



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, August 11, 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.

PRESENT

Mayor Brad Hyman
Mayor Pro Tem Mark Huddleston
Councilman Harold Cason
Councilwoman Mary Keys
Councilwoman Rebecca Bailey
Councilman Martin Carrascosa
City Administrator Craig Lindholm
City Secretary Kathy Johnson

VISITORS: Dustin & Kassidy Wesson, Blake Sheffield, Tony Dulas, Tina Jagers, Kyle Rogers, Ricky Jones, Leah Thomas, Chris Johnson

Invocation and Pledges

Councilman Carrascosa lead the invocation and pledge.

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 7/14/2025 & 8/4/2025
July 2025 financial report

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys to approve the minutes as presented., Seconded by Councilman Cason. The July financial report will be held.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

Citizen Participation (3 minutes)

No one spoke.

Items to be Considered:

- 2. Consider and act on approval of transferring Certificates of Deposits numbered #8811, 8812, 8813 to TexStar/Logic account.

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys to approve transferring the Certificates of Deposit #8811, 8812, 8813 to TexStar/Logic account, all monies spent have to be approved by Council prior to expenditures, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

Infrastructure, Parks, Grants, Budget, Water/Sewer rates, Tax Rate, Scheduled Meetings

2025 Proposed Tax Rate will be voter approval rate = M&O 0.44239 and I&S 0.14512 = 0.58751 Which will produce approx \$1,056,000.00 for M&O and \$288,000.00 for I&S.

Department heads presented their request and withdrawals for capital items.

HOT Fund list was presented, there was no discussion. Final decision will be made on 8/25/2025 meeting.

2025-2026 proposed budget was discussed. Councilwoman Keys wants to adjust the revenues and to balance the budget to zero. She asked many questions regarding water and sewer revenues. Ultimately the August bills were posted early and reflect to be collected in July therefore no collection for August. We will contact the software company to get an adjustment to the accurate date.

Administrator Lindholm reported that cuts in fleet vehicles had been made and possibly two more police units will be removed as well. No final decisions yet.

Councilwoman Keys will come to City Hall and go through the budget line by line until we can get balance.

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston at 7:10 p.m. to close the meeting, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

Brad Hyman – Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Lovier – City Secretary