



City Council

August 11, 2025

Legislative Session

Agenda

7:30 PM

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mount Vernon City Council
Committee Meeting Schedule
August 11, 2025

6:10-6:25 p.m.	NCA Cooperative Agreement	Land Use & Development Keener
6:25-6:35 p.m.	Chapter 149: Deer Management	Land Use & Development Keener
6:35-6:45 p.m.	Ohio Online Checkbook	Finance & Budget Seavolt
6:45-7:15 p.m.	H2Overhaul Project	Finance & Budget Seavolt

MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- City Council - Legislative Session - Jul 28, 2025 7:30 PM

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 07-28-25 Streets and Public Buildings Committee Meeting Minutes
- 07-28-25A Employee & Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
- 07-28-25B Employee & Community Relations Committee Meetings Minutes
- 07-28-25A Land Use & Development Committee
- 07-28-25B Land Use & Development Committee Meeting Minutes

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

None.

PROCLAMATION

None.

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-75**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY TO PURCHASE CERTAIN SECURITIES AND FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO PAY FOR THE PURCHASE.

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Woods

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-76**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Woods

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-77

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO DISPOSE OF VEHICLES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Fire, Police and Civil Defense: Mahan, Seavolt

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-78

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO TREASURER'S ONLINE CHECKBOOK PROGRAM.

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Woods

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-79

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO RENAME THE "230 FUND", CREATE

LINES WITHIN THE RE-NAMED FUND PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 5705.09(F),
MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE NEW FUND; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Woods

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-24

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SELF-SUPPORTING UTILITY
REVENUE BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 FOR
THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING WATER METERS AND
PAYING OTHER COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING THE WATER AND
WASTEWATER UTILITY'S H2OVERHAUL PROJECT; AUTHORIZING AND
APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Woods

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND CREATING CHAPTER 149 OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, WHITE-
TAILED DEER MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON,
OHIO, AND MODIFYING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT.

Land Use and Development: Keener, Mahan

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-26

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE VACATION OF AN UNDEVELOPED,
PLATTED ALLEY, IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KNOX COUNTY,
OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets and Public Buildings: Severns, Ruckman

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT



2024-2025

**Streets and Public Buildings Committee Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2025 – 5:55 p.m. to 6:07 p.m.**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President
James Mahan, First Ward
Tammy Woods, Third Ward
John Ruckman, Second Ward
LeNan Hager, Fourth Ward
Janis Seavolt, At-Large
Amber Keener, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Starr, Mayor
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
Brittney Whitney, Law Director's Office
Emily Vandebrake, Auditor's Office
Brian Ball, Engineer
Aaron Reinhart, Utilities Director
Chad Christopher, Fire Chief
Robert Morgan, Police Chief
Scott Zimmerman, City Inspector
David Stuller, Treasurer
Todd Hill, Clerk
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages

The committee discussed Resolution No. 2025-71, to apply for Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) dedicated funds to improve the intersection of North Sandusky Street (SR 13), Upper Fredericktown Road and Cassell Road (State Route 13). Engineer Brian Ball noted that the City wants to apply for the grant because safety is an issue there, that the County Engineer and Clinton Township support the project, that sidewalks would be extended north along North Sandusky Street, and that a roundabout is a possibility. Safety-Service Director Tanner Salyers added that the grant would be for planning and design, with construction not starting until 2029. The grant deadline is Aug. 8. No further meetings on the legislation were requested. Resolution No. 2025-71 was up for a second reading at Council's Legislative Session later in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Severns, Chair
Streets and Public Buildings Committee
Mount Vernon City Council
MS/th



**Employee and Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
Committee Meeting**

July 28, 2025 – 6:07 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President
James Mahan, First Ward
Tammy Woods, Third Ward
John Ruckman, Second Ward
LeNan Hager, Fourth Ward
Janis Seavolt, At-Large
Amber Keener, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Starr, Mayor
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
Brittney Whitney, Law Director's Office
Emily Vandebrake, Auditor's Office
Brian Ball, Engineer
Aaron Reinhart, Utilities Director
Chad Christopher, Fire Chief
Robert Morgan, Police Chief
Scott Zimmerman, City Inspector
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Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages

The committee discussed Ordinance No. 2025-17, creating the Code Enforcement Department and amending Section 129.02 of the Codified Ordinances. Woods asked why the department is needed if there are already employees doing the work. Safety-Service Director Tanner Salyers responded that having a department makes administration more efficient and regulations easier to enforce. He acknowledged that the department's budget would grow, but marginally, and that going forward the department would be able to collect more fees. City Inspector Scott Zimmerman noted that he and his assistant have been getting positive feedback. No further meetings on the legislation were requested. Ordinance No. 2025-17 was up for a third reading at Council's Legislative Session later in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Woods, Chair
Employee and Community Relations Committee
Mount Vernon City Council

TW/th



**Employee and Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
Committee Meeting**

July 28, 2025 – 6:20 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President
James Mahan, First Ward
Tammy Woods, Third Ward
John Ruckman, Second Ward
LeNan Hager, Fourth Ward
Janis Seavolt, At-Large
Amber Keener, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Starr, Mayor
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
Brittney Whitney, Law Director's Office
Emily Vandebrake, Auditor's Office
Brian Ball, Engineer
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The committee discussed Ordinance No. 2025-22, fixing the number of hourly employees in the Fire Department. Fire Chief Chad Christopher noted that the City is growing, and that his department needs additional staff to keep up with business and other inspections. He added that the goal is to inspect 100 percent of all the City's businesses. Safety-Service Director Tanner Salyers noted that hiring for the new position would be done internally, and that it's a union position. No further meetings on the legislation were requested. Ordinance No. 2025-22 was up for a second reading at Council's Legislative Session later in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Woods, Chair
Employee and Community Relations Committee
Mount Vernon City Council

