MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
August 10, 2026

The regular meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Cameron Deinert. The following council members were present: Dave Renken, Roger DeKok, Dan London, Brent Olson, and Chase Jons. Not in attendance was Sherri Kayser. City employees present: Maintenance Officer Chris DeBoer and Finance Officer Laura Mayclin. Sheriff Steve Harr and Jared Olsen were in attendance for public participation.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.
Motion by DeKok, seconded by Jons, to approve the agenda.
Sheriff Harr says the department is still looking into the recent vandalism damage at The Hall. He was also in attendance to discuss the ordinance that will be going into effect regarding barking dogs in town.
July Council Minutes have a correction: In Old Business we discussed The Hall being formally taken over at some time in the future. It is The Mount Vernon Historical Society that is looking at taking over The Hall, not The Legion.
Motion by DeKok, seconded by London, to approve the following consent items for July: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, Credits Report/Bank Statement, and Payment of Bills.
Bills:

	General	Water	Sewer	Description
Cameron Deinert	170.85			wages
Sherri Kayser	60.03			wages
Dave Renken	60.03			wages
Roger DeKok	60.03			wages
Chase Jons	60.03			wages
Dan London	60.03			wages
Brent Olson	60.03			wages
Ardis Overweg	646.52			wages
Chris DeBoer	4,394.65			wages
Laura Mayclin	1,262.01			wages
Glen Wentland	151.83			wages
Cole Sandland	1,966.14			Maint
Davison Rural Water		13,866.50		water
SD Retirement	708.00			retire
Verizon	62.80			util
Santel	300.33		47.50	util
Northwestern Energy	2,094.73	383.97	166.55	util
City of Mitchell	845.28			garb
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	308.53			sales tax
CorTrust	3,266.69			941
Menards	369.88			supplies
Westy's	161.75			Fuel
SD 811	6.30			Locates
Badger Meter		50.51		Equip
Udrive Technology	50.00			Tech Svc
Cortrust Visa	1,176.12			supplies
Runnings	135.93			supplies
SDARWS		410.00		Dues
SD DOH		20.00		Lab
MVG&O	355.68			Fuel

Interstate Tire & Auto	150.00		Repair
Doug's Custom	243.88		Maint
Sherri Kayser - Exp	474.14		Flowers
Zach Scott Construction		3,925.00	Repair
DANR		60.00	Dues/testing
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Cole Sandland	517.84		wages

OLD BUSINESS

1. As a matter of code enforcement, there are several vehicles in town that need to be licensed. Council will be focusing on code enforcement in the coming months.
   Parks Department is looking to seed grass and spray certain areas of the ballpark. The city estimates it will cost approximately $350 to take care of seed for this project.
2. London is speaking to Jay Duvall about the need for cleaning out the ditch and scalping it before winter, which he intends to help take care of. Council and DeBoer discussed culverts in town that will need to be cleaned out.
3. Council had the first reading of amended Ordinance 5.34.10 Animal Ordinance.
4. Council will have the first reading of amended Ordinance 6.8.5 Sale and Storage of Vehicles in September.
5. Jons resigned from the council, as he has moved out of Mount Vernon. Council thanked him for his service to the community.

NEW BUSINESS

1. DeBoer reported that Cole Sandland's last day at work for the city is today. He will not be available to work next year, so a new recruit will be needed. The cleanup around the city buildings has been ongoing and is starting to really look nice. The back alley behind the shop and office is cleared of excess debris and equipment.
2. Mayclin reported that the city has entered Continuous Audit status, meaning that we will be required to submit an audit report to the state either every year or every two years. Council is opting for a 2-year audit and Mayclin is looking for a firm to perform said audit.
3. Jons reported that work on Main Street should be completed the first or second week in August.
4. Motion by Renken, seconded by London to approve the following resolution. A resolution of the City Council of Mount Vernon declaring its support for, and adoption of, the 2026 Davison County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
   WHEREAS a Hazard Mitigation Plan for Davison County has been developed; and
   WHEREAS the City of Mount Vernon participated in the development of the Plan; and
   WHEREAS the Plan will be used as a disaster mitigation planning tool as deemed appropriate by the Mount Vernon City Council.
   NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon City Council hereby adopts and supports the Plan and will take action to ensure that the Plan is implemented.
   Adopted and approved this 10th day of August 2026**.**
5. Motion by Renken, seconded by DeKok to approve adding Kayser to all bank accounts and removing Frank from all bank accounts.
6. Council discussed having a dedicated day to help decorate for Christmas on Main Street. We will discuss further next month with Kayser in attendance to determine a good date.
7. Council had the first reading of the 2027 Budget Ordinance.
8. Council discussed deposits on old accounts, where there is no paperwork and no notation in the digital file of a deposit being received. They determined that if neither party (City nor resident) has record of a utility deposit, none will be refunded.
9. Council decided that backup for DeBoer, when he needs help with the lift station due to water intake, will be as follows: 1. Gene Deinert, 2. Dan London, 3. Cameron Deinert.
10. Motion by London, seconded by Renken to enter executive session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and 2.3 at 8:40 pm.
11. Motion by London, seconded by Renken to exit executive session at 9:17 pm.

Motion by DeKok, seconded by Olson to adjourn at 9:18 pm.

Cameron Deinert
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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