



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 09, 2026 – 6:00 PM

109 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas 75457

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AGENDA

Call to Order

The Mayor will determine that a quorum of Councilpersons is present and Call the meeting to order.

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. Minutes - 02/09/2026
2. Minutes - 02/13/2026

Report on Items of Community Interest

The City Council will have an opportunity to address items of community interest.

3. 2026 Texas CenterPoint GRIP Customer Notice

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

4. 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

Items to be Considered

5. 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
6. Consider and act upon Resolution No. 26-05, appointing a City Secretary

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

Consider options on IT provider services

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

Notes to the Agenda

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.

The City of Mount Vernon regular meeting is the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers. Any individual desiring official action from the Council should submit a request to the office of the City Administrator not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the Council meeting.

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that this Public Meeting Notice was posted 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:

Date _____ Time _____

Angie Pike,
Interim City Secretary



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, February 09, 2026 – 6:00 PM

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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 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:

Brad Hyman, Mayor

Angie Pike, Interim City Secretary



CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING

Friday, February 13, 2026 – 1:30 PM

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MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor Hyman called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm

Citizen Participation (3 minutes)

Items to be Considered

- 1. Discussion and consideration of all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of “City of Mount Vernon, Texas, Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2026”, including the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of such certificates of obligation and resolving other matters incident and related thereto.**

*Motion made by Member Keys to approve Ordinance 2026-01 as presented, seconded by Member Carrascosa
All in favor, none opposed*

- 2. Discussion and consideration of all matters incident and related to accepting a grant award from the Texas Water Development Board in the amount of \$9,628,090 with rural water assistance funding to finance City waterworks system improvements, authorizing the execution of a Grant Agreement and an Escrow Agreement, including the adoption of a resolution pertaining thereto.**

*Motion made by Member Bailey to approve Resolution No. 26-04 as presented, seconded by Member Keys
All in favor, none opposed*

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

*Motion made by Member Carrascosa to adjourn at 1:32 pm, seconded by Member Huddleston
All in favor, none opposed*

Approved:

Attest:

Brad Hyman, Mayor

Angie Pike, Interim City Secretary

**CUSTOMER NOTICE OF INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT
AVISO AL CLIENTE SOBRE AJUSTE DE TARIFA
PROVISIONAL**

Pursuant to Texas Utilities Code Section 104.301, CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas (the “Company”), filed an application for an Interim Rate Adjustment/Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (“GRIP”) with the Railroad Commission of Texas and with the cities in the Company’s Houston, South Texas, Texas Coast and Beaumont/East Texas geographic rate areas on Feb. 17, 2026. This proposed Interim Rate Adjustment applies to all standard sales service customers served by the Company in the cities and unincorporated areas listed below comprising the Company’s Houston, South Texas, Texas Coast and Beaumont/East Texas geographic rate areas and provides for the recovery of additional capital investment incurred from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. The request is for capital investment not included in any previous rate case or rates for service and is subject to refund.

Houston Geographic Rate Area: Bellaire, Bunker Hill Village, Conroe, Cut and Shoot, Deer Park, Galena Park, Hedwig Village, Hilshire Village, Houston, Humble, Hunters Creek Village, Jacinto City, Jersey Village, Magnolia, Meadows Place, Missouri City, Montgomery, Nassau Bay, New Caney, New Waverly, Oak Ridge North, Panorama Village, Pasadena, Piney Point Village, Porter, Roman Forest, Shenandoah, South Houston, Southside Place, Spring, Spring Valley Village, Stafford, Tomball, The Woodlands Township, West University Place, Willis and Woodbranch Village.

South Texas Geographic Rate Area: Agua Dulce, Alice, Aransas Pass, Austin, Banquete, Bastrop, Beeville, Bishop, Blessing, Bloomington, Bruni, Buda, Cibolo, Converse, Creedmoor, D’Hanis, Driscoll, Eagle Lake, Edna, Edroy, El Campo, Elgin, Falls City, Floresville, Freer, Ganado, Garden Ridge, Giddings, Goliad, Gregory, Hallettsville, Hebronville, Hondo, Inez, Ingleside, Ingleside on the Bay, Jourdanton, Karnes City, Kenedy, Kingsville, Kyle, LaCoste, La Grange, Laredo, Lolita, Louise, Marion, Markham, Mathis, McQueeney, Mirando City, New Braunfels, Niederwald, Nordheim, Odem, Oilton, Orange Grove, Palacios, Pettus, Placedo, Pleasanton, Point Comfort, Port Lavaca, Portland, Poteet, Poth, Premont, Refugio, Runge, San Diego, San Marcos, Sandy Oaks, Santa Clara, Schertz, Schulenburg, Seadrift, Seguin, Selma, Sinton, Skidmore, Smithville, Taft, Tuleta, Uhland, Universal City, Vanderbilt, Victoria, Weimar and Yorktown.