TW/th



**Land Use and Development Committee Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2025 – 6:30 p.m. to 6:44 p.m.**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President
James Mahan, First Ward
Tammy Woods, Third Ward
John Ruckman, Second Ward
LeNan Hager, Fourth Ward
Janis Seavolt, At-Large
Amber Keener, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Starr, Mayor
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
Brittney Whitney, Law Director's Office
Emily Vandebrake, Auditor's Office
Brian Ball, Engineer
Aaron Reinhart, Utilities Director
Chad Christopher, Fire Chief
Robert Morgan, Police Chief
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Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages

The committee discussed Ordinance No. 2025-23, revising Chapter 1309 of the Codified Ordinances regulating inoperable, unregistered and junk vehicles, trailers and other motorized equipment on City streets and private property. City Inspector Scott Zimmerman detailed what changes are in the legislation, and noted that the regulation regarding parking on sidewalks has been clarified. He added that the Board of Property Maintenance Appeals had a condemnation hearing scheduled for July 30. There was a discussion on the 14-day deadline to fix inoperable vehicles, and Safety-Service Director Tanner Salyers recommended retaining that. No further meetings on the legislation were requested. Ordinance No. 2025-23 was up for a second reading at Council's Legislative Session later in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Keener, Chair
Land Use and Development Committee
Mount Vernon City Council
AK/th

Communication: 07-28-25A Land Use & Development Committee (Receive Committee Reports)



**Land Use and Development Committee Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2025 – 6:44 p.m. to 6:55 p.m.**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President
James Mahan, First Ward
Tammy Woods, Third Ward
John Ruckman, Second Ward
LeNan Hager, Fourth Ward
Janis Seavolt, At-Large
Amber Keener, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Starr, Mayor
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
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Robert Morgan, Police Chief
Scott Zimmerman, City Inspector
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Todd Hill, Clerk
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages

The committee discussed Ordinance No. 2025-25, authorizing and creating Chapter 149 of the Codified Ordinances on white-tailed deer management within the City. Austin Levering, ODNr's wildlife officer for Knox County, noted that deer adapt to people and can become a nuisance, and that managing the population with bow hunting has been successful in Apple Valley, Gambier and Newark. He recommended allowing crossbow hunting as well. Mayor Matthew Starr noted that City residents have requested this legislation, and Safety-Service Director Tanner Salyers added that it's quite restrictive. The chair requested a 10-minute committee meeting for August 11, 2025 on the legislation, which was up for a second reading at Council's Legislative Session later in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Keener, Chair
Land Use and Development Committee
Mount Vernon City Council
AK/th



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2025-75

Meeting: 08/11/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Woods
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4263

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY TO PURCHASE CERTAIN SECURITIES AND FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO PAY FOR THE PURCHASE.

WHEREAS, Council may direct the purchase of securities issued by the City pursuant to ORC secs. 133.29 and 731.56; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio established a Reserve Balance Account by Ordinance 2017-33; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this account is to save funds for the following specific purposes: (1) for any unforeseen adverse events, (2) for any unforeseen opportunities, or (3) declining economic trends; and

WHEREAS, Council determines that there is an unforeseen opportunity involving the City's Water and Wastewater Departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: The City is authorized to purchase the bonds the City will issue to fund the H2Overhaul Project with funds from the Reserve Balance account, which resides in Park National Investment Fund account K****.

SECTION 2: That the Auditor for the City of Mount Vernon be, and he herewith is, authorized and directed to make supplemental appropriations as follows:

1. To account 701.2740.55521, New Water/Wastewater Meters, in the amount of \$900,000.00 (Proceeds from sale of H2Overhaul project securities).
2. To account 701.2740.54111, Services Received, in the amount of \$600,000.00 (Proceeds from sale of H2Overhaul project securities).
3. To account 720.2840.54111, Services Received, in the amount of \$500,000.00 (Proceeds from sale of H2Overhaul project securities).

SECTION 3: Council determines that money being transferred from the Reserve Balance Account is to fund an unforeseen opportunity that would go unfunded if monies from the Reserve Balance Account were not used.

SECTION 4: It shall take a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio to become effective.

SECTION 5: All monies (principal and interest) received by the City in repayment of the H2Overhaul Project securities shall be deposited in Park National Investment Fund account K****.

SECTION 6: This Resolution provides for appropriations for the current expenses of the City, and therefore, pursuant to Revised Code Section 731.30, it shall become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor.

HISTORY:

07/14/25 City Council FIRST READING

Resolution No. 2025-75 was given a first reading.

07/28/25 City Council SECOND READING

Resolution No. 2025-75 was given a second reading. Seavolt requested a 30-minute meeting of the Finance and Budget Committee for August 11, 2025.



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2025-76

Meeting: 08/11/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Woods
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4274

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Auditor for the City of Mount Vernon be, and he herewith is, authorized and directed to make a supplemental appropriation to account 219.1300.54492, Services Received, in the amount of \$75,000.00 (Raise in revenue received).

SECTION 2: This Resolution provides for appropriations for the current expenses of the City, and therefore, pursuant to Revised Code Section 731.20, it shall become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor.



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2025-77

Meeting: 08/11/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Fire, Police and Civil Defense
Mahan, Seavolt
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4275

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO DISPOSE OF VEHICLES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Sections 721.01 and 721.15 authorize municipalities to dispose of personal property and vehicles no longer needed for municipal use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Council finds that the City of Mount Vernon Police Department owns the following vehicles that are no longer needed for public use. Council also finds that the value of the vehicle is in excess of \$1,000.00.

