



**City Council
Legislative Session**

Agenda

**February 9, 2026
7:30 PM**

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mount Vernon City Council
 Committee Meeting Schedule
 February 9, 2026

Time	Topic Under Discussion	Committee
6:15 – 6:30 p.m.	Ordinance 2026-01 City Clerk Position	Employee & Community Relations - Keener
6:30 – 6:45 p.m.	Resolution 2026-07 Hazard Mitigation Plan	Police, Fire, & Civil Defense - Miller
6:45 - 6:55 p.m.	Res 2026-08 Brownfield Remediation Program	Streets & Public Buildings - Severns
6:55 – 7:05 p.m.	Resolutions 10 & 12 State Route 13 Projects	Streets & Public Buildings - Severns
7:05 –7:15 p.m.	Ord 2026-02 Amend Section 911.04 of Codified Ordinances	Utilities - Ruckman

MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

Invocation to be given by Rev. Christopher Liberati, Gay St. United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

City Council Minutes 1/27/2026

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utilities Committee Minutes 1/27/2026

Streets & Public Buildings Minutes 1/27/2026

PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation Designating the Week of April 13-19, 2026 as International Dark-Sky Week in the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio.

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

Divalessa Inc.
661 N Sandusky St.
Mount Vernon, OH 43050
Permit Class: D-1

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

Zach Green, Knox County Health Commissioner

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 2026 STREET CHIP SEAL PROJECT.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE RENOVATION OF TWO FLOORS OF THE 236 SOUTH MAIN STREET, MOUNT VERNON MUNICIPAL CENTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE KNOX COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Police, Fire, and Civil Defense: Miller, Hager

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM FOR THE MOUNT VERNON JUSTICE CENTER AND STATE ROUTE 13 PROJECTS.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE KNO-125040 SR-13 CORPO PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD A QUALIFICATION-BASED SELECTION FOR DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE NORTH SANDUSKY STREET & UPPER FREDERICKTOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (KNO-125040 SR-13 CORPO); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHRYN BRECHLER TO THE KNOX COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD, AND REAPPOINTMENTS OF LORRAINE BOSS, JORDAN SHREMSHOCK AND AARON MORELAND TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO FILE A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT, PHASE TWO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD A QUALIFICATION-BASED SELECTION FOR DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE SOUTH END PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, PHASE 1 (KNO-122162 SRTS (SR 586), PID 2411301).

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-18

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.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PAY BILLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.41 (D), THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATION.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND TERMS
OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE CITY CLERK; AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 911.04 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON.

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT



PRESS RELEASE

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Mount Vernon, OH 43050

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 5, 2026

Mount Vernon City Council Committee Meeting Schedule February 09, 2026

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The above listed meeting will be held to discuss the above items; but will not be limited to those listed.
Mount Vernon News - WMVO - WNZR – City Hall Bulletin Board

Understanding the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)

A Plain-Language Guide for City Council Members

Executive Summary

A **Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)** is a FEMA-approved planning document that helps a community **reduce future disaster losses** before emergencies occur. Rather than focusing only on response and recovery, an LHMP helps local governments take **practical, cost-effective steps now** to lessen the impacts of disasters on people, property, and critical infrastructure.

For City Council members, the LHMP: - Protects residents and community assets - Supports smarter land-use and infrastructure decisions - Is **required** to remain eligible for certain federal disaster mitigation grants - Demonstrates responsible governance and long-term planning

1. What Is a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan?

A **Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)** is a strategic document developed by a local government and approved by the **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**.

Its purpose is to: - Identify hazards that could affect the community - Understand how vulnerable people, buildings, and infrastructure are to those hazards - Establish long-term actions to reduce or eliminate risks

What the LHMP Is *Not*

- **✗** Not an emergency response plan
 - **✗** Not a short-term or one-time document
 - **✗** Not limited to natural disasters only
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2. Why the LHMP Matters to City Council

City Councils play a key role in shaping how communities grow, invest, and protect residents. The LHMP supports those responsibilities by:

Protecting Lives and Property

Identifying risks in advance reduces injuries, fatalities, and property damage.

