



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, February 09, 2026 – 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.

MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor Hyman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

PRESENT

Mayor Brad Hyman

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Huddleston

Councilwoman Mary Keys

Councilwoman Rebecca Bailey

ABSENT

Councilman Martin Carrascosa

Councilman Harold Cason

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Craig Lindholm

Interim City Secretary Angie Pike

Interim Finance Director Rebecca Elliott

Invocation and Pledges

Invocation was led by Council Member Huddleston

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes - 12/08/2025

Motion made by Member Huddleston to approve consent items, seconded by Member Keys

All in favor, none opposed

Report on Items of Community Interest

2. Presentation from Frontier Communications

David Russell presented on the upcoming fiber replacement happening throughout the City over the next several months, highlighting the benefits of the improvements and general citizen information.

Citizen Participation (3 minutes)

Public Hearing

3. The purpose of this hearing is to hear evidence for or against a request made by Tony Fountain for an exemption to City of Mount Vernon, Ordinance, Chapter 13, Section 102, regarding sex offender residency restrictions for 110 Church Street, Mount Vernon, Texas 75457

Public Hearing Opened at 6:21 pm

Brantin Carr, Franklin County Constable, spoke on behalf of requestor, expressing his support for the request. Lucienda Fountain, spoke in favor of Council granting the exemption request. Tony Fountain addressed the Council regarding his submitted exemption request, indicating that his current living situation is a financial hardship. Public Hearing closed at 6:30 pm

Items to be Considered

4. Consider a request by Tony Fountain for an exemption to Ordinance Chapter 13, Section 102 regarding residency restrictions for sex offenders for 110 Church Street, Mount Vernon, Texas, 75457

Members discussed the request with staff, requested staff get clarification from legal counsel and directed staff to place the same item on the next Council agenda.

5. Reconsider previous action on Resolution No. 25-22, authorizing access to Lone Star Investment Pool
City Administrator explained that council approved the resolution in the December regular meeting and made a second motion to move the funds to a different account. However, upon further research by staff; the Lone Star Investment account is currently earning a higher interest rate. Therefore, staff recommends council rescind the motion to move those funds.

*Motion made by Member Keys to rescind second motion made on Resolution No. 25-22, seconded by Member Bailey
All in favor, none opposed*

6. Consider Resolution No. 26-01, approving submission of a grant application for Mobile Data Terminals for the Police Department
Lt. Thomas explained that this is a reimbursement grant, that covers the MDTs for the patrol units. Installation cost is the responsibility of the grantee.

*Motion made by Member Huddleston to approve Resolution No. 26-01 as presented, seconded by Member Keys
All in favor, none opposed*

7. Consider Resolution No. 26-02, ordering the general election for May 02, 2026

*Motion made by Member Huddleston to approve Resolution No. 26-02 as presented, seconded by Member Keys
All in favor, none opposed*

8. Consider Election Contract with County Elections Administrator

*Motion made by Member Keys to approve entering into a contract for election services with Franklin County Elections Administrator, seconded by Member Bailey
All in favor, none opposed*

9. Consider Resolution No. 26-03, Denying SWEPCO Request for Approval of Its Proposed "Electric Service-Large Load Contract" Tariff

*Motion made by Member Huddleston to approve Resolution No. 26-03 as presented, Seconded by Member Bailey
All in favor, none opposed*

10. Consider Task Order # 103786, associated with Raw Water Assistance Fund Water Distribution and Raw Water Improvements

*Motion made by Member Huddleston to approve task order #103786 as presented, seconded by Member Keys
All in favor, none opposed*

11. Executive Session, Pursuant to Section 551.074 of Texas Local Government Code, Personnel Matters, the City Council will convene into closed session to discuss the positions of Municipal Judge, Finance Officer and City Secretary

City Council went into Closed Session at 6:59 pm
City Council re-entered into Open Session at 7:25 pm

12. City Council may take action on any Executive Session item if necessary
No Action Taken

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Tony Dulas updated the Council on the water contract with Franklin County Water District and recent Texas Commission on Environmental Quality audits.

Mayor Hyman read the following statement, "The Council published a notice of intent to consider the passage of one or more ordinances authorizing the issuance of certificates of obligation in one or more series in an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,075,000) for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for: improving and extending the City's waterworks and sewer system, including the acquisition of land and rights-of-way therefor and professional services rendered in connection therewith; and; such certificates to be payable from ad valorem taxes and a pledge of the surplus revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system. City Council will consider that item on February 13, 2026, at 1:30 pm in a called meeting, here in Council Chambers."

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

*Motion made by Member Huddleston to adjourn at 7:32 pm, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys
All in favor, none opposed*

Approved:

Attest:

/s/Brad Hyman
Brad Hyman, Mayor

/s/Angie Pike
Angie Pike, Interim City Secretary