Texas Coast Geographic Rate Area: Alvin, Angleton, Arcola, Bacliff, Barrett, Baytown, Beach City, Beasley, Boling, Brookshire, Brookside Village, Channel

Area, Clear Lake Shores, Clute, Columbia Lakes, Crosby, Damon, Danbury, Dickinson, East Bernard, El Lago, Freeport, Friendswood, Fulshear, Glen Flora, Highlands, Hillcrest Village, Hitchcock, Hungerford, Iago, Iowa Colony, Jones Creek, Katy, Kemah, Kendleton, La Marque, La Porte, Lake Jackson, League City, Liverpool, Manvel, Mont Belvieu, Morgan's Point, Needville, New Gulf, Old Ocean, Orchard, Oyster Creek, Pearland, Pecan Grove, Pleak, Richmond, Richwood, Rosenberg, Rosharon, San Leon, Santa Fe, Seabrook, Shoreacres, Sienna Plantation, Simonton, Sugar Land, Taylor Lake Village, Teal Run, Texas City, Van Vleck, Wallis, Webster, West Columbia, Weston Lakes and Wharton.

Beaumont/East Texas Geographic Rate Area: Ames, Anahuac, Arp, Atlanta, Avinger, Beaumont, Beauxart Gardens, Beckville, Bevil Oaks, Big Sandy, Bloomburg, Bridge City, Bronson, Bullard, Buna, Carthage, Center, Central, Cheek, China, Clarksville City, Cleveland, Colmesneil, Corrigan, Crockett, Daingerfield, Dayton, De Berry, De Kalb, Diboll, Dodge, Douglassville, East Mountain, Eastham Farm, Edgewood, Elkhart, Ellis Ferguson Farm, Elysian Fields, Evadale, Fruitvale, Fuller Springs, Gilmer, Gladewater, Goodrich, Grand Saline, Grapeland, Groveton, Hallsville, Hawkins, Henderson, Hideaway, Hooks, Hudson, Hughes Springs, Huntsville, Jacksonville, Jasper, Jefferson, Jonesville, Kilgore, Kirbyville, Latexo, Leary, Leggett, Liberty, Lindale, Linden, Livingston, Lone Star, Longview, Lovelady, Lufkin, Lumberton, Marshall, Maud, Mauriceville, McLeod, Mineola, Mount Pleasant, Mount Vernon, Nacogdoches, Naples, Neches, Nederland, New Boston, New London, New Willard, Noonday, North Cleveland, Omaha, Orange, Orangefield, Ore City, Overton, Pine Forest, Pinehurst, Pittsburg, Port Arthur, Price, Queen City, Red Lick, Redland, Riverside, Rose City, Rose Hill Acres, Rusk, San Augustine, Saratoga, Scottsville, Shepherd, Silsbee, Sour Lake, Stowell, Swan, Sylvan-Harmony, Talco, Tatum, Tenaha, Timpson, Trinity, Troup, Tyler, Uncertain, Union Grove, Van, Victory Gardens, Vidor, Warren City, Waskom, West Orange, White Oak, Whitehouse, Wills Point, Winfield, Winnie and Winnsboro.

The Company proposes to increase the customer charge used to calculate the customer's monthly bill by the amount listed below. The proposed Interim Rate Adjustment effective date is April 18, 2026.

TABLE 1 - Houston and Texas Coast Geographic Rate Areas

Rate Schedule	Current Customer Charge	Proposed 2026 Interim Rate Adjustment	Adjusted Charge	Increase Per Bill
R-2099-I-GRIP 2026; R-2099-U-GRIP 2026 Residential	\$22.36 per customer per month	\$2.47 per customer per month	\$24.83 per customer per month	\$2.47 per customer per month
GSS-2099-I-GRIP 2026; GSS-2099-U-GRIP 2026 General Service Small	\$35.12 per customer per month	\$4.18 per customer per month	\$39.30 per customer per month	\$4.18 per customer per month
GSLV-630-I-GRIP 2026; GSLV-630-U-GRIP 2026 General Service Large Volume	\$450.89 per customer per month	\$55.23 per customer per month	\$506.12 per customer per month	\$55.23 per customer per month

TABLE 2 – South Texas and Beaumont/East Texas Geographic Rate Areas

Rate Schedule	Current Customer Charge	Proposed 2026 Interim Rate Adjustment	Adjusted Charge	Increase Per Bill
R-2099-I-GRIP 2026; R-2099-U-GRIP 2026 Residential	\$27.86 per customer per month	\$2.47 per customer per month	\$30.33 per customer per month	\$2.47 per customer per month
GSS-2099-I-GRIP 2026; GSS-2099-U-GRIP 2026 General Service Small	\$53.12 per customer per month	\$4.18 per customer per month	\$57.30 per customer per month	\$4.18 per customer per month
GSLV-630-I-GRIP 2026; GSLV-630-U-GRIP 2026 General Service Large Volume	\$290.89 per customer per month	\$55.23 per customer per month	\$346.12 per customer per month	\$55.23 per customer per month

Persons with questions or who want more information about this filing may contact the Company at 800-752-8036. A copy of the filing will be available for inspection during normal business hours at the Company's office at 1111 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002 or on the Company's website at CenterPointEnergy.com/texasgrip.

