



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, August 10, 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 Ostertag called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Present: Mayor Greg Ostertag, Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Huddleston, Council Members Rebecca Bailey, Mary Keys, Martin Carrascosa, Sally Eng

Invocation and Pledges

Invocation led by Member Keys

Consent Agenda

1. Regular Meeting Minutes - June 08, 2026
2. Called Meeting Minutes - July 06, 2026
3. April Financial Report

Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by Member Huddleston, seconded by Member Carrascosa

All in favor, none opposed

Report on Items of Community Interest

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

Citizen Participation (3 minutes)

Jack Brooks, Republican Party Chair for Franklin County invited everyone to attend a program on August 25, 2026 regarding the Islamic movement at the Franklin County Airport.

Items to be Considered

4. Consider Request for Re-Plat of Property located at 811 Miller Street, Mount Vernon, Texas, 0.465 Ac., Gabriel Keith Survey, A-261, City of Mount Vernon, Texas

City Administrator introduced Elliott Lester, who explained that the request is to split the existing lot into two equal sized lots.

Motion to approve the re-plat request by Member Huddleston, seconded by Member Keys

5. In accordance with Texas Tax Code, attached are the No-New-Revenue and Voter Approval Tax Rates and the calculations

City Administrator explained that the calculations as presented in the agenda are incorrect. The Voter Approval Rate as presented in the agenda is 0.581186. The correct rate is 0.58102. The error was discovered after the agenda was published. The rates will be presented to Council again in the next meeting.

6. Consider Contract for Municipal Judge

Mayor introduced Stacy Sears, who gave a short history of his background in law enforcement and his connections with the community.

Motion to approve the contract as presented by Member Bailey, seconded by Member Carrascosa

7. Consider suggested ordinance amendments; Ordinance Number 2026-03, regarding officers appointed by Council, in order to make day-to-day operations more efficient. This amendment does not create any entitlements or take away from any existing roles.

City Administrator explained that this item removes the City Secretary as being appointed by the City Council and places the position under the direction of the City Administrator.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-03, as presented by Member Huddleston, seconded by Member Keys

8. Consider suggested ordinance amendments; Ordinance Number 2026-04, regarding defining and clarifying the role of the City Administrator. This role has been a job held in the city for at least 20 years, this ordinance serves to memorialize and codify those roles.

City Administrator explained that this ordinance simply codifies the practice that the City has had in place for at least twenty years. The position has however never been formally adopted by Council.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-04 as presented by Member Keys, seconded by Member Carrascosa

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

9. Little Creek Park Update

City Administrator gave a timeline of the grant application, explaining that the Council approved the Texas Parks & Wildlife submission in 2024. The timeline for the grant is October 01, 2025 through September 30, 2028. The grant was awarded in September 2025. At that time the City was encouraged to apply for Phase Two funding by TPWD. Phase Two was not awarded. The design for Phase One has now begun and will take approximately four to six months. The City has also been encouraged to apply again for Phase Two funding from Texas Parks & Wildlife again in the next funding cycle.

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

Motion to adjourn at 6:21 pm by Member Huddleston, seconded by Member Keys

Approved:

Attest:

Greg Ostertag, Mayor

Angie Pike, City Secretary