



## **CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

**Monday, July 14, 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**

**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. Special Session Minutes 6/23/2025  
June, 2025 and Quarterly financial report

**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 Crystal Copeland dba The Glove Factory to provide assistance with Graduated Rental Assistance for the business located at 201 E. Dallas Street, Mt. Vernon, Texas in the amount of \$6,000 to be monthly for 12 months at the rate of \$500 per month.

### Items to be Considered:

2. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 25-12 authorizing application for Local Park Grant Program with Parks and Wildlife.
3. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 25-13 EDC incentive for Crystal Copeland dba The Glove Factory in the amount of \$6,000 for rental assistance for 12 months and at the rate of \$500 each month.

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

Infrastructure, Parks, Grants, Budget-water/sewer rates, Scheduled Meetings,

4. House Bill 1522 will go into effect on September 01, 2025. The bill amends Chapter 551 of Local Government Code relating to meeting notice requirements for governmental bodies; changing the required notice from 72 hours to three business days. This will not include the day of the meeting. Staff recommends changing the regular City Council meetings from the second Monday of each month, to the third Thursday of each month.
5. 2024-2025 water and sewer rates

### 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 July 11, 2025 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 Johnson

Kathy Lovier Johnson, City Secretary