Reducing Long-Term Costs

Mitigation is far less expensive than repeated disaster repairs.

Supporting Better Decisions

Provides data to support zoning, land-use, and capital planning decisions.

Maintaining Grant Eligibility

An approved LHMP is required for federal mitigation funding.

3. Hazards Addressed in the LHMP

The LHMP focuses on hazards that realistically affect the community, such as:

- Flooding
 - Severe storms and tornadoes
 - Winter weather
 - Heat waves
 - Infrastructure failures
 - Transportation or hazardous material incidents
 - Public health emergencies (pandemics)
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4. Key Components of the Plan

A. Risk Assessment

Identifies hazards, likelihood, and what may be affected—including people, buildings, and infrastructure.

B. Mitigation Strategy

Defines long-term actions such as: - Drainage and stormwater improvements - Stronger building standards - Infrastructure upgrades - Safer land-use practices

C. Plan Maintenance

The LHMP must be reviewed and updated **every five years** to remain valid and effective.

5. Benefits to the Community

- Reduced damage and faster recovery
 - Protection of public investment
 - Improved long-term financial stability
 - Shift from reactive to proactive governance
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6. How the Adoption Process Works

1. **Plan Development** – Local and public input gathered
 2. **State & FEMA Review** – FEMA issues Approval Pending Adoption
 3. **City Council Adoption** – Council adopts by resolution
 4. **Final FEMA Approval** – Plan becomes active for five years
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7. What City Council Is Approving

By adopting the LHMP, Council: - Confirms commitment to reducing disaster risk - Maintains eligibility for mitigation grants - Endorses long-term planning

Adoption does NOT: - Require immediate spending - Remove local authority - Mandate all actions be implemented

8. Key Takeaways

- LHMP = planning and prevention
 - Required for FEMA mitigation funding
 - Updated every five years
 - Supports safer, smarter growth
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Conclusion

The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan helps communities **plan ahead, reduce losses, and protect residents**. City Council adoption ensures the community is prepared—not just to respond to disasters, but to prevent them from becoming catastrophic.

**City Council Minutes
Legislative Session**



January 27, 2026

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mount Vernon City Council
Committee Meeting Schedule
January 27, 2026

Time	Topic Under Discussion	Committee
6:25 - 6:40 p.m.	Drinking Water Treatment Material Report 2026	Utilities- Ruckman
6:40 - 6:50 p.m.	Employment Positions Approved in Annual Budget	Employee & Community Relations - Keener
6:50 - 7:00 p.m.	Resolution 2026-03 Street Chip Seal Project	Streets & Public Buildings - Severns
7:00 - 7:15 p.m.	Resolution 2026-05 Renovating Two Floors of the Mount Vernon Municipal Center	Streets & Public Buildings - Severns

MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Present	Absent	Excused
Council President Bruce Hawkins Fourth Ward LeNan Hager At-Large Amber Keener First Ward James Mahan At-Large Mel Severns Second Ward John Ruckman At-Large Dale Miller		3rd Ward Taylor Jacklin

Keener made a motion to excuse Jacklin. Severns seconded. Jacklin excused by unanimous voice vote.

INVOCATION

Invocation given by John Ruckman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Keener made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1/12/2026 meeting of Council. Severns seconded. Accepted by unanimous voice vote.

City Council Minutes 1/12/2026

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RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 2026 STREET CHIP SEAL PROJECT.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

Severns gave Resolution 2026-03 its second reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE RENOVATION OF TWO FLOORS OF THE 236 SOUTH MAIN STREET, MOUNT VERNON MUNICIPAL CENTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

Severns gave Resolution 2026-05 its second reading.

