



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

Monday, September 15, 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.

MINUTES

Call to order and announce a quorum is present.

Mayor Hyman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and announced a quorum present.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Mark Huddleston and Councilman Martin Carrascosa

VISITORS: Lt. Leah Thomas, Kassidy Wesson, Tony Dulas, David West, Chad Pike, David Newman

Invocation and Pledges

City Administrator Lindholm lead the invocation and pledge.

Consent Agenda

- . 1. Special Meeting Minutes 8/25/25, Workshop Meeting Minutes 9/2/25 & 9/8/25
Financial Report - July and August, 2025

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys to approve the consent agenda with the exclusion on Minutes for 9/8/25 and August, 2025 financials-both left off packet, Seconded by Councilman Cason.

Voting Yea: Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey

Report on Items of Community Interest

National Night Out - a great opportunity to meet the first responders. This activity will be in Little Creek Park, free hot dogs and children's activities.

Tiger football team are looking good and off to a good start.

Citizen Participation (3 minutes) No one spoke.

Public Hearing

The purpose of this hearing is to hear evidence for or against 2025 proposed tax rate of \$0.58751 (M&O rate 0.44239 and I&S rate 0.14512) and the 2025/2026 proposed budget.

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

No one spoke for or against the proposed tax rate or proposed budget.

Mayor Hyman closed the Public Hearing and re-opened the Special Session at 6:04 p.m.

Items to be Considered:

2. Consider and act upon the approval of proposed amendments to the Fee Schedule incorporating the recently proposed increase to the utility rates.

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys to approve the fee schedule as presented with the addition of Commerical Storm Water fee of \$6 - which had been inadvertantly left off, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

Voting Yea: Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey

3. Consider and act upon approval of Ordinance 2025-05 adopting the annual budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Motion made by Councilman Cason to approve as presented, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

Voting Yea: Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey

4. Consider and act upon approval of Ordinance Number 2025-06, adopting the tax rate for year 2025.

Motion made by Councilman Cason to approve as presented, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

Voting Yea: Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey

5. In Accordance with LGC § 102.007(c), adoption of a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year from property taxes than in the previous year requires a separate vote of the governing body to ratify the the property tax increase reflected in the budget. A vote under this subsection is in addition to and separate from the vote to adopt the budget or a vote to set the tax rate required by Chapter 26, Tax Code or other law.

Voting Yea: Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey

Voting Nay: none

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston and Councilman Carrascosa

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

October meeting will be moved to October 20th and Enterprise will be here to make a presentatoin regarding cutting the fleet units.

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

Motion made by Councilman Cason at 6:10 p.m. to close the meeting, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.
Voting Yea: Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey

Brad Hyman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Lovier Johnson, City Secretary