



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 11, 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, Councilman Martin Carrascosa

Absent: Councilman Harold Cason

Staff: City Administrator Craig Lindholm, City Secretary Angie Pike

Invocation and Pledges

Invocation led by City Administrator Craig Lindholm

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes 04-13-2026

*Motion made to approve consent items as presented, by Member Carrascosa, seconded by Member Keys
All in favor, none opposed*

Report on Items of Community Interest

Citizen Participation (3 minutes)

Member Huddleston addressed the Council regarding Mount Vernon and his family's decision to make it home, comparing it to a modern-day Mayberry. Huddleston spoke of the division he witnessed in Mount Vernon during the election and the tremendous compassion received by his family after a recent tragedy. He went on to advise that all communities will face challenges, but how people respond is what matters and by choosing listening and cooperation over conflict, people can work together to build a stronger, more united community—a modern-day Mayberry.

Mayor Hyman also spoke of the special character of the community. He thanked members of City staff, Franklin County Commissioners Court, Paws of Franklin County, and the Council for all of their hard work and the agreements with the County and Paws that have allowed for expanded services for the City and the County. He went on to speak about other departments and the achievements that have happened over the past few years; including multiple grants awarded infrastructure improvements, and economic development opportunities that have occurred. He further spoke of the current financial status of the city and clarified what he described as some misconceptions held by the public; thanking staff and Council Member Keys for all of their hard work. He finished by encouraging the Council and community to keep the City moving in a positive direction and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve.

Items to be Considered

2. Consider Resolution 26-11, canvassing of election results for the May 02, 2026 General Election.

Motion made by Member Huddleston to approve Resolution No. 26-11, as presented, seconded by Member Carrascosa

All in favor, none opposed

Mayor Hyman administered the oath of office to newly elected Council Member Sally Eng and re-elected Member Martin Carrascosa

Franklin County Judge Scott Lee echoed the remarks of Council Member Huddleston and outgoing Mayor Hyman, highlighting the strong partnership between County and the City over the past few years and encouraged the new mayor and Council to continue fostering that collaboration. Judge Lee then administered the oath of office to the newly elected Mayor, Greg Ostertag.

The newly elected officials then took their places with the rest of the Council.

Mayor Ostertag then addressed the chamber, thanking the outgoing mayor and encouraged the community to take the sentiments expressed to heart and move forward together.

3. Request to be Placed on Agenda by Courtney Bean Regarding Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances

Courtney Bean, Proverbs Kitchen, addressed the Council regarding current ordinances regarding food trucks and itinerant vendors, highlighting specific changes to be made, referencing recent legislation by the State Legislature and necessary changes to the ordinances. She thanked the City for recent changes to allow produce on the square and encouraged the City to support more small business operators.

Ashley Thomas, A Wicked Love for Food, addressed the Council, explaining that she owns and operates a food truck in and around the City. She spoke of rising costs for small businesses and encouraged the Council to consider these factors when moving forward with ordinance changes.

City Administrator and City Secretary explained that there are three pieces of legislation recently passed by the State affecting not only Chapter 15, but Chapter 10 as well. Staff is working with the City Attorney on this item and will bring that to Council when amendments are prepared.

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

*Motion made by Member Huddleston to adjourn at 6:48 pm, seconded by Member Bailey
All in favor, none opposed*

Approved:

Attest:

/s/Greg Ostertag
Greg Ostertag, Mayor

/s/Angie Pike
Angie Pike, City Secretary