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF GREGORY YASHNYK TO THE MOUNT VERNON PLANNING COMMISSION, RE-APPOINTING AMBER KEENER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE KNOX COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU, RE-APPOINTING JOHN RUCKMAN TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EXPERIENCE MOUNT VERNON OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

Keener made a motion to suspend the rules and take Resolution 2026-06 to its final reading. Ruckman seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Keener made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-06. Ruckman seconded. Mayor Starr noted that Mr. Yashnyk will be fulfilling the unexpired term of Austin Swallow, who served for 24 years. The appointment to the planning commission also applies to the Historical Review Commission. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	At-Large Amber Keener
SECONDER:	Second Ward John Ruckman
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE KNOX COUNTY
MULTIJURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Police, Fire, and Civil Defense: Miller, Hager

Miller gave Resolution 2026-07 its first reading, and requested a 15-minute committee meeting on Feb. 9.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE
DIRECTOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM FOR THE
MOUNT VERNON JUSTICE CENTER AND STATE ROUTE 13 PROJECTS.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

Severns gave Resolution 2026-08 its first reading, and requested a 10-minute committee meeting on Feb. 9.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE
VOLUNTEER PEACE OFFICERS' DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

Keener made a motion to suspend the rules and take Resolution 2026-09 to its final reading. Ruckman seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Keener made a motion to amend Resolution 2026-09. Ruckman seconded. Law Director Broeren noted that the appointment should also apply to Firefighters' Dependents Funds Board. Hawkins noted that the committee should be corrected to Police, Fire, and Civil Defense. Both amendments were proposed. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote. Keener made a motion to adopt as amended. Ruckman seconded. Adopted as amended by unanimous roll call vote.

	Motion to Adopt as Amended
RESULT:	Adopted [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	At-Large Amber Keener
SECONDER:	Second Ward John Ruckman
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-
SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE KNO-125040 SR-13
CORPO PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

Severns gave Resolution 2026-10 its first reading, and requested a 10-minute committee meeting on Feb. 9.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO LEASE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1 EAST HIGH STREET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

Severns made a motion to suspend the rules and take Resolution 2026-11 to its final reading. Mahan seconded. Severns made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-11. Mahan seconded. Engineer Ball noted that Almost Famous has closed and will vacate 1 E High St. at the end of January. This lease allows Sweet Street to move in on Feb.1, allowing for a seamless transition and keeping the city from bearing the cost of maintaining a vacant space. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	At-Large Mel Severns
SECONDER:	First Ward James Mahan
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD A QUALIFICATION-BASED SELECTION FOR DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE NORTH SANDUSKY STREET & UPPER FREDERICKTOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (KNO-125040 SR-13 CORPO); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

Severns gave Resolution 2026-12its first reading, and requested it be combined with the 10-minute committee meeting on Feb. 9 for Resolution 2026-10.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PAY BILLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.41 (D), THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATION.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take Resolution 2026-13 to its final reading. Severns seconded. Mahan made a motion to amend Resolution 2026-13, changing Section One, Line Three from \$9,890.00 to \$4,945.00. Severns seconded. Mahan made a motion to adopt as amended. Severns seconded. Auditor Brinkman noted that the amount for line three was reduced because another party will be bearing the cost. He clarified that Then & Now legislation is for anything for which there is a contract before availability of funds. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

	Motion to Adopt as Amended
RESULT:	Adopted [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	First Ward James Mahan
SECONDER:	At-Large Mel Severns
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-14
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

Resolution 2026-14 was introduced in writing to Council. Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take Resolution 2026-14 to its final reading. Severns seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Mahan made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-14. Severns seconded. Auditor Brinkman noted that appropriations allows the city to pay for water and wastewater meters immediately and move that project forward. Salyers noted that the Public Utilities Director was able to acquire these pieces at \$250,000 less than expected. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	First Ward James Mahan
SECONDER:	At-Large Mel Severns
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller
NAYS:	None

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND
TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE CITY CLERK; AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

Keener gave Ordinance 2026-01 its first reading, and requested a 15-minute committee meeting on Feb. 9, as well as a job description for the position.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 911.04 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON.

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

Ruckman gave Ordinance 2026-02 its first reading, and requested a 10-minute committee meeting on Feb. 9.

