



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

Monday, August 25, 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.

Mayor Hyman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced a quorum present.

PRESENT

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

VISITORS: see attached

Invocation and Pledges

Administrator Lindholm offered the invocation and lead the 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 8/11/2025

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston.

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

Citizen Participation (3 minutes)

No one spoke.

Presentation: Texas Communities Group, LLC

Patrick McArthur and Danny Burnett with Purdue, Fielder & Mott made a presentation to the Council regarding a tax collection and code enforcement program they facilitate.

Items to be Considered:

3. Consider and Act upon approval of proposing the tax rate of \$0.58751 (M&O rate of 0.44239 and I&S rate of 0.14512) for the 2025 tax year.

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

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

Voting Nay: None

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

Infrastructure, grants, parks, budget, water/sewer rates, scheduled meetings

4. 2025-2026 proposed budget

City Administrator Lindholm explained multiple cuts in the budget to accommodate a balanced budget. He explained that a recommendation for increase in water and sewer rates will be ready soon.

Much discussion regarding areas that cuts could be made. Workshop set for 9/2/2025 to work through the budget and set rates.

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston at 7:25 p.m. to close the meeting., Seconded by Councilman Cason.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys, Councilman Carrascosa

Brad Hyman – Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Lovier – City Secretary