- 1) 2020-White-Ford-Explorer VIN 1FM5K8ABXLGD08153
- 2) 2019-White-Chevy-Tahoe VIN 1GNSKDEC0KR268243
- 3) 2011-Gray-Ford-Fusion VIN 3FAHP0JG2BR209906
- 4) 1999-Black-Jeep-Cherokee VIN 1J4FF68S2XL500438
- 5) 2006-Black-Motorcycle-Dirtbike VIN A1ZDKGE3T6S002186
- 6) 2001-Black-Honda-CBR900 VIN JH2SC44031M107563
- 7) 2015-Silver-Toyota-Corolla VIN 5YFBURHE0FP318636
- 8) 2008-Silver-Ford-Fusion VIN 3FAHP07108R205235
- 9) 2006-Cream-Mini-Cooper VIN WMWRC33546TK17076
- 10) 2001-Burgandy-Dodge-Ram 1500 VIN 3B7HC13Y51G775554
- 11) 2000-Burgandy-GMC-Sierra VIN 2GTEC19T9Y1174097
- 12) 2007-Dark Blue-Honda-Accord VIN 1HGCM55767A037841

SECTION 2: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon be authorized and directed to sell or dispose of the vehicles pursuant to any method authorized by Revised Code Section 721.15.

SECTION 3: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason of expediting the sale or trade of these items to return the proceeds to constructive use by the City, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.



**City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050**

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2025-78

Meeting: 08/11/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Woods
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4276

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE OHIO TREASURER'S ONLINE CHECKBOOK PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the Ohio Treasurer's Office operates the Ohio Online Checkbook Program, a statewide transparency initiative designed to provide the public with easy access to local government financial data; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility in all municipal financial operations; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Ohio Online Checkbook Program will enable residents, taxpayers, and interested stakeholders to view expenditures and revenues in a user-friendly, searchable format at no cost to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Auditor has reviewed the implementation requirements of the Ohio Online Checkbook and determined that participation can be achieved without undue burden on City staff or resources; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Mount Vernon City Council support increased transparency and public engagement in government operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO:

SECTION 1: The City of Mount Vernon hereby authorizes participation in the Ohio Treasurer's Online Checkbook Program.

SECTION 2: The City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to coordinate with the Ohio Treasurer's Office to upload and maintain the City's financial data on the Online Checkbook platform.



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2025-79

Meeting: 08/11/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Woods
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4277

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO RENAME THE "230 FUND", CREATE LINES WITHIN THE RENAMED FUND PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 5705.09(F), MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE NEW FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code § 5705.09(F) requires each subdivision to establish a special fund for each class of revenues derived from a source other than the general property tax, which the law requires to be used for a particular purpose; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish these funds in order to better track the next grant cycle for the Mount Vernon Municipal Court's Probation Department's Specialized Docket.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Auditor for the City of Mount Vernon be, and he herewith is, authorized and directed to rename the "230 Fund - CCA Grant" to "230 Fund - Probation Department Grants" to more accurately describe the monies contained within the fund.

SECTION 2: That the Auditor for the City of Mount Vernon be, and he herewith is, authorized and directed to create, pursuant to O.R.C. 5705.09(F), the following lines within "230 Fund - Probation Department Grants" fund:

230.1786.41401 Grant Payments
230.1786.51112 Special AOD Docket'26
230.1786.51113 Special AOD Docket'27
230.1786.51114 Special MH Docket'26
230.1786.51115 Special MH Docket'27

SECTION 3: That the Auditor for the City of Mount Vernon be, and he herewith is, authorized and directed to make supplemental appropriations as follows:

1. To account 230.1786.51112, Special AOD Docket'26, in the amount of \$20,000.00.
2. To account 230.1786.51114, Special MH Docket'26, in the amount of \$17,500.00. (This is a 6-month disbursement of the Court's 2026-2027 Specialized Docket Grant)

SECTION 4: This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, for the further reason to allow the better tracking of grants issued to the Municipal Court's Probation Department because the grants are awarded on a different schedule than the City's appropriation cycle, and said Resolution shall therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor,

provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

ORDINANCE 2025-24

Meeting: 08/11/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Woods
Category: Bonds
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4262

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SELF-SUPPORTING UTILITY REVENUE BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING WATER METERS AND PAYING OTHER COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING THE WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY'S H2OVERHAUL PROJECT; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio (the "City") owns and operates as a public utility a municipal water and wastewater system (the "Utility"), the services of which are supplied to persons and corporations within and without the corporate limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City (the "Council") desires to finance improvements to the Utility with the proceeds of the self-supporting utility revenue bonds described herein (the "Bonds") for the purpose of acquiring and installing water meters and paying other costs of implementing the Water and Wastewater Utility's H2Overhaul Project (the "Project"), which Project is needed to modernize infrastructure and enhance operational efficiency for the Utility; and

WHEREAS, it is now deemed necessary to issue and sell such Bonds in the amount of not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the Project under authority of the general laws of the State of Ohio, including Sections 3 and 12 of Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code ("Revised Code") Section 731.56, the City desires to invest moneys in its Reserve Balance Account within its Park Investment Mutual Fund (Account K****) to acquire the Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio that:

SECTION 1: It is hereby declared necessary to issue bonds of the City for the purpose of acquiring and installing water meters and paying other costs of implementing the Water and Wastewater Utility's H2Overhaul Project in the principal sum of not to exceed \$2,000,000 or such lesser amount as shall be determined by the Auditor of the City (the "Auditor") and certified to this Council, which bonds shall be designated "City of Mount Vernon, Ohio Water System Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2025," or as otherwise designated by the Auditor (the "Bonds").

SECTION 2: The Bonds shall be issued as fully registered bonds in such denominations as shall be determined by the Auditor, but not exceeding the principal amount of Bonds maturing on any one date; shall be numbered as determined by the Auditor; and shall have such final terms as shall be determined by the Auditor and set forth in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer provided for in Section 3 herein.

