



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, September 11, 2023 – 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.

AGENDA

Call to order and announce a quorum is present.

Swearing-In Ceremony

Invocation and Pledges

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 8/14/2023 and Special Meeting Minutes 8/28/2023
August financial report
Teacher's Day Proclamation

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.

2. Presentation by B F Hicks Solar information

Public Hearing

The purpose of this hearing is to hear evidence for or against 2023 proposed tax rate of \$0.54514 and the 2023-2024 proposed budget.

Items to be Considered:

3. Consider and act upon approval of Ordinance 2023-30 adopting 2023-2024 Budget.
4. Consider and act upon approval of Ordinance 2023-31 setting the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.054514
5. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 23-14 designating The Mount Vernon News the official newspaper of the City of Mount Vernon.
6. Consider and act upon approval of designating parking spaces at Main and N Kaufman as a fire lane due to being within 30 feet of a stop intersection.
7. Consider and act approval of Resolution 23-15 City of Mt Vernon Purchasing policy.
8. Consider and Act upon approval of KSA Engineering and Design Standard (DRAFT)

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

Workshop 9/25/23

October Council meeting and workshop

New Website and app

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 September 8, 2023 by 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
Kathy Lovier, City Secretary