



## **CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

**Monday, May 12, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

109 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas 75457

*Our mission: to provide effective and fiscally responsible municipal services in a manner which promotes our high standard of community life.*

*Vision Statement Mount Vernon is a caring community committed to excellence and quality of life, aspiring to be the community of choice for ourselves, our children, and future generations – beautiful, clean, vibrant, and safe. We will strive to preserve our heritage, our friendly hometown atmosphere, and celebrate the diversity of all our citizens.*

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### **AGENDA**

**Call to order and announce a quorum is present.**

#### **Invocation and Pledges**

#### **Swearing-in Ceremony**

Swear-in re-elected Council members. Mary Keys, Rebecca Bailey, and Mark Huddleston

#### **Consent Agenda**

Items on the Consent Agenda are approved by a single action of the Council, with such approval applicable to all items appearing on the Consent Agenda. A Council Member may request any item to be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item.

1. Minutes 4/14/24  
February, March 2025 financial reports  
Proclamation-National Historic Preservation Month

#### **Report on Items of Community Interest**

The City Council will have an opportunity to address items of community interest, including: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the City of Mount Vernon; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the City of Mount Vernon that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the City Council or an official or employee of the City of Mount Vernon; and announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the City of Mount Vernon that has arisen after posting the agenda.

#### **Citizen Participation (3 minutes)**

The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Council from responding to any comments other than to refer the matter to a future agenda, to an existing policy, or to a staff person with specific information. Claims against the City, Council Members, or employees, as well as individual personnel appeals are not appropriate for citizens' forum.

#### **Public Hearing**

The purpose of this hearing is to hear evidence for or against the Economic Development Corp recommendation

to incentivize a request made by Melissa Davis dba Big Dawg Sports and Collectibles to provide assistance with Graduated Rental Assistance for the business located at 111 E. Dallas Street, Mt. Vernon, Texas in the amount of \$12,600 to be reimbursed monthly for 18 months as half of each months rent and

Hear evidence for or against the Economic Development Corp recommendation to incentivize a request made by Samantha Dean owner of Infinity Tans Mount Vernon, to provide assistance with Existing Business Structure Assistance for the business located at 102 Jackson Street, Suite 2, Mt. Vernon, Texas in the amount of up to \$12,000.00 to be reimbursed after purchase and installation of new tanning unit.

**Items to be Considered:**

2. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 25-08 EDC incentive for Infinity Tans Mt Vernon Existing Business Structure in the amount not to exceed \$12,000 for purchase of tanning unit and installations costs.
3. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 25-09 EDC incentive for Big Dawg Sports & Collectibles in the amount of \$12,600 for rental assistance for 18 months and half of rent each month (\$700).
4. Consider and Act upon appointment of Mayor Pro Tem (one year term).
5. Consider and Act upon approval of 2025-2026 City Board Appointments as presented.
6. Consider and act upon appointment of local rabies authority.
7. Consider and act on approval of Resolution 25-07 for proposal for the design, construction administration and grant management for the Little Creek Park Project in Mount Vernon. (t is important to note that TPWD will reimburse the City \$40,000 towards the design of the project.)
8. Consider a change to the Fee Schedule for Inspections and adding a fee for Animal Surrenders. Recommended changes are highlighted in yellow.
9. Consider and act upon approval of KSA Engineers Task Order Numbers 103955 Water Treatment Plant Permit Renewal and 104152 Waste Water Treatment Plant Permit Renewal, renewing discharge permits.
10. Consider and act upon amendments to Personnel Policy. (suggested revisions are in red text)

**Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports**

Infrastructure, Streets, Parks, Grants, Goals for 2025

Fire Department with County Commissioners

11. ISO information

**Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting**

**Notes to the Agenda:**

Items marked with an \* are consent items considered to be non-controversial and will be voted on in one motion unless a council member asks for separate discussion.

The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in this Agenda except for discussion-only items.

The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session under Sections 551.071/551.074 – of the Texas Open Meetings Act concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact the City Secretary at 903-537-2252 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

## CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that this Public Meeting Notice was posted on the outside bulletin board, at the front entrance of City Hall located at 109 N Kaufman St., Mount Vernon, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on the following date and time:

**Posted May 09, 2025 4:00 p.m. and remained so posted at least 72 hours before said meeting was convened.**

Kathy Lovier, City Secretary

***NOTE:*** The City of Mount Vernon, Texas meets regularly on the second Monday night of each month at 6:00 p.m. The Council follows a printed Agenda for official action. ***Any individual desiring official action should submit his/her request to the office of the City Manager not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the Council Meeting.***

/s/ Kathy Lovier Johnson

Kathy Lovier Johnson, City Secretary