SECTION 3: The Auditor is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City a Certificate of Fiscal Officer Relating to Terms of Bonds (the "Certificate of Fiscal Officer") setting forth the aggregate principal amount and the final terms of the Bonds, which aggregate principal amount and terms, subject to

the limitations set forth in this Ordinance, shall be as determined by the Auditor. The Certificate of Fiscal Officer shall indicate the dated date for the Bonds, the dates on which interest on the Bonds is to be paid (the "Interest Payment Dates"), the purchase price for the Bonds (which shall be not less than 100% of the aggregate principal amount thereof), the maturity schedule for the Bonds (provided that the maximum maturity date of the Bonds shall not exceed five years), the interest rates for the Bonds (provided that the interest rate for any Bond shall be a fair market rate as of the date of the Certificate of Fiscal Officer), any applicable optional and/or mandatory redemption provisions, and such other terms not inconsistent with this Ordinance as the Auditor shall deem appropriate. Unless otherwise determined by the Auditor, the Bonds shall be callable for optional redemption prior to stated maturity at any time by the City without penalty.

SECTION 4: The Bonds shall be issued with interest payable, with the frequency determined by the Auditor, on each Interest Payment Date until the principal sum is paid or provision has been duly made therefor in such proportions as shall be set forth in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer. Interest shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months unless otherwise determined by the Auditor. Unless otherwise determined by the Auditor, the Bonds shall be in the denominations of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

SECTION 5: The Bonds shall be subject to optional and mandatory redemption prior to stated maturity as provided herein and in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer. When partial redemption is authorized, the Bond Registrar (as defined herein below) shall select Bonds or portions thereof by lot within a maturity in such manner as the Bond Registrar may determine, provided, however, that the portion of any Bond so selected shall be in the amount of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof unless otherwise determined by the Auditor. The City may redeem all or any portion of the Bonds on any date without being required to provide any prior notice of such call for redemption.

SECTION 6: The Bonds shall express upon their faces the purpose for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this Ordinance. The Bonds shall be executed by the Mayor of the City (the "Mayor") and by the Auditor in their official capacities, provided that either or both of their signatures may be a facsimile. No Bond shall be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or shall be entitled to any security or benefit under this Ordinance unless and until a certificate of authentication, as printed on the Bond, is signed by the Bond Registrar as authenticating agent. Authentication by the Bond Registrar shall be conclusive evidence that the Bond so authenticated has been duly issued and delivered under this Ordinance and is entitled to the security and benefit of this Ordinance. The certificate of authentication may be signed by any officer or officers of the Bond Registrar or by such other person acting as an agent of the Bond Registrar as shall be approved by the Auditor on behalf of the City. It shall not be necessary that the same authorized person sign the certificate of authentication on all of the Bonds.

SECTION 7: The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America without deduction for the services of the Bond Registrar as paying agent. The principal of the Bonds shall be payable upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds at the office of the Bond Registrar. Each Bond shall bear interest from the later of the date thereof, or the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for. Interest on any Bond shall be paid on each Interest Payment Date.

SECTION 8: The Auditor is authorized and directed to serve as authenticating agent, bond registrar, transfer agent, and paying agent (collectively, the “Bond Registrar”) for the Bonds. So long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding, the City shall cause to be maintained and kept by the Bond Registrar, at the office of the Bond Registrar, all books and records necessary for the registration, exchange and transfer of Bonds as provided in this Section (the “Bond Register”). As the registered owner of the Bonds, the City shall be regarded as the absolute owner of the Bonds for all purposes unless it transfers the Bonds to another owner as described herein below. Payment of or on account of the principal of and interest on any Bond shall be made only to the City or any subsequent owners to whom the City may transfer all or a portion of the Bonds. All payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon the Bonds, including the interest thereon, to the extent of the amount or amounts so paid.

Any Bond, upon presentation and surrender at the office of the Bond Registrar, together with a request for exchange signed by the registered owner or by a person authorized by the owner to do so by a power of attorney in a form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, may be exchanged for Bonds of the same form and of any authorized denomination or denominations equal in the aggregate to the unmatured principal amount of the Bonds surrendered, and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date.

A Bond may be transferred only on the Bond Register upon presentation and surrender thereof at the office of the Bond Registrar, together with an assignment executed by the registered owner or by a person authorized by the owner to do so by a power of attorney in a form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon that transfer, the Bond Registrar shall complete, authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds of any authorized denomination or denominations equal in the aggregate to the unmatured principal amount of the Bonds surrendered, and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date.

In all cases in which Bonds are exchanged or transferred hereunder, the City shall cause to be executed and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. The exchange or transfer shall be without charge to the owner; except that the City and the Bond Registrar may make a charge sufficient to reimburse them for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the exchange or transfer. The City or the Bond Registrar may require that those charges, if any, be paid before it begins the procedure for the exchange or transfer of the Bonds. All Bonds issued upon any transfer or exchange shall be the valid obligations of the City, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Ordinance, as the Bonds surrendered upon that transfer or exchange.

SECTION 9: The Bonds shall be payable solely from the revenues of the Utility (the “Revenues”) after provision for the payment of reasonable operation and maintenance expenses of the Utility. The rates and charges for all services and facilities rendered by the Utility shall be reasonable and just, taking into consideration the costs and value of said Utility and cost of maintaining, repairing and operating the same and the amounts necessary for the retirement of the Bonds and there shall be charged such rates and charges as shall be adequate to meet the requirements of this Section and Section 10 hereof. The Bonds are self-supporting securities within the meaning of Revised Code Sections 133.05(B)(1)(a) and (b).

SECTION 10: The Auditor is hereby authorized to create and maintain the Bond Fund (the “Bond Fund”). The Bond Fund shall be funded solely from the Revenues of the Utility and be used for purposes of payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and redemption of the Bonds, as appropriate.

SECTION 11: The Bonds will not constitute general obligation debt of the City and will not constitute a debt or pledge of the full faith and credit of the City. The holders of the Bonds have no right to have taxes levied by the City to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds when due. Nothing in this Ordinance will be construed as requiring the City to use or apply to the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds any funds or revenues from any source other than the revenues; however, nothing in this Ordinance will be deemed to prohibit the City from using, to the extent that it is authorized by law to do so, any other resources for the fulfillment of any of the terms, conditions, or obligations of this Ordinance or the Bonds.