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Starr noted recent weather events and that crews have been working around the clock to address the snow. The city is in process of snow removal in high traffic areas. He urged residents to remember to clean their sidewalks. There were some water line issues from the extreme cold that have been addressed. Use space heaters and heating blankets responsibly.

Safety Service Director Salyers noted his appreciation for public workers. The Washington Forum is postponed until Feb. 4 at the Gathering Place.

Auditor Brinkman expressed his gratitude for snow removal crews.

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

Hager expressed her gratitude for snow removal crews.

Keener echoed, and thanked fire and police for helping people stuck in drifts and ditches.

Severns thanked public workers, and announced that, as of that morning, he was a grandfather.

Mahan thanked Council for passing the two pieces of legislation that allowed the city to pay bills. Urged everyone to stay safe.

Hawkins thanked all in attendance for moving from Jan. 26 to Jan. 27 for the legislative session.

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Keener made a motion to adjourn. Severns seconded. Adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 8:10 p.m.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council



2026-2027
Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2026 – 6:25 p.m. to 6:49 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President
James Mahan, First Ward
John Ruckman, Second Ward
LeNan Hager, Fourth Ward
Amber Keener, At-Large
Dale Miller, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Taylor Jacklin, Third Ward

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Starr, Mayor
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
Rob Broeran, Law Director
David Stuller, Treasurer
Dan Brinkman, Auditor
Brian Ball, City Engineer
Dave Hall, Water Chief Operator
Zachary Sherman, Clerk

Drinking Water Treatment Material Report 2026

Safety-Service Director Salyers provided a summary of the water treatment plan. The city generates two-tons of lime per year. Lime is technically non-hazardous.

Dave Hall spoke regarding lime sludge storage. A significant amount was housed at a temporary site at 1700 Old Delaware Road. Ideally, it is used for distribution on farmers' fields. Around 42 out of 52 tons have been removed from the site, so far. On track to finish removal by the end of 2026. There are also two lagoons for lime sludge.

Law Director Broeren noted that the lagoons hadn't been cleaned out in forty years, and effort has been put towards them.

Mayor Starr noted that cleaning the lagoons was important, especially because one of the drainage pipes had been submerged, and the city wishes to avoid the pipe degrading.

Keener asked if there were other ways to dispose of the lime.

Mayor Starr said that they have investigate other avenues, like golf courses and parks, but there were EPA hurdles.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ruckman, Chair
Utilities Committee
Mount Vernon City Council
JR/zs



2026-2027

Streets & Public Buildings Committee Meeting Minutes January 27, 2026 – 6:58 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President
James Mahan, First Ward
John Ruckman, Second Ward
LeNan Hager, Fourth Ward
Amber Keener, At-Large
Dale Miller, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Taylor Jacklin, Third Ward

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Starr, Mayor
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
Rob Broeran, Law Director
David Stuller, Treasurer
Dan Brinkman, Auditor
Brian Ball, City Engineer
Dave Hall, Water Chief Operator
Zachary Sherman, Clerk

Resolution 2026-03 Street Chip Seal Project

Engineer Ball shared a map of areas that are targeted for summer chip-seal project. Many of these are because there will Columbia gas repairs or replacement, so redoing the entire road(s) does not make sense. New Gambier Road, Edgewood Road, and Glenn Road were named in the project, as well as the south-end. Chip-seal, as a solution for road repair, is \$6k a mile less than the alternative. Chip-seal extend the life of the road(s) by 7-10 years on average. There is budget to use linear grading on the south end to help with water drainage. There may be some holes that will need to be filled with asphalt, once the project begins.

Resolution 2026-05 Renovating Two Floors of the Mount Vernon Municipal Center (MVMC)

The city is ready to take over the basement and main floor of the MVMC. City Hall employees, water, tax, public works, code enforcement, and cemetery will have room there. There will be more file storage room. Attempting to keep plumbing as is, but will need to add bathroom in the basement. However, there used to be bathrooms in the basement, so pipes exist. The cost is currently projected at \$850k, with margin built in to reach \$1 million. Previous legislation was approved for \$1.5 million in reimbursement for the project.

