

MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL

Council Minutes

January 12, 2026

The regular meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Cameron Deinert. The following council members were present: Dave Renken, Sherri Kayser, Chase Jons and Matt Geidel. Absent from the meeting were Weston Frank and Roger DeKok. City employees present: Maintenance Officer Ryan Stahl and Finance Officer Laura Mayclin. The following were present for public participation: Dave Anderson and Jacob Sonne (with SPN).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.

Motion by Kayser, seconded by Renken, to approve the agenda.

Dave Anderson reported that the Economic Development Group is working to develop 15 acres south of town for commercial development. They would like to have the development on a septic system, not requiring sewer tie into the city. Council will consider this over the coming months. He also wondered if the city might have gravel available to help with the project.

Dave mentioned that he and Dawnette are working to add murals in town. Mayclin mentioned that she would also work to get the mural at the city office completed. He also mentioned an Economic Development Conference in Pierre in February.

Jacob Sonne discussed funding for drainage projects and/or a study. He asked the council if they would like him to continue looking for funding for drainage, and council replied that they do.

Motion by Renken, seconded by Jons to approve the following budget amendment: Whereas, the City Council has determined that the 2025 budget requires adjustment. NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon hereby authorizes the following: General Fund: Highway Dept.: Repairs and Maintenance: \$1,064.00; General Fund: Financial Administration: Repairs and Maintenance: (\$1,064.00.)

Motion by Kayser, seconded by Renken to approve the following consent items for December: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, Credits Report/Bank Statement, and Payment of Bills.
Bills:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Description</u>
Weston Frank	170.85			wages
Cameron Deinert	60.03			wages
Chase Jons	60.03			wages
Dave Renken	60.03			wages
Sherri Kayser	60.03			wages
Roger DeKok	60.03			wages
Matt Geidel	60.03			wages
Ryan Stahl	4,217.52	235.49		wages
Laura Mayclin	1,263.81			wages
Ardis Overweg	627.28			wages
Davison Rural Water	8,116.25			water
SD Retirement	727.24			retire
Verizon	62.80			util
Santel	276.80		47.36	util
Northwestern Energy	1,819.96	465.48	204.80	util
City of Mitchell	964.32			garb
MVG&O	683.52			Fuel
Dept of Revenue	298.40			sales tax
CorTrust	2,279.83	39.02		941
CorTrust Visa	398.44	148.00	148.00	Charges
District III Planning	921.00			dues
SD Unemployment Ins	17.17			Unempl
Carquest	74.04			Supplies

SD - DOH		20.00	Lab
J&W	160.00		Mgmt
Menards	650.19		Supplies
Morgan Theeler	100.00		Legal
Ardis Overweg	235.73		Supplies
Zach Scott Construction		2,511.19	Repairs
Petrik	525.00		Supplies
Badger Meter		43.97	Services
USPS	90.00		PO Box
Udrive Tech	50.00		Util
Make It Mine Design	829.00		Supplies

OLD BUSINESS

1. Dave Anderson and council discussed the Park Board and how spending would be handled. He has looked into it, and having a separate bank account would require forming a nonprofit and getting a Tax ID. Mayclin suggested it be handled like the library is handled. The park board would have an exact budget annually, and their treasurer either turns in invoices for payment through the Finance Office or turns in receipts for reimbursement for those budgeted expenses. At the end of the year we will allow an unused funds to be designated for the Park Board for future projects.
2. In his absence, DeKok sent a written a concern about some trees south of town on Main Street that looked like they could be a wind hazard. It is outside the city limits, but council will look into it.
3. Council tabled the city sign discussion until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Stahl gave reports on snow removal, the lift station repairs (modem replacement,) and rural water. Mayclin will be getting numbers for comparison between Davison Rural Water and our system on usage. Stahl is working with Jake at Davison Rural Water and Dakota Pump to try to address any issues.
2. Mayclin reported that the Finance Office would likely need a new printer and updated Quickbooks in 2026. She has enough in her budget to account for these items. She also mentioned that the school is looking to update the library and wondered if the city knew of any grants. Mayclin will request such information on grants from District III.
3. If an election is necessary, it will be June 2, 2026. Mayclin has sent the Notice of Vacancy to the newspaper.
4. Motion by Renken, seconded by Geidel to approve the following 2026 Wage Resolution: Ryan Stahl, Maintenance Supervisor \$6,180.00/month; Ardis Overweg, librarian 729.32/month; Laura Mayclin, Finance Officer 22.13/hour; Summer/garbage help 16.44/hour; Council members 65.00/month; and Mayor 185.00/month.
5. Council reviewed the SD Open Meetings Laws Brochure.
6. Mayclin reported that a CD is maturing this month. Motion by Geidel, seconded by Renken to approve having the CD balance automatically go into a 182 Day CD at 3.50% APY.
7. Motion by Renken, seconded by Kayser to designate the official city newspaper as the Mitchell Republic.
8. Motion by Kayser, seconded by Jons at 8:37 to enter executive session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3.

Motion by Renken, seconded by Kayser to adjourn at 9:01 pm.

Cameron Deinert
Council President

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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