



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, December 08, 2025 – 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.

AGENDA

Call to order and announce a quorum is present.

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 - Meeting 11/24/2025

Report on Items of Community Interest

The City Council will have an opportunity to address items of community interest, including: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the City of Mount Vernon; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the City of Mount Vernon that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the City Council or an official or employee of the City of Mount Vernon; and announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the City of Mount Vernon that has arisen after posting the agenda.

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.

Items to be Considered:

2. Consider and act upon Resolution No. 25-22, authorizing access to staff for deposits held at Lone Star Investment Pool
3. Consider and act upon Resolution No. 25-23, updating authorized signatories to accounts held at Alliance Bank

4. Consider and act upon Resolution No. 25-24, approving appointment of an Interim City Secretary
5. 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 and City Secretary
6. City Council may take action on any Executive Session item if necessary

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

Council consideration of annual Employee Longevity and Health Savings Account contributions.

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

Notes to the Agenda:

The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in this Agenda except for discussion-only items.

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 business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that this Public Meeting Notice was posted on the outside bulletin board, 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 the following date and time:

Posted December 2, 2025 and remained so posted at least three (3) business days before said meeting was convened.

/s/Angie Pike
Angie Pike, Deputy City Secretary



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION (RESCHEDULED FROM 11/10/2025)

Monday, November 24, 2025 – 6:00 PM

109 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas 75457

MINUTES

Mayor Hyman called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

PRESENT

Mayor Brad Hyman

Councilwoman Mary Keys

Councilwoman Rebecca Bailey

Councilman Martin Carrascosa

ABSENT: Councilmembers Mark Huddleston and Harold Cason

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Craig Lindholm, City Secretary Kathy Johnson, Interim Finance Director Rebecca Elliott, Police Chief Ricky Jones, Police Lt. Leah Thomas, Public Works Director Chad Pike, Fire Chief Blake Sheffield, Main Street Director Kassidy Wesson

Invocation and Pledge

City Administrator lead the invocation

Consent Agenda

Minutes - Workshop Meeting 9/8/2025

Special Meeting 9/15/2025

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Carrascosa

All in favor, none opposed

Financials-August & September 2025

3rd Quarter - Quarterly report

No Action Taken

Report on Items of Community Interest

None

Citizen Participation (3 minutes)

None

Items to be Considered:

2. Consider and act on approval of hiring KBB Consulting as consultant for the HOME Program

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve KBB Consulting as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Keys

All in favor, none opposed

3. Consider and act upon Resolution 25-15, approval of all matters incident and related to approving and authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation, including the adoption of a resolution pertaining thereto
Motion made by Councilman Carrascosa to approve Resolution 25-15 as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Keys
All in favor, none opposed
4. Consider and act upon Ordinance Number 2025-07, amending Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances
Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve Ordinance 2025-07 as presented, seconded by Councilman Carrascosa
All in favor, none opposed
5. Consider and Act upon approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Franklin County for Fire Protection Services
Motion made by Councilwoman Keys to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Franklin County as presented, seconded by Councilman Carrascosa
All in favor, none opposed
6. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 25-16, amending the organizational chart
Motion made by Councilman Carrascosa to approve Resolution 25-16 as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Bailey
All in favor, none opposed
7. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 25-17, adding additional personnel to accounts held at Alliance Bank in Mount Vernon
Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve Resolution 25-17 as presented, seconded by Councilman Carrascosa
All in favor, none opposed
8. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 25-18 denying the application to increase rates filed by Southwestern Electric Power Company
Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve Resolution 25-18 as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Keys
All in favor, none opposed
9. Consider and act upon casting 196 votes in the Franklin County Appraisal District Board of Directors election
Motion made by Councilwoman Keys to cast 40 votes for Candidate Chad Wooten and 39 votes for all other candidates equally, seconded by Councilman Carrascosa
All in favor, none opposed
10. Consider and act upon Resolution No. 25-20, authorizing the creation of an additional account for utility funds
Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve Resolution 25-20 as presented, seconded by Councilman Carrascosa
All in favor, none opposed
11. Consider and act upon Res. No. 25-19, approving an Interim Finance Director
Motion made by Councilman Carrascosa to approve Resolution 25-19 as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Keys
All in favor, none opposed

12. Consider and act upon Res. No. 25-21, approving a line of credit with a financial institution
Motion made by Councilwoman Keys to approve Resolution 25-21 as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Bailey
All in favor, none opposed

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

Council heard an update from the Public Works Director regarding the recent clearing of several right of ways as well as streets that were recently replaced.

Members discussed with the City Administrator and other members of staff, the possibility of updating franchise fees related to trash collection as well as the approval timeline for the upcoming Texas Parks & Wildlife grant.

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys to adjourn at 6:36 pm, seconded by Councilman Carrascosa
All in favor, none opposed

Approved:

Attest:

Brad Hyman, Mayor

Angie Pike, Deputy City Secretary

RESOLUTION No. 25-22

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING ACCESS ON LONE STAR INVESTMENT ACCOUNT IN THE NAME OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON

WHEREAS, the Lone Star Investments Pool is an investment pool for the City of Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to approve persons authorized to account access on accounts in the name of the City of Mount Vernon.

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

SECTION 1. That account for the City, at Lone Star Investments Pool ; may be accessed and viewed by the following additional persons:

Name

Craig Lindholm
Rebecca Elliott
Angie Pike

Title

City Administrator
Interim Finance Director
Deputy City Secretary

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

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 8th day of December, 2025.

Approved:

By: _____
Brad Hyman, Mayor

Attest:

By: _____
Angie Pike, Deputy City Secretary

RESOLUTION No. 25-23

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS, DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES ON BANK ACCOUNTS IN THE NAME OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON

WHEREAS, the Alliance Bank of Mount Vernon is the depository bank for the City of Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to approve persons authorized to sign for transactions on accounts in the name of the City of Mount Vernon.

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

SECTION 1. That the financial instruments of this City, drawn on Alliance Bank; for transfer or withdrawal of funds of the City on deposit in said bank, in whatever form, shall be signed by two (2) of the following persons:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Brad Hyman	Mayor
Mary Keys	Council Member
Craig Lindholm	City Administrator
Rebecca Elliott	Interim Finance Director
Angie Pike	Deputy City Secretary

SECTION 2: Any prior ordinance, resolution or other prior action which may be in conflict with this resolution is hereby rescinded.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 08th day of December, 2025.

Approved:

By: _____
Brad Hyman, Mayor

Attest:

By: _____
Angie Pike, Deputy City Secretary

RESOLUTION No. 25-24

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM 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 Deputy 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 Deputy City Secretary for the City of Mount Vernon shall serve as the Interim City Secretary until such time as a permanent replacement is approved.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 8th day of December, 2025.

Approved:

By: _____
Brad Hyman, Mayor

Attest:

By: _____
Angie Pike, Deputy City Secretary