Hawkins asked if there would be enough parking. Safety-Service Director Salyers said the city will have one shared lot and one dedicated lot for staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Severns, Chair
Streets & Public Buildings Committee
Mount Vernon City Council
MS/zs



A PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 13-19, 2026 AS INTERNATIONAL DARK-SKY WEEK IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO.

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing under a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, encouraging a growing interest in science and nature, particularly among young people and visitors from outside the local communities; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts on the ecology and human health of all communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon has been an affiliate of the Xerces Society's Bee City USA initiative since 2022, committing to support native pollinators through recognized best practices; and

WHEREAS, 80 percent of the world's population, including many people in Central Ohio, lives under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, light pollution affects the circadian rhythms of nocturnal pollinators such as moths and fireflies and artificial light impacts their feeding, breeding, and pollinating patterns; and

WHEREAS, recent studies have shown that nocturnal pollination is just as important as diurnal pollination, with about 50% of all pollination occurring at night; and

WHEREAS, nocturnal pollinators face population decline due to the effects of artificial light; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has over 3,000 species of moths and 24 species of fireflies; and

WHEREAS, pollinators contribute an estimated 29 billion dollars annually to the US farm economy and are responsible for reproducing more than 75 percent of crops that sustain our food supply; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 100 million to 1 billion birds die annually in the United States as a direct result of light pollution; and

WHEREAS, DarkSky International, the globally recognized authority on light pollution, recognizes International Dark-Sky Week to raise awareness of the effects of light pollution, provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public, and encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by Mount Vernon Mayor Matthew Starr and the Mount Vernon City Council that April 13-19, 2026 be designated INTERNATIONAL DARK-SKY WEEK in the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio; and that each resident be encouraged to consider how they may make simple changes in their lives to protect our dark sky as a precious natural resource by following the Five Principles of Responsible Outdoor Lighting, including useful, targeted, low-level, controlled, and warm colored lighting.

Attest: _____
Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

LeNan Hager

Matthew Starr, Mayor

Taylor Jacklin

Amber Keener

James Mahan

Dale Miller

John Ruckman

Mel Severns



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 1/12/2026 7:30 PM
Dept: Streets & Public Buildings
Severns, Mahan
Category: Contract
Prepared By: Zac Sherman
Initiator: Zac Sherman

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2026-03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 2026 STREET CHIP SEAL PROJECT.

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

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the 2026 street chip seal project.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 1/12/2026 7:30 PM
Dept: Streets & Public Buildings
Severns, Mahan
Category: Contract
Prepared By: Zac Sherman
Initiator: Zac Sherman

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2026-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE RENOVATION OF TWO FLOORS OF THE 236 SOUTH MAIN STREET, MOUNT VERNON MUNICIPAL CENTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the renovation of two floors of the 236 South Main Street, Mount Vernon Municipal Center (AKA, Central Ohio Technical College).

SECTION 2: 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 that it is necessary for the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government, the 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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-7

Meeting 2/9/2026 7:30 PM
Police, Fire, and Civil Defense
Miller, Hager
Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council
Doc ID: 2026-20

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE KNOX COUNTY MULTIJURISDICTIONAL
NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon recognize the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Knox County; and

WHEREAS, Knox County has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as Knox County Multijurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan of October 17, 2025 in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Multijurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Knox County from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the City of Mount Vernon demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Mitigation Plan of December 20, 2025.

