
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	317.08
GLOCK PROFESSIONAL INC	TRAINING-PD	300.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS	TRAINING-LBC	294.00
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO OF IOWA	SERVICES-PD	270.00
TASC	FSA ADJUSTMENT-PD	261.52
NELSON ELECTRIC	SERVICES-CEMETERY	240.00

CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-ALL DEPTS	237.28
MARSHA DEWELL	MILEAGE-ALL DEPTS	229.52
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE METER LEASE-ALL DEPTS	217.92
JACOB HUFF	UNIFORMS-PW	213.94
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	199.08
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP	HOTEL/MOTEL TAX-ECON DEV	181.48
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PW	178.30
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	PERSONAL TRAINING SERVICES-LBC	178.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	COPIER LEASE-PD	159.76
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-FD	156.24
LOCKER ROOM	EQUIPMENT-LBC	150.00
GRAINGER	VEHICLE MAINT-FD	149.09
BOB PENN	REFUND-LBC	135.36
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	RACHEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS	131.52
T-MOBILE	PHONE/INTERNET-ALL DEPTS	121.71
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-PW	114.45
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	PHONE/INTERNET-POOL	108.77
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-FD	100.14
CITY LAUNDERING CO	SERVICES-CITY HALL	99.54
VESTIS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-FD	99.01
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-CITY HALL	97.93
ALTORFER INC	EQUIP REPAIR-LBC,PD	88.46
TRAE D BIELEFELD	REFEREE-P&REC	85.00
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-VC	82.75
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS INC	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC	81.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-PW	80.00
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL-PD	77.61
MECHANICSVILLE FIBER	INTERNET-CITY HALL	69.95
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-LBC	65.63
VESTIS	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-LBC	64.46
RC TECH	SERVICES-FD	61.53
CARTER GADBERRY	REFEREE-P&REC	60.00
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-LBC	57.30
STAPLES INC	SUPPLIES-PD	56.16
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	51.30
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
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-P&REC	44.77
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES-SEW	43.50
HETHER STAUFFACHER	INSTRUCTOR-LBC	42.50
LANDON JOHANNINGMEIER	REFEREE-P&REC	40.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	MONTHLY MAINT-SEW	40.00
ST LUKE'S WORK WELL SOLUTIONS	DRUG TESTING-PW	30.00
BANKCARD 8076 ACH DEBIT MTOT	REFUND-LBC	15.00
TOTAL		**234,252.56**

FUND EXPENSE TOTALS

PAYROLL	119,575.87
GENERAL FUND	36,739.58
SEWER FUND	26,447.99
LBC	15,307.80

ROAD USE TAX FUND	13,091.35
WATER FUND	12,189.37
SOLID WASTE	4,202.96
LOST III TRAILS/PARKS	3139.58
DEBT SERVICE FUND	1,200.00
BRYANT ROAD SANITARY SEWER	1,060.00
SIDEWALK PROJECT	952.00
STORM WATER FUND	214.54
RACHEL STREET	131.52
TOTAL	**234,252.56**

Discussion and Consideration of Worldmaker Resilience Institute Invoice for THRIVE Training - Council Action as Needed. This invoice is in the amount of $22,390.00 and is being paid with Department of Justice COPS grant funds. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve Worldmaker Resilience Institute Invoice #1026. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Pay Application #10 with Woodruff Construction – Pool Improvements Project. Pay Application #10 with Woodruff Construction is in the amount of $25,948.22. The repairs to the paint, gutters, water feature, diving boards and slide have now been completed. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve Pay Application #10 with Woodruff Construction. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Retainage Pay Application with Woodruff Construction – Pool Improvements Project. Woodruff Construction has provided the necessary extended warranties for the items of concern. The City cannot hold the retainage in perpetuity, so staff requested the extended warranties as we will be unsure if the corrective measures taken will be satisfactory until we reopen the pool next spring. The retainage pay is in the amount of $87,876.53 and will be released after the mandatory 30-day waiting period has lapsed. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Tuerler to approve the Final Retainage Pay Application with Woodruff Construction. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Electric Pump Mission Dialer for Lift Stations – Council Action as Needed. The automated dialing system for each of the four lift stations must be updated as our current equipment will no longer be supported. Electric Pump has submitted a proposal in the amount of $25,885.00. Motion made by Andresen, seconded by Rose to approve the proposal from Electric Pump for the lift station dialer systems. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of Right of Way Tree Removal Service – Council Action as Needed. The City was unsuccessful in securing grant funding for the removal of dead/diseased right-of-way trees. Staff would like to move forward with removing as many right-of-way trees as possible over the fall/winter months. Staff is seeking approval to contract with Total Tree Care in an amount not to exceed the remaining budget of $18,000.00. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve the contract with Total Tree Care for the removal of right-of-way trees. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51396-1 – 10th Ave Reconstruction – Council Action as Needed. This invoice is for Phase 2 of the 10th Ave SW Reconstruction Project in the amount of $22,803.08. Motion made by Engel, seconded by Rose to approve V&K Invoice #51396-1. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51394-3 – Bryant Rd Sanitary Sewer – Council Action as Needed. This invoice is for the Bryant Rd Sanitary Sewer project in the amount of $13,435.50. Motion made by Tuerler, seconded by Andresen to approve V&K Invoice #51394-3. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration of V&K Invoice #51361-27 – Hwy 1 Reconstruction Project – Council Action as Needed. This invoice is for the Hwy 1 Reconstruction Project in the amount of $30,341.00. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Andresen to approve V&K Invoice #51361-27. Motion carries.

Discussion and Consideration Hwy 1 and 10th Avenue SW Water Service Potholing Quote – Council Action as Needed. Water service locations need to be potholed and located as part of the design process for both the 10th Avenue SW SW and the Hwy 1 project. The City has received two quotes for this service and is recommending the proposal from Dave Schmitt Construction in the amount of $24,694.70. Motion made by Rose, seconded by Hansen-Player to approve the proposal from Dave Schmitt Construction for potholing services. Motion carries.

Reports to be Received/Filed
Quarterly Detailed Budget Report. Report is available in the November 2, 2026 Council Packet on the City website.

Reports of Mayor/Council/Administrator
Mayor's Report. The Mayor received a response from the new casino regarding his interest on being on the Casino Foundation. The seats have been filled at this time but he will be considered in the future. The City Administrator and Mayor will be meeting with the Cedar Rapids Economic Alliance to discuss small community membership. Wieseler is being considered for membership on a data center commission with Linn County.

City Administrator's Report. Report is available in the November 2, 2026 Council Packet on the City website.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:07 p.m., November 2, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Dewell
City Clerk