ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING

Thursday, September 17, 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
Board Chair Sachse called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Present: President Mark Sachse, Vice-President Julia Munoz, Board Members Jeff Byrnes, Gabe Sharp, Kevin Anthony and Kristin Scott
Absent: Board Member Don Huffstetler

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

1. Regular Meeting Minutes - August 13, 2026

   Motion to approve by Member Anthony, Seconded by Member Sharp
   All in favor, none opposed

Public Hearing

2. The purpose of this hearing is to hear evidence for or against a request made by Black Dog Deli and Travis Boulware and Sarah Ivy Catering, to provide assistance with Existing Business Structure Assistance, Graduated Rental Assistance, Job Creation/Retention Incentives for the business located at 410 W I-30 Frontage Rd, Mount Vernon, Texas, 75457

Items to be Considered

3. Presentation from TNW Corporation

   Joey Evans, TNW Corporation, addressed the board regarding the short line railroad that runs through the City. Evans explained that since taking over operations in July of 2026, the company has recently made significant progress clearing and making necessary repairs to the neglected stretch of track. The estimated cost for the rehabilitation of the line is approximately forty-eight million dollars.

4. Consider request made by Black Dog Deli and Travis Boulware and Sarah Ivy Catering, to provide assistance with Existing Business Structure Assistance, Graduated Rental Assistance, Job Creation/Retention Incentives for the business located at 410 W I-30 Frontage Rd, Mount Vernon, Texas, 75457

   City Administrator explained that since this is a new building, it would not be eligible for existing business assistance since the current application stipulates that the building of the business must be in existence for 5 years.
   No Action Taken

Board Member Reports and Discussion

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Member Anthony, Seconded by Member Byrnes
All in favor, none opposed

Approved:

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Mark Sachse, President

Attest:

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Angie Pike, City Secretary