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

SECTION 1: That the City of Mount Vernon adopts the Knox County Multijurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated December 20, 2025.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and further to comply with Federal law 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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



Knox County Mitigation Plan

The full 276-page Knox County Mitigation Plan may be accessed by following this link:

<https://co.knox.oh.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Hazard-Mitigation-Plan-Public-Review-Draft.pdf>



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-8

Meeting 2/9/2026 7:30 PM
Streets & Public Buildings
Severns, Mahan

Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council
Doc ID: 2026-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM FOR THE MOUNT VERNON JUSTICE CENTER AND STATE ROUTE 13 PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, Department of Development, provides financial assistance to local governments for the purpose of addressing local needs including brownfields; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio desires to participate in the Program to receive financial assistance for KNO-SR13-10.33, PID 116840 and Mount Vernon Justice Center, PID: 2341901 under the Brownfield Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio has the authority to apply for financial assistance and to administer the amounts received from the State of Ohio, Department of Development Brownfield Fund.

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

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon is authorized and directed to apply to the Ohio Department of Development Brownfield Fund for construction on KNO-SR13-10.33, PID 116840 and Mount Vernon Justice Center, PID: 2341901.

SECTION 2: The Safety-Service Director is further authorized and directed to enter into any agreements as may be necessary for obtaining financial assistance including compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

SECTION 3: That the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio hereby commits itself to providing the matching funds as described in the application.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-10

Meeting 2/9/2026 7:30 PM
Streets & Public Buildings
Severns, Mahan

Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council
Doc ID: 2026-27

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE
DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR THE KNO-125040 SR-13 CORPO PROJECT; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the KNO-125040 SR-13 CORPO PROJECT (AKA N Sandusky Street & Upper Fredericktown Road) (PID 2541301).

SECTION 2: 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 that bids and contracts must be solicited at the earliest possible time to avoid future cost increases, and to provide uninterrupted traffic management, 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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-12

Meeting 2/9/2026 7:30 PM
Streets & Public Buildings
Severns, Mahan

Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council
Doc ID: 2026-29

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD A QUALIFICATION-BASED SELECTION FOR DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE NORTH SANDUSKY STREET & UPPER FREDERICKTOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (KNO-125040 SR-13 CORPO); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids and award a qualification-based selection of construction inspection and related engineering services during construction of the North Sandusky & Upper Fredericktown Road Improvements Project (KNO-125040 SR-13 CORPO).

SECTION 2: 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 to keep the project on schedule and within the allocated budget, 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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-15

Meeting 2/9/2026 7:30 PM
Employee & Community
Relations

Keener, Ruckman

Category: Resolution

Prepared By:

Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council

Doc ID: 2026-40

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHRYN BRECHLER TO THE KNOX COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD, AND REAPPOINTMENTS OF LORRAINE BOSS, JORDAN SHREMSHOCK AND AARON MORELAND TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1: That the Council for the City of Mount Vernon confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Kathryn Brechler, 24 Fairway Drive, Mount Vernon, Ohio, to the Knox County Health District Board, commencing on March 23, 2026 and expiring on March 23, 2031.

SECTION 2: That the Council for the City of Mount Vernon confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Lorraine Boss, 1407 Culbertson Drive, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, to the Library Board of Trustees, commencing on March 14, 2026 and expiring on March 14, 2028.

SECTION 3: That the Council for the City of Mount Vernon confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Jordan Shremshock, 6 Adamson St., Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, to the Library Board of Trustees, commencing on March 14, 2026 and expiring on March 14, 2028.

SECTION 4: That the Council for the City of Mount Vernon confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Aaron Moreland, 704 N. Gay St., Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, to the Library Board of Trustees, commencing on March 14, 2026 and expiring on March 14, 2028.

SECTION 5: 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 that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government 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.

PASSED: _____, 2026

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-16

Meeting 2/9/2026 7:30 PM
Streets & Public Buildings
Severns, Mahan

Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council
Doc ID: 2026-46

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO FILE A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT, PHASE TWO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio is eligible to apply for a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT); and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio desires to apply for the SRTS grant to receive financial assistance for the South End Pedestrian Safety Improvements project, Phase Two, PID 2411301; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio has the authority to apply for financial assistance and to administer the amounts received from the ODOT.

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

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon, or his designee, is authorized and directed to apply to the Ohio Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School grant.