Any affected person within the environs may file written comments or a protest concerning this proposed Interim Rate Adjustment with Gas Services, Market Oversight Section, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967. Please reference Case No. 00030599 in your written comment or

protest. Any affected person within an incorporated area may contact his or her city council.

De acuerdo con la Sección 104.301 del Código de Servicios Públicos de Texas, CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex y CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas (la “Compañía”), presentó una solicitud de un ajuste provisional de tarifas/confiabilidad del gas Programa de Infraestructura (“GRIP”) con la Comisión de Ferrocarriles de Texas (*Railroad Commission of Texas*) y con las ciudades en las áreas tarifarias geográficas de la Compañía, incluyendo a Houston, el sur de Texas, costa de Texas y Beaumont/Este de Texas, el 17 de febrero de 2026. Este ajuste de tarifas propuesto se aplica a todos los servicios de ventas estándar. Clientes atendidos por la Compañía en las ciudades y áreas no incorporadas que se enumeran a continuación que incluyen Houston, el sur de Texas y costa de Texas de la empresa y áreas tarifarias geográficas de Beaumont/Este de Texas prevé la recuperación de capital adicional inversión incurrida desde el 1 de enero de 2025 hasta el 31 de diciembre de 2025. La solicitud es para inversión de capital no incluido en cualquier caso de tarifas anterior o tarifas para servicio, y está sujeto a reembolso.

La Compañía propone aumentar el cargo al cliente utilizado para calcular la factura mensual del cliente en el monto que se indica a continuación. La fecha de entrada en vigor propuesta para el ajuste de tarifas provisional es el 18 de abril de 2026.

Las personas con preguntas o que quieren más información sobre esta solicitud pueden contactar a la Compañía al 800-752-8036. Una copia de la solicitud estará disponible para revisar durante el horario laboral normal en las oficinas de la Compañía en 1111 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002 o en el sitio web de la Compañía en CenterPointEnergy.com/texasgrip.

Cualquier persona afectada dentro de los alrededores puede presentar comentarios por escrito o una protesta sobre este ajuste de tarifas provisional propuesto ante los servicios de gas, Sección de Supervisión del Mercado, *Railroad Commission of Texas*, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967. Por favor haga referencia al número de caso 00030599 en su comentario escrito o protesta. Cualquier persona afectada en el área incorporada puede contactar al consejo municipal de su ciudad.



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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

Policy and Guidelines for City Council Agenda

Only the Mayor, Councilperson, City Administrator or City Secretary will be allowed to put items on the agenda

Items to be on the agenda must be in the City Secretary's office no later than 12:00 pm, 10 business days prior to the meeting

Name: Tony Bay Fountain Phone # 903-689-6448 Email Address: fountain.lucinda30@gmail.com

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 170 Mt Vernon TX 75457

Agenda Item Request

Signature



COMPLAINT FORM

DATE: 12-16-25

NAME: Tony Bay Fountain

ADDRESS: American INN 415 Inter State 30 service Rd

PHONE: 903-689-6418 Mt Vernon TX 75457

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR COMPLAINT IN DETAIL BELOW

I pay 905.00 to live here at this motel been here for some months the roaches RATS are bad! in here the door I have I put Plastic bass to get the air from coming in but it helps a little my bed is getting ate up by the rats and roaches and they be all on me in the bed. Pastor Don Monroe is giving me a nice place to live in and my rent want be hardly anything to make me a living because my monthly check is 960.00 and after paying the motel 905.00 a month it leaves me with only 60.00 to live off the whole month

THANK YOU FOR NOTIFYING THE CITY OF YOUR CONCERNS

City of Mount Vernon

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RESOLUTION No. 26-05

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY SECRETARY

WHEREAS, the position of City Secretary is a statutorily required position by Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 22, Sub-Chapter C, Section 22.071; and

WHEREAS, the current Interim City Secretary possesses the appropriate certification and experience to serve in the position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the current Interim City Secretary for the City of Mount Vernon shall serve as the City Secretary from this day forth.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 9th day of March, 2026.

Approved:

By: _____

Brad Hyman, Mayor

Attest:

By: _____

Angie Pike, Interim City Secretary