

MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL

Council Minutes

February 9, 2026

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

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

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

Motion by Deinert, seconded by Kayser to approve the following consent items for January: 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
Ardis Overweg	646.52			wages
Ryan Stahl	4,466.53	240.20		wages
Laura Mayclin	1,412.37			wages
Davison Rural Water		9,031.95		water
SD Retirement	741.64			retire
Verizon	62.79			util
Santel	270.71		47.36	util
Northwestern Energy	2,262.27	439.11	201.63	util
City of Mitchell	696.48			Garbage
Dept of Revenue	298.36			sales tax
CorTrust	2,196.27	39.80		941
CorTrust Visa	835.79	26.00	26.00	Postage
Menards	527.12			supplies
Westy's	147.90			Fuel
Runnings	307.49			supplies
USPS	90.00			Rent
SD DOH		40.00		Lab
SD 811	4.20			Maint
Avera Occupational Medicine	109.80			Fee
Team Lab			525.75	Maint
NASASP	39.00			Dues
Udrive Technology	50.00			Util
Badger Meter		43.97		Util

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Hall has been busy with activities. Cats are still a problem in town, and council is still working on that issue. We had a recent loose dog case in town that has been settled through court, with a guilty plea. An open fire was recently seen in town. Please note that the city ordinances do not allow open burning of grass, leaves, tree branches, compost, garbage or rubbish, within the corporate limits of the City. Doing so is considered a

Class II Misdemeanor, with a fine up to \$500. Stahl will be collecting a tote from a property in town that has been suspended for nonpayment of their utility bills.

2. Three petitions for upcoming council elections have been taken out for circulation.
3. Council discussed the Economic Development Group's request to allow a sewer system for the new business suites development they are looking into. There were no objections from council. Council discussed that they would be able to use gravel from the city, and that they liked the idea of the pond, which could help with drainage issues.
4. Jacob Sonne reported to Stahl that there was no funding right now for drainage. Stahl and Jons will look for the best spot(s) for drainage work in town to utilize the amount in the budget for drainage.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Stahl reported that we will have low pressure on Wednesday, February 11, due to work being done by our supplier, Davison Rural Water. Frank will put a notice on Facebook. Council discussed frost plates for water meters. A few have been broken from harsh weather. Stahl has asked the residents who have had problems to insulate the meters.
2. Mayclin reported that District III is trying to get several cities together for a chip seal project. Stahl will contact District III with details on areas we need to have chip sealed.
3. Our text alert system has not been utilized yet, but we are trying to get residents to sign up to receive alerts. Frank will put out a Facebook post and Mayclin will include details with the next billing.
4. Frank signed the SDPAA Agreement to update our coverage.
5. Motion by Deinert, seconded by Kayser at 8:08 to enter executive session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3.

Motion by Jons, seconded by Kayser to adjourn at 8:22 pm.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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