SECTION 12: The Bonds shall be sold to the City for investment pursuant to Revised Code Sections 133.29 and 731.56 through 731.58, subject to the requirements of such sections and Section 13 herein. The Council hereby determines that up to \$2,000,000 of moneys in the City’s Reserve Balance Account within its Park Investment Mutual Fund (Account K****)(the “Reserve Balance Account”) shall be used to purchase the Bonds at a purchase equal to 100% of the par amount of the Bonds issued pursuant to this Ordinance; provided, however, that the requirements of Revised Code Section 731.57 and Section 13 herein must first be satisfied. The City shall not pay a premium to purchase the Bonds.

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds shall be used for the purpose aforesaid and for no other purpose. Any accrued interest received from such sale shall be transferred to the bond retirement fund to be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, or other obligations of the City, as permitted by law.

SECTION 13: Prior to issuing the Bonds and investing moneys in the Reserve Balance Account in the acquisition of the Bonds, the Auditor is hereby instructed to submit to the Mayor and the Director of Law of the City (the “Law Director”) the statement of moneys described in and required by Revised Code Section 731.57 (the “Statement of Moneys”). The Bonds may not be issued and moneys in the Reserve Balance Account shall not be invested in or used to acquire the Bonds unless (1) the Statement of Moneys shows that the moneys in the Reserve Balance Account anticipated to be used to acquire the Bonds will not be required to be used by the City for a period of six months or more, and (2) the Auditor provides a recommendation with the Statement of Moneys that such moneys in the Reserve Balance Account that are not required to be used by the City for a period of six months or more should be used to invest in and acquire Bonds, which recommendation shall be made at the sole discretion of the Auditor pursuant to Revised Code Section 731.57.

SECTION 14: If the Bonds are issued and moneys in the Reserve Balance Account are invested to acquire them pursuant to the terms of this Ordinance and Revised Code Sections 731.56 and 731.57, then, in accordance with Revised Code Section 731.58, the Auditor shall maintain an account, to be known as the “treasury investment account,” in which he shall enter all transactions relating to the investment of funds under Revised Code Sections 731.56 and 731.57. The records of such “treasury investment account” shall be maintained in accordance with Revised Code Section 731.58 and provided to the Treasurer of the City (the “Treasurer”) as required therein.

SECTION 15: The Council hereby approves of the appointment of the law firm of Bricker Graydon LLP to serve as Bond Counsel with respect to the issuance of the Bonds. The fee to be paid to such firm shall be subject to review and approval by the Auditor and shall not exceed the fee customarily charged for such services.

SECTION 16: The Mayor, the Auditor, the Law Director, the Clerk of Council, the Treasurer, and other City officials, as appropriate, are each authorized and directed to sign any transcript certificates, financial statements and other documents and instruments and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Ordinance. The actions of the Mayor, the Auditor, the Law Director, the Clerk of Council, the Treasurer, or other City officials, as appropriate, in doing any and all acts necessary in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds are hereby ratified and confirmed.

The Clerk of Council and any other officers of the Council or the City, or any of them individually, are authorized and directed to prepare and certify a true transcript of proceedings pertaining to the Bonds. Such transcript shall include certified copies of all proceedings and records of the Council relating to the power and authority of the City to issue the Bonds and certificates as to matters within their knowledge or as shown by the books and records under their custody and control.

SECTION 17: It is hereby found and determined that all acts, conditions and things necessary to be done precedent to and in the issuing of the Bonds in order to make them legal, valid and binding obligations of the City have happened, been done and been performed in regular and due form as required by law; and that no limitation of indebtedness or taxation, either statutory or constitutional, has been exceeded in issuing the Bonds.

SECTION 18: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Revised Code Section 121.22.

SECTION 19: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety, and for the further reason that this Ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to issue and sell the Bonds, which is necessary to enable the City to facilitate the timely execution of one or more contracts relating to the Project and to take advantage of currently prevailing interest rates. Therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to the Council; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

HISTORY:

07/14/25 City Council FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 2025-24 was given a first reading. Seavolt requested a 25-minute meeting of the Finance and Budget Committee on the legislation for July 28, 2025.

07/28/25 City Council SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 2025-24 was given a second reading.



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

ORDINANCE 2025-25

Meeting: 08/11/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Land Use and Development
Keener, Mahan
 Category: Lands
 Prepared By: Rob Broeren
 Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4268

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND CREATING CHAPTER 149 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, WHITE-TAILED DEER MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO, AND MODIFYING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the need to manage the white-tailed deer population within its corporate limits to prevent property damage and reduce the risk of deer-related accidents; and

WHEREAS, controlled bow hunting has been identified as a safe and effective method for deer population management in urban areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio:

SECTION 1: That Chapter 149 of the Codified Ordinances be created, and reads as follows:

149.01 STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

The management of white-tailed deer within the City to prevent property damage and reduce the risk of deer-related accidents shall be through the use of bow hunting, which is a safe and effective method of deer population management in urban areas.

149.02 PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Eligibility: Only individuals aged 18 years or older are eligible to participate in the city's deer hunting program.
- (b) Application requirements: Before applying for a City Permit, the applicant shall possess an Ohio hunting license with applicable deer tags.
- (c) Application Process: Prospective hunters must apply for a permit through the Mount Vernon Safety-Service Office, providing:
 - (1) Valid government-issued photo identification.
 - (2) An active Ohio hunting license and all applicable deer tags
 - (3) Evidence of liability insurance coverage with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 for personal injury and property damage.
 - (4) Signed waiver of liability for the City.
 - (5) Payment of the permit fee as established by the City's Control Board.

