



CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING

Monday, July 06, 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 led by Member Huddleston

Report on Items of Community Interest

Citizen Participation

Charla Truesdale, expressed appreciation to City and staff for the recent Carry the Load event. She further advised that the National organization has already reached out to have the Mount Vernon participate in the event next year.

Krista Shield, R.A.I.R. Foundation, spoke to the City about a proclamation prohibiting any city street from ever being named after anything anti-American or anti-Western culture and encouraged the Council to consider adopting such an ordinance.

Robinett Banister, spoke to the Council about transparency in local meetings and Open Meeting Act requirements and the need for updated contact information for the Council on the City website. She further encouraged the City to hire a Code Enforcement Officer.

Items to be Considered

1. Consider Interlocal Agreement with Ark-Tex Council of Governments for 911 Addressing Services

Rea Allen, 911 Program Director, Ark-Tex Council of Governments, spoke to the Council regarding the proposed Interlocal Agreement. She advised that the COG would provide addressing services for the City at no cost. She explained that the State of Texas has tasked Council of Governments with the responsibility ensuring data accuracy in 911 mapping. Allen advised that this process would start with an audit, followed by the creation of a database and then the COG would take over addressing services. The COG currently provides these services for approximately fifteen other entities in the area.

*Motion to approve made by Member Huddleston, seconded by Member Carrascosa.
All in favor, none opposed*

2. Consider Ordinance Number 2026-05, adopting and implementing a school zone in the area of Rutherford Street and School Lane.

City Administrator explained that this has been requested by the Mount Vernon Independent School District. Public Works Director, Chad Pike, explained the layout of the school zone, advising that Texas Department of Transportation standards were utilized in the layout and parameters.

Motion to approve Ordinance Number 2026-05, made by Member Huddleston, seconded by Member Carrascosa
All in favor, none opposed

3. Consider a water leak adjustment for the business located at 104 Houston Street, Mount Vernon, TX, 75457

City Administrator explained the request indicating that the business had a water leak during a period that it was unoccupied. Staff recommendation is for a reduction of approximately 50% of the bill, which is based on a six month average.

Motion to approve made by Member Carrascosa, seconded by Member Bailey
All in favor, none opposed

4. Request to be Placed on Agenda - Citizen Jarrod Turner has requested to address the City Council regarding the current permitting procedure

Jarrod Turner addressed the Council regarding permitting within the City. He made several recommendations for improvements. He advised that he believes this to be an enforcement issue. He further believes that the Code Enforcement Officer should be a full time position with a dedicated administrative assistant. He further gave recommendations for updates to the permitting process and staff direction regarding these.

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

Motion to adjourn at 6:43 pm, made by Member Huddleston, seconded by Member Bailey
All in favor, none opposed

Approved:

Attest:

Greg Ostertag, Mayor

Angie Pike, City Secretary