



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, September 15, 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.

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 Meeting Minutes 8/25/25, Workshop Meeting Minutes 9/2/25 & 9/8/25
Financial Report - July and August, 2025

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 2025 proposed tax rate of \$0.58751 (M&O rate 0.44239 and I&S rate 0.14512) and the 2025/2026 proposed budget.

Items to be Considered:

2. Consider and act upon the approval of proposed amendments to the Fee Schedule incorporating the recently proposed increase to the utility rates.
3. Consider and act upon approval of Ordinance 2025-03 adopting the annual budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.
4. Consider and act upon approval of Ordinance 2025-04, adopting the tax rate for year 2025.
5. In Accordance with LGC § 102.007(c), adoption of a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year from property taxes than in the previous year requires a separate vote of the governing body to ratify the the property tax increase reflected in the budget. A vote under this subsection is in addition to and separate from the vote to adopt the budget or a vote to set the tax rate required by Chapter 26, Tax Code or other law.

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

Infrastructure, grants, parks, budget, Streets, Parks, October meeting is a holiday

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 10, 2025 by 8:00 a.m. and remained so posted at least three business days 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