149.03 HUNTING REGULATIONS

- (a) Authorized Equipment: Hunting is restricted to the use of bows, long bows and arrows, as defined in the rules and regulations promulgated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources

(ODNR). Each arrow must be clearly marked with the hunter's name corresponding with the name on the hunter's City permit.

(b) Prohibited Areas: Hunting, as allowed by this ordinance, is prohibited on all City-owned property.

Season and Hours: Hunting is permitted only during the white-tailed deer bow hunting season established by the State of Ohio, from one-half an hour before sunrise to one-half an hour after sunset.

(c) Compliance with Laws: Hunters must adhere to all applicable state and local hunting laws and regulations.

(d) The Safety-Service Director is authorized to issue additional regulations to effectuate the implementation of the City's White-Tailed Deer Management program, such regulations must be published on the City's website at least 30 days before the start of the hunting season, unless stated to be because of an emergency.

149.04 SAFETY MEASURES

(a) Minimum Distance: No hunting activity shall occur within 500 feet of any inhabited dwelling, building, or public roadway.

(b) Landowner Permission: Hunters must obtain written permission from property owners before hunting on private property on an ODNR land permission slip signed by the landowner and carry this permission at all times during hunting activities.

(c) Reporting: All harvested deer must be reported to the Safety-Service Office within 48 hours, in addition to complying with the ODNR game check requirements.

149.05 ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

(a) Civil. On a first violation of this ordinance the Safety-Service Director may issue a fine of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00). All subsequent violations shall be punished by a fine of up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

(b) Criminal. In addition to any other penalty specified in this ordinance, any violation or failure to comply with the provisions in this ordinance may be charged under the appropriate provision of the hunting laws of the Ohio Revised Code.

(c) Permit Revocation: The Safety-Service Director, or his designee, may revoke hunting permits for any violations of this ordinance or any behavior deemed unsafe or contrary to the aims of this program. The Safety-Service Director may not issue a permit to any person who has outstanding civil fines for violating this ordinance.

149.06 PROGRAM REVIEW

The Safety-Service Director shall provide an annual report to the City Council in May of each year for the prior season evaluating the effectiveness and safety of the municipal deer hunting program, with recommendations for any necessary adjustments.

SECTION 2: That Section 511.11 of the Codified Ordinances be amended as follows (additions are in **bold**):

(a) No person shall hunt, kill or attempt to kill any animal or fowl by the use of firearms, bow and arrow, air rifle or any other means within the corporation limits of the City with the following exceptions:

(1) Between the Monday immediately following the first Sunday of February to the Sunday immediately following the last Saturday of September, a property owner within designated areas established by City Council may apply to the Division of Wildlife of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for one or more “deer damage permits”. If issued, the property owner or his designee(s) may use only bow and arrow to harvest deer.

(2) During any controlled hunt for Canada Geese in Ariel-Foundation Park authorized and regulated by the Safety-Service Director.

(3) As allowed by Chapter 149.

HISTORY:

07/14/25 City Council FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 2025-25 was given a first reading. Keener requested a 10-minute meeting of the Land Use and Development Committee on the legislation for July 28, 2025.

07/28/25 City Council SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 2025-25 was given a second reading. Keener requested a 10-minute meeting of the Land Use and Development Committee on the legislation for August 11, 2025.



**City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050**

SCHEDULED

ORDINANCE 2025-26

Meeting: 08/11/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Streets and Public Buildings
Severns, Ruckman
 Category: Street or Alley Vacation
 Prepared By: Todd Hill
 Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4269

**AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE VACATION OF AN UNDEVELOPED, PLATTED ALLEY,
 IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN
 EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission, after reviewing the matter, has recommended to accept the petition to vacate an undeveloped, platted alley, adjacent to parcels #66-00180.000, #66-00181.000, #66-00182.000, #6600178.000 and #66-00179.000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the petition to vacate a portion of an undeveloped, platted alley, further explained in Exhibit A, be and herewith is accepted.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason of promoting timely development within the City, and said Ordinance shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.



City of Mount Vernon, Ohio

Development Services

40 Public Square

Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Phone 740-393-2033 | DSM@MountVernonOhio.org

To: Clerk of Council

August 8, 2025

Municipal Planning Commission

Meeting Date: July 10, 2025

Case Number: 2025-MPC-03

Petition to Vacate a platted alley north of Kirk ST between East ST and S McKenzie ST

An application from John and Cathy Goeppinger to vacate an approximately 16.5' x 263' section of undeveloped platted alley located south of East Vine Street, north of Oak Street, east of Boynton Street, and west of Duke Street was submitted for review by the Municipal Planning Commission for a recommendation to City Council.

A public hearing was held and testimony ensued about the proposed vacation. Following testimony:

**Austin Swallow made a motion to recommend to Council to approve the Vacation.
Tanner Salyers seconded the motion.**

**The vote resulted in a 5-0 vote in support of the petition to vacate.
(Yes: Starr, Salyers, Ellsworth, Hawkins, Swallow)**

Per §1156.04 Council shall consider the recommendation of the Municipal Planning Commission for the Application for Zoning Amendment and determine the final approval or denial.

Warm Regards,

Lacie Blankenhorn

Lacie Blankenhorn
Development Services Manager

Attachment: Ordinance No. 2025-26 Exhibit A (2025-26 : Vacate Undeveloped Platted Alley)



Municipal Planning Commission
40 Public Square
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 07/10/25 4:00 PM

Dept: Municipal Planning Commission

Category: Lands

Prepared By: Lacie Blankenhorn

Initiator: Lacie Blankenhorn

SCHEDULED

MPC ITEM (ID # 4257)

DOC ID: 4257

**2025-MPC-03 : VACATION PETITION - UNDEVELOPED PLATTED ALLEY BETWEEN
VINE ST, OAK ST, BOYNTON ST, DUKE ST**

Per Codified Ordinance Chapter 1103 a petition for vacation has been submitted for review by the Municipal Planning Commission for a recommendation of approve or deny to City Council.

