



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 08, 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 6:02 pm

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

Absent: Council Member Martin Carrascosa

Invocation and Pledges

Invocation led by Member Huddleston

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes 05/11/2026

*Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Member Eng, seconded by Member Keys.
All in favor, none opposed.*

2. Consider Resolution Number 26-13, Updating Signatories at Alliance Bank

City Administrator asked Finance Director Andrew Pudell, to give an update on current financials before considering this item. Pudell gave updates for the General and Utility accounts.

*Motion to approve Resolution Number 26-13, with the removal of Finance Consultant Rebecca Elliott, by Member Huddleston, seconded by Member Bailey.
All in favor, none opposed.*

Mayor announced that Item #3 to move item to "Items to be Considered".

Report on Items of Community Interest

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

Fire Chief Sheffield introduced Hopkins County EMS Shift Captain Matt Downs, who presented the Life Safety Award to Fire Fighters, Josh Tucker and Carson Bolin.

Citizen Participation (3 minutes)

Items to be Considered

3. Consider Interlocal Agreement with Franklin County for Tax Assessment and Collection

City Administrator explained that this is an annual agreement that the City has had with the County for several years for these services. Tax Attorney, Wade Gent joined by phone, explained the contract and Tax Assessor Melissa McSwain advised that she will send an updated copy with corrected dates.

Motion to approve with changes to the effective date 04/30/2027, made by Councilwoman Keys, seconded by Councilwoman Bailey
All in favor, none opposed

4. Consider Resolution Number 26-12, Appointing a Mayor Pro-Tem

City Administrator explained that in accordance with Texas LGC, 22.037 (b), each year, the governing body must appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion to nominate Mark Huddleston to continue to serve, made by Member Bailey, seconded by Member Keys
All in favor, none opposed

5. Consider Ordinance Number 2026-02, Changing the day of the regular Council meeting

Mayor explained that the idea for moving the meeting is so that the meeting does not interfere with the school board meetings. Members discussed the item and the possibility of moving the regular meeting to a different Monday during the month.

No Action

6. Consider Ordinance Number 2026-03, Regarding the City Secretary

City Administrator explained that this ordinance codifies action taken by the City Council last year, moving the supervision of the City Secretary to the City Administrator. He advised that the next item codifies the role of the City Administrator which has been a staff position in the City for several decades.

Mayor Ostertag asked for this item to be postponed to the next meeting. Members discussed the two ordinances; 2026-03 and 206-04, and asked that they come back at a later date.

No Action

7. Consider Ordinance Number 2026-04, Creating the Office of the City Administrator

No Action

8. Consider proposal from Pape Dawson for professional services

City Administrator spoke about the proposed joint venture with the Franklin County Industrial Foundation and the Economic Development Corporation, regarding the North Corridor Project and introduced Prentiss Reeves from Pape Dawson. Reeves explained that the goal is to effectively plan for development in this area specifically. Member Huddleston indicated that he believed that this is the next step in the development process of this area of the City.

Motion made to approve the agreement by Member Huddleston, seconded by member Keys
All in favor, none opposed

9. Consider Appointment of Municipal Judge

No Action Taken

10. Consider Resolution Number 26-14, Authorizing an Appointment to the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Board of Directors

*Motion made to approve Resolution Number 26-14, nominating Mayor Ostertag to the ARK-COG Board of Directors, by Member Huddleston, seconded by Member Bailey
All in favor, none opposed*

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

11. Main Street Accreditation

City Administrator explained that the Texas Main Street Program is a program of the Texas Historical Commission and briefly explained the mission of the program and advised that the Council needs to be thinking about how they would like to proceed with the Main Street Program in Mount Vernon.

Frankie Cooper; encouraged the Council to consider maintaining the accreditation.

12. TxDOT Road Closure for Country Fest

City Secretary explained that she has been in contact with the Texas Department of Transportation, Area Engineer for this area and is waiting for them to advise what documentation will be required for the road closure for the event.

13. School Safety Zone, Rutherford Street

City Administrator explained that the ISD has requested the Council consider a school safety zone in this area and staff is currently working on that project.

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

*Motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm, made by Member Huddleston, seconded by Member Keys
All in favor, none opposed*

Approved:

Attest:

Greg Ostertag, Mayor

Angie Pike, City Secretary