



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, July 14, 2025 – 6:00 PM

109 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas 75457

MINUTES

Call to order and announce a quorum is present.

Mayor Hyman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced a quorum present.

PRESENT

Mayor Brad Hyman
Councilman Harold Cason
Councilwoman Mary Keys
Councilman Martin Carrascosa
City Administrator Craig Lindholm
City Secretary Kathy Johnson
Assistant City Secretary Angie Pike

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Mark Huddleston and Councilwoman Rebecca Bailey

VISITORS: Tony Dulas, Tina Jagers, Chad Pike, Andy Cochran

Invocation and Pledges

City Secretary Johnson lead the invocation and pledge.

Consent Agenda

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

Motion made by Councilman Carrascosa, Seconded by Councilman Cason.

Voting Yea: Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilman Carrascosa

Report on Items of Community Interest AEP - Swepeco had two transformers blow on SH37 this past week.

Citizen Participation No one spoke

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.

Mayor Hyman closed the Regular Session at 6:03 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing.

No one spoke for or against the request made by Crystal Copeland for rental assistance.
Mayor Hyman closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. and re-opened the Regular Session.

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.

Motion made by Councilman Cason, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

Voting Yea: Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilman Carrascosa

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.

Motion made by Councilman Cason, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

Voting Yea: Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilman Carrascosa

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.

After some discussion we will pick up again to decide the best option. The Mayor and Council like the idea of doing the workshop just prior to the Council meeting but at this point think keeping the meetings on Monday is the best option. We will make a final decision prior to September when this begins.

5. 2024-2025 water and sewer rates

Administrator Lindholm gave copies of rate study to council and ask them to study until the next meeting. He explained that we will need to increase rates to complete needed funding for our part of the TWDB loans/grants.

Public Works Director, Chad Pike advised Council that revenue is required to fund improvements.

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

Motion made by Councilman Carrascosa at 6:25 p.m. to close the meeting, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

Voting Yea: Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilman Carrascosa

/s/ Brad Hyman

Brad Hyman – Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Lovier Johnson

Kathy Lovier Johnson – City Secretary