Description of Request: John and Cathy Goeppinger submitted a vacation petition with an accompanying survey to vacate an undeveloped platted alley that divides one of the parcels that they own along E Vine ST from the remaining 4 parcels they own along E Vine ST and flanked by undeveloped, platted Boynton ST and Oak ST.

The approximately 16.5' wide by 263' long area of undeveloped platted land mirrors the Goeppinger's similar sized parcel 66-00180.000 and divides that parcel from their other 4 parcels 66-00181.000; 66-00182.000; 66-00178.000; 66-00179.000. There are no known City utilities in this area of land.

The survey provided by the Goeppinger's would combine all of their parcels and the area requested for vacation into 1 parcel.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Blankenhorn introduced the case.

C. Goeppinger (sworn in) explained her request to vacate a portion of an undeveloped platted alley that divides the property she and her husband own along East Vine Street. A survey was provided showing the area to be vacated and that will combine the 5 parcels that they own with the vacated portion into 1 property.

Hawkins asks if there was something that was causing this request now, other than annoyance.

C. Goeppinger explained they would like to clean this up as they progress in life and plan to sell in the future. This will legalize ownership of the land they have been maintaining and that divides their property. They feel its best to have ownership of it. They have owned the surrounding property for over 30 years.

G. Curry (sworn in) explained the he own's property next to the Goeppinger's and has lived there for 50 years. The subject alley has never been recognized as an alley. He doesn't think the previous owners new it was platted as such. He doesn't foresee any need to develop the land as an alley. It would not lead to anywhere, as the platted Boynton Street is Center Run. He supports and encourages the request to vacate.

There were no communications received through the Development Services Manager.

Ball said there are no City utilities in this strip of land.

Broeren found an issue. The Goeppinger's deed refers to the original plat that was recorded in the 1870's. The original plat shows an alley, but the measures do not match the measurements on the survey that was provided by the Goeppinger's. Broeren thinks they should be allowed to vacate the alley but the measurement needs to be clarified. The plat shows the Goeppinger's property to be 141' 9". The survey shows their lots plus the alley to be 143.51'. The discrepancy needs to be clarified before anything is recorded. The Goeppinger's deed volume and page is 390/666.

Ball sought to clarify the vacation process, stating an MPC recommendation requires action by City Council.

Broeren said the request could be tabled to allow time for the Goeppinger's to work with their surveyor to sort this out.

Swallow proposed an alternative, that the MPC approve the request based on the Law Director's research.

Hawkins said is not concerned with exactly where the land is that gets vacated.

Swallow questioned why the MPC would make the Goeppinger's return for another meeting.

Broeren said a correct survey is needed for recording.

Swallow agreed and went on to say he doesn't think that affects the decision on whether or not to vacate.

Starr asked if this could be followed up administratively.

Ball suggested, before the request goes to City Council, Administration reviews to ensure that everything is correct.

Salyers said there could be a revised version of the plat.

Starr called for a motion.

Swallow moved to approve the vacation pursuant to final administrative review.

RESULT:	RECOMMEND [5 TO 0]	Next: 7/28/2025 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Austin Swallow, Member	
SECONDER:	Tanner Salyers, Safety Service Director	
AYES:	Starr, Salyers, Ellsworth, Hawkins, Swallow	
ABSTAIN:	Jason West	
EXCUSED:	Eric Diehl	

Petition Page ____ of ____ Pages

Mount Vernon, Ohio

Date: 6/15/25

To the Honorable Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio:

We, the undersigned property owners, owning property on (address) 1000 East Vine Street
 Respectfully petition your honorable body to pass the necessary legislation to 43050
Have an alley vacated that divides
the property we own and reside on. This is an
unnamed alley between East Vine Street and Oak
Streets 262.88' in Baynton + Hills Addition. PB 1, Pg 23

Name	Address	Phone
1. <u>Cathy J. Coppingel</u>	<u>1000 E. Vine 43050</u>	<u>740-507-3627</u>
2. <u>John L. Coppingel</u>	<u>1000 E. Vine St 43050</u>	<u>740-507-9018</u>
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Tracy & Mills, Surveyors

Thomas M. Tracy, P.S. 1941-2002
David R. Mills, P.S. 7157
Amy Bernicken, P.S. 8571

LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR:

John & Cathy Goeppinger
1.049 ACRE
May, 2025

The following real estate being all of Lots 14, 17, 23, and 25, part of Lots 15, 16, 24, and 26, and part of a vacated alley in Boynton and Hills Addition, City of Mount Vernon, U.S.M.L., Knox County, Ohio, and being described as follows:

Commencing at a 5/8" iron pin set at the southwest corner of Lot 25, also being the intersection of the east right of way line of Boynton Street (40') and the north right of way line of Oak Street (50'), and being the southwest corner and Point of Beginning for the tract herein described;

Thence along said east line of Boynton Street and the west lines of Lots 25, 23, 17, and 14, North 02° 28' 04" East, 262.12 feet to the northwest corner of Lot 14 in the south right of way line of East Vine Street (54') and in Center Run;

Thence along said south line of East Vine Street and the north lines of Lots 14 and 15, South 87° 35' 52" East, passing through a 5/8" iron pin set at 30.00 feet, a total distance of 173.51 feet to a 3/4" iron pipe found at the northwest corner of Parcel Number 66-00377.000 (George and Sherry Curry, D.V. 414, Pg. 206);

Thence along the west line of said parcel, South 02° 16' 10" West, 262.95 feet to a 5/8" iron pin set in the north right of way line of Oak Street (unmaintained);

Thence along said north line of Oak Street and the south lines of Lots 26 and 25, North 87° 19' 28" West, 174.42 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.049 acre, as surveyed in May, 2025 by Tracy & Mills, Surveyors, 10 E. Vine Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio, Amy Bernicken, Ohio Professional Surveyor #8571.

