MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
November 10, 2025

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, Roger DeKok, Dave Renken, Sherri Kayser, and Matt Geidel. Absent was councilperson Chase Jons. City employees present: Maintenance Officer Ryan Stahl and Finance Officer Laura Mayclin. The following were present for public participation: Kelly Scheets, Meika Kelly, and London Surgenor…all there to discuss the upcoming Christmas parade.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.
Motion by Kayser, seconded by Deinert, to approve the agenda.
Scheets wanted to accept council's offer to take on the Christmas parade and use it for a fundraiser to hold cooking classes for kids 8+, free of charge. They have a dairy farm and are currently purchasing the kitchen equipment for the classes. The city will also provide the meeting room for the event, which will be held on December 13. Motion by Kayser, seconded by DeKok to allow Scheets to organize the parade for a fundraiser. Frank offered to supply the sound system for the parade.
Motion by Renken, seconded by Deinert 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.: Street Maintenance: $61,700.00; General Fund: Sanitation: Equip: ($1,200.00); General Fund: Sanitation: Collection Fees: ($2,500.00); General Fund: Sanitation: Repairs/Maint: ($2,000.00); General Fund: Ec Dev: Equip: (3,500.00); General Fund: The Hall: Repairs/Maint.: ($1,500.00); Unencumbered Cash: $35,000.00; Other Income (Surplus Equip): $16,000.00.
Motion by Deinert, seconded by Kayser to approve the following consent items for October: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, Credits Report/Bank Statement, and Payment of Bills.
Bills:

	General	Water	Sewer	Description
Weston Frank	170.85			wages
Cameron Deienrt	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	627.28			wages
Ryan Stahl	4,453.01			wages
Laura Mayclin	1,040.28			wages
Glen Wentland	273.28			wages
Davison Rural Water		9,672.50		water
SD Retirement	727.24			retire
Verizon	62.80			util
Santel	272.44		47.42	util
Northwestern Energy	1,589.34	248.86	181.56	util
City of Mitchell	795.84			garb
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	295.73			sales tax
CorTrust	2,256.44	39.02		941
MVG&O	429.22			Fuel
SD-DOH		230.00		Lab
Ardis Overweg	311.02			books
SD One Call - 811	16.80			Locates
Wilber Ellis	759.84			Maint

Udrive Tech	100.00			Util
SDML Workers Comp	3,267.00			W/C Ins
Miedema	646.56			Cleanup
Badger Meter	43.97			supplies
Cortrust Visa	582.33	81.33	81.34	supplies
Davison County	214.20			Streets
Morgan Theeler	425.00			Legal
Doug's Custom	159.63			Repairs

OLD BUSINESS

1. The historical society is showing interest in working out an arrangement for taking over The Hall in some manner. The council is working through details of exactly how the arrangement could work and will discuss at the December meeting. We will wait to see what comes of this before we polish the floors, as they may plan to install carpet tiles instead. Ryan is looking into managing the icy areas out front as winter is arriving.
   There is still a problem in town with dogs and cats being uncontained. We are waiting for a final report on how the cat rehoming is going. Ryan is also rehoming cats as he gets an opportunity. For now, council is not using more funds on the cat issue but will continue to work toward rehoming.
2. The Christmas Parade will be held on December 13, 2025. Watch for details on the Facebook page and website.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Stahl reported that the ISO rating has been reduced back down to 7, so insurance rates should reduce. He also received a transit from Jacob Sonne, which he has repaired for use in the city
2. Mayclin reported that Ryan got a satisfactory report from DANR for the recent inspection.
3. Motion by Renken, seconded by Kayser to approve liquor licenses for Westy's and Wermers.
4. Council will be looking into options for how to improve the city sign.
5. Motion by Renken, seconded by Kayser at 8:56 to enter executive session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3.

Motion by Renken, seconded by DeKok to adjourn at 9:09 pm.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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