MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
September 7, 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 Sherri Kayser. City employees present: Maintenance Officer Chris DeBoer and Finance Officer Laura Mayclin. Jared Olsen was also in attendance.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.
Motion by Renken, seconded by DeKok, to approve the agenda.
Motion by DeKok, seconded by London, to approve the following consent items for August: Financial Statement, Council Minutes, General Fund Balances, Credits Report/Bank Statement, and Payment of Bills.
Bills:

	General	Water	Sewer	Sewer Surcharge	Description
Cameron Deinert	170.85				wages
Sherri Kayser	60.03				wages
Dave Renken	60.03				wages
Roger DeKok	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	1,321.26				wages
Glen Wentland	182.19				wages
Davison Rural Water		15,409.30			water
City of Mitchell	1,119.84				garbage
SD Retirement	708.00				retire
Verizon	125.58				util
Santel	300.03		47.50		util
Northwestern Energy	1,986.89	526.11	182.60		util
Udrive Tech	50.00				Util
Davison Co Sheriff	4,725.00				fees
SD State Treasurer (DOR)	320.83				sales tax
CorTrust	2,175.38				941
SD DOH		20.00			Lab
MVG&O	429.39				fuel
Runnings	33.98				Repairs
SDPAA	17,641.67				Insurance
Cortrust Visa	563.29	141.33	141.33		Maint
Menards	206.71				Maint
CarQuest	18.92				Maint
FleetPride	275.37				Maint
Morgan Theeler	357.50				Legal
USBank				16,346.28	Project
SD Retirement	35.66				Retirement
J&W Marketing	580.00				Maint
McCleods	9.98				Supplies

OLD BUSINESS

1. The door at The Hall is repaired and the museum logo is complete. The window repair will be completed as soon as the window arrives. There is a vehicle that appears to be abandoned – council will discuss with the owner of the property. London is still working to get the trees cleared from the ditch at the Duvall property. Olson plans to work on getting the grass seed planted at the baseball field in September. The Park Board continues to look for grants for playground equipment, which is needed for the park.
2. DeBoer is working to get the proper equipment rented to install the new city electronic sign.
3. Council is still working to clear ditches in town. The county may have equipment to help with the task. DeBoer will see if the do, and how much they would charge to help us out.
4. Motion by Renken, seconded by London to approve the second reading of amendments to Ordinance TITLE V - LICENSES, CHAPTER 4, ANIMALS. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MT. VERNON TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: Section 5.4.2, Violations are Class 2 Misdemeanor. Pursuant to the laws of South Dakota, violations of the provisions of this Chapter shall be enforced in accordance with this Chapter and the laws of the State of South Dakota. Fines shall be assessed pursuant to Section 5.4.10 of this Chapter. And Section 5.4.10, Penalties. Any person who is found in violation of any ordinance of this Chapter shall be penalized and fined as follows. Other penalties, such as imprisonment, court costs, etc. shall be set forth by the Judge in the matter if adjudicated. The aggravation system shall be as follows with a first, second, third and forth violation being a Petty Offense and any additional violation will be a Class 2 Misdemeanor pursuant to the laws of South Dakota. In the event of multiple offenses, the period for obtaining such aggravations shall be sixty (60) days since the last infraction. With each infraction, a new sixty (60) day period would begin. In the event that an offender has had three (3) first offense (warnings) within the previous two (2) years of the third warning, punishment on any new offense following the third warning shall be considered a second offense per the terms of this Chapter. First Offense – Warning. Any warning issued by law enforcement shall be provided to the City of Mount Vernon. A person need not be adjudicated guilty but rather issued a warning to begin such aggravation system and any subsequent ticket issued pursuant to the terms of this Chapter shall be considered a second offense. Second Offense - $200 fine. Third and Fourth Offense - $350 fine. Fifth and Subsequent Offenses – $500 fine and a Class 2 Misdemeanor with a required court appearance. The Davison County Sheriff's Department shall be the appropriate persons to enforce this ordinance.
5. Council had the first reading of amended Ordinance 6.8.5 Sale and Storage of Vehicles.
6. Motion by London, seconded by DeKok to approve the 2nd reading of the 2027 Budget Ordinance.
7. Kayser is looking for someone to organize this year's Parade of Lights.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council appointed Jared Olsen to fill the vacancy on council.
2. With the change of weather, DeBoer reports that the need for mowing has increased. He was at training last week, which has him a little behind. He also plans to take care of some tree trimming around town as necessary to make street signs visible. We had a visit from Safety Benefits to discuss things that should be addressed for safety protocol. He and Mayclin are currently working on that list. He is also looking into a possible equipment trade for a piece of equipment to help keep ditches clear.
3. Citywide Cleanup is scheduled for October 10, 2026 from 8 to noon. More information will be posted about this as the time draws near.
4. Mayclin reports that the South Dakota Department of Revenue visited last week to discuss the city's need for building permits. The permitting procedure should include the state, so they can be sure all contractors are licensed and certified and properly paying excise taxes. Having permits also helps prevent people from accidentally building on another person's property, which we have seen happen in the past. Mayclin will provide prior building code information at the next meeting.
5. Deinert has been looking into the Community Forestry Grant to see if there is any area we could use it.
6. Motion by Renken, seconded by DeKok to select Schoenfish & Co., Inc. as the audit firm for the city, which will be required to have an audit beginning December 31, 2025. The company will provide a 2-year audit not exceeding a total cost of $20,000.
7. The H&H study has been submitted, and we are waiting on further instructions from FEMA. The review can take up to one full calendar year; during that review time, absolutely no aspect of the project may begin.
8. Motion by DeKok, seconded by B. Olson to enter executive session for personnel and legal SDCL 1-25-2.1 and

2.3 at 8:36 pm.

9. Motion by DeKok, seconded by Renken to exit executive session at 9:35 pm.

   Motion by London, seconded by Renken to adjourn at 9:36 pm.

Cameron Deinert	Laura Mayclin
Mayor	Finance Officer

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