North based on the south right of way line of East Vine Street per Survey Volume T, Page 255.

Note: Iron pins set are 5/8" x 30" rebar with plastic cap stamped Tracy & Mills.

All of Parcel Numbers 66-00181.000, 66-00182.000, 66-00178.000, 66-00179.000, 66-00180.000, and 66-00_____.

Deed Volume 390, Page 666.


Amy Bernicken, Surveyor No. 8571
Date: May 28, 2025



TRACY & MILLS, SURVEYORS

DAVID R. MILLS, PS
SURVEYOR #7157

10 East Vine Street - P.O. Box 642
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050
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tracyandmills@aol.com

FLOYD W. BARNES, PS
1921-2018

AMY BERNICKEN, PS
SURVEYOR #8571

THOMAS M. TRACY, PS
1941-2002

SURVEY FOR:

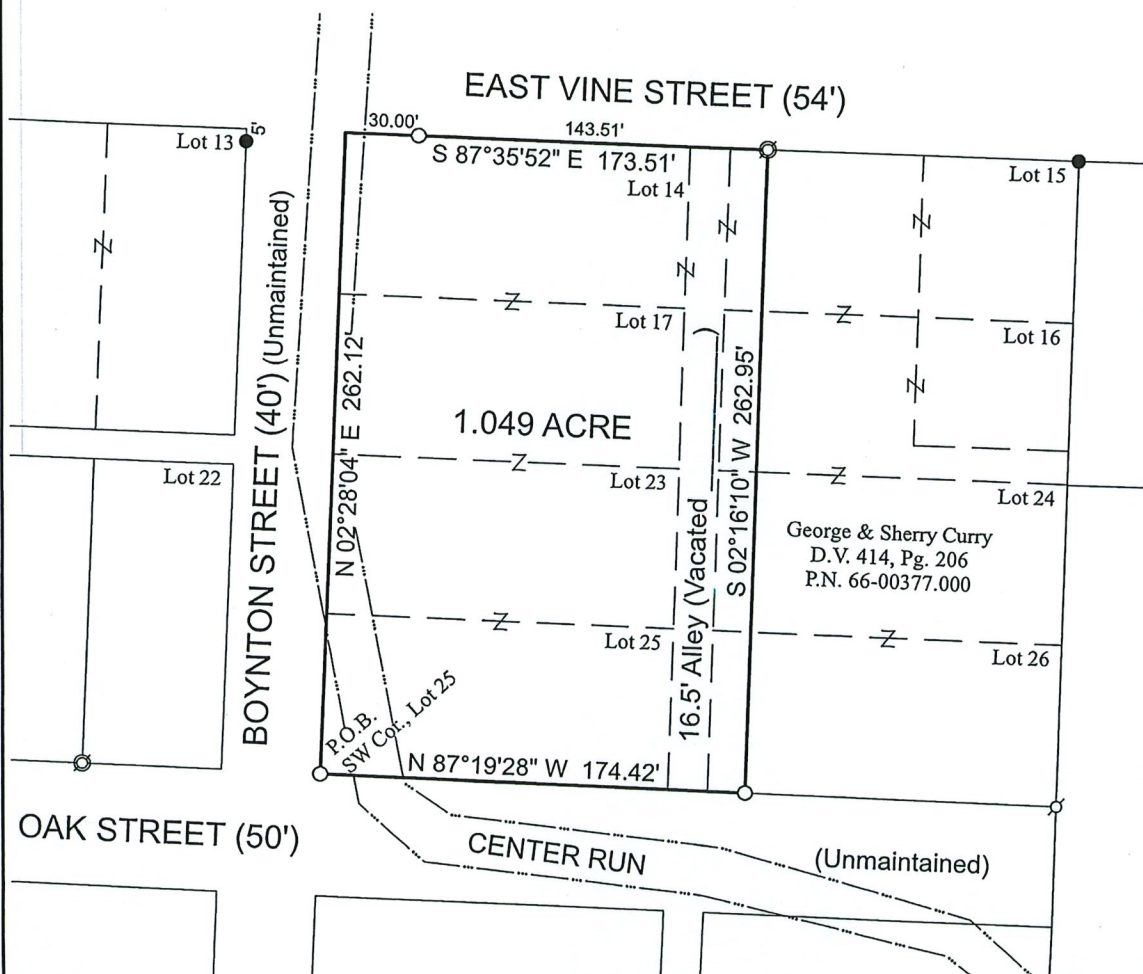
John & Cathy Goeppinger, Deed Volume 390, Page 666

LOCATION: All of Lots 14, 17, 23, and 25, part of Lots 15, 16, 24, and 26, and part of a
vacated alley in Boynton and Hills Addition, City of Mount Vernon, U.S.M.L., Knox County, Ohio

Date: May 28, 2025
Scale: 1" = 60'



PARCEL # 66-00181.000
66-00182.000
66-00178.000
66-00179.000
66-00180.000
66-00 _____



- Iron Pin Set (5/8" x 30")
Capped "Tracy & Mills"
- 5/8" Iron Pin Found
- ⊗ 1/2" Iron Pipe Found
- ⊙ 3/4" Iron Pipe Found



North based on the south right of way
line of East Vine Street per Survey
Volume T, Page 255.



CERTIFICATION: We hereby certify that the foregoing survey
was prepared from actual field measurements, in accordance with
Chapter 4733-37, Ohio Administrative Code.

David R. Mills, Surveyor No. 7157
Amy Bernicken, Surveyor No. 8571

Attachment: Ordinance No. 2025-26 Exhibit A (2025-26 : Vacate Undeveloped Platted Alley)

Goeppinger 1000 E Vine ST



7/10/2025, 12:51:48 PM

Parcels

BLUE: Properties owned by Goeppingers
 RED: area requested for vacation

