CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, August 24, 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 Ostertag called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm

Present: Mayor Greg Ostertag, Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Huddleston, Council Members Martin Carrascosa, and Mary Keys

Absent: Council Members Sally Eng and Rebecca Bailey

Consent Agenda

1. Regular Meeting Minutes - August 10, 2026

2. Consider Request for Re-Plat of Property located at 811 Miller Street, Mount Vernon, Texas, 0.465 Ac., Gabriel Keith Survey, A-261, City of Mount Vernon, Texas

3. Consider Contract for Municipal Judge

4. Consider suggested ordinance amendments; Ordinance Number 2026-03, regarding officers appointed by Council, in order to make day-to-day operations more efficient. This amendment does not create any entitlements or take away from any existing roles.

5. Consider suggested ordinance amendments; Ordinance Number 2026-04, regarding defining and clarifying the role of the City Administrator. This role has been a job held in the city for at least 20 years, this ordinance serves to memorialize and codify those roles.

   Motion to approve the Consent Items as presented by Member Carrascosa, seconded by Member Keys
   All in favor, none opposed

Citizen Participation

Items to be Considered

6. In accordance with Texas Tax Code, submission of the No-New Revenue and Voter-Approval Tax Rates

7. Proposed Tax Rate - The Council must take action on the proposed tax rate in order to move forward with the 2026-2027 budget process.

   Motion to approve the proposed rate of $0.58102/ $100 valuation, by Member Keys, seconded by Member Huddleston.
   Record vote by present members, Member Carrascosa, Member Huddleston and Member Keys voting in favor.

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

8. Discuss Proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget Items

   Finance Director Andrew Pudell spoke about the proposed budget, highlighting differences in this year's proposed projections over last year's numbers in various line items throughout the departments. Staff advised that the County has approached City staff about possibly taking over operations for the Fire Department; indicating that these are early discussions and more conversations are warranted if the Council is interested in considering this option.

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 by Member Huddleston, seconded by Member Carrascosa
All in favor, none opposed

Approved:

/s/Greg Ostertag
Greg Ostertag, Mayor

Attest:

/s/Angie Pike
Angie Pike, City Secretary