SECTION 3: That said request shall be for improvements related to the South End Pedestrian Safety Improvements project, Phase Two, PID 2411301.

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 that the grant application deadline is March 6, 2026, and application for funds must be submitted by that date. 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.

PASSED: _____, 2026

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled
RESOLUTION 2026-17

Meeting 2/9/2026 7:30 PM
Streets & Public Buildings
Severns, Mahan
Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council
Doc ID: 2026-47

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD A QUALIFICATION-BASED SELECTION FOR DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE SOUTH END PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, PHASE 1 (KNO-122162 SRTS (SR 586), PID 2411301).

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

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids and enter into contract for the South End Pedestrian Safety Improvements project, Phase One, (KNO-122162 SRTS (SR 586), PID 2411301).

PASSED: _____, 2026
Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026
Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-18

Meeting 2/9/2026 7:30 PM
Finance & Budget
Mahan, Sevens
Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Rob Broeren, Law Director
Doc ID: 2026-48

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) 1977-White-Kawasaki-Motorcycle VIN - KZ650C001894
- 2) 2006-Silver-Pontiac-G6 VIN - 1G2ZF55B364267944
- 3) 2009-Dark Blue-Ford-Focus VIN - 1FAHP35N89W194359
- 4) 2001-Amethyst-Dodge-Ram 1500 VIN - 1B7HC16X11S304027
- 5) 2010-Gray-Volkswagen-Passat VIN - WVWHN7AN4AE531083
- 6) 2010-White-Ford-Escape VIN - 1FMCU9E6GAKC41316

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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-19

Meeting 2/9/2026 7:30 PM

Finance & Budget

Mahan, Sevens

Category: Resolution

Prepared By:

Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council

Doc ID: 2026-49

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PAY BILLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.41 (D), THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATION.

WHEREAS, the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon did make the necessary inquiries that these billed amounts as indicated are legitimate and proper and did approve payment in the amounts shown; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the making of such contract or order and at the time of the execution of such certificate a sufficient sum appropriated for the purpose of such contract or order was in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances.

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 pay bills as follows:

1. To Civica North America in the amount of \$3,588.78 from line number 101.1300.54111, General Fund (Auditor) - Services Received - Accrual Acct.
2. To Stryker Sales, LLC in the amount of \$22,587.11 from line number 101.3600.54455, General Fund - Lease / Purchase Fire Equipment

SECTION 2: 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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



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Meeting 2/9/2026 7:30 PM
 Employee & Community
 Relations

Keener, Ruckman
 Category: Ordinance

Prepared By: Zac Sherman, Clerk of
 Council

Doc ID: 2026-24

ORDINANCE 2026-1

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE CITY CLERK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the following exempt professional position is hereby authorized within the salary range and upon the appropriation times listed below:

	Pay Grade	Min	Mid	Max
City Clerk (per hour)	1	\$21.57	\$25.88	\$30.20

The salary authorized by this Ordinance shall be payable bi-weekly.

SECTION 2: The salary range listed is the base salary range for the position. The position is eligible for annual longevity increments:

For the first five (5) years, \$400.00.

Annual Longevity Increments after five (5) years:

Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
\$500.00	\$550.00	\$600.00	\$650.00	\$700.00

The effective date of eligibility for an annual longevity increment shall be the anniversary date of employment with the City in a non-bargaining unit position.

SECTION 3: Exempt employees are expected to work as necessary, including outside of normal business hours, in the completion of their duties. Exempt employees will work with their supervisor in establishing their work schedule.

SECTION 4: This position shall be entitled to the benefits outlined in the Mount Vernon Employee Handbook effective August 2021, as amended.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and for the further reason to standardize the City's operation of meetings and dissemination of information about those meetings, and 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.

PASSED: _____, 2026
Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026
Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

ORDINANCE 2026-2

Meeting 2/9/2026 7:30 PM

Utilities

Ruckman, Miller

Category: Ordinance

Prepared By: Zac Sherman, Clerk of

Council

Doc ID: 2026-30

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 911.04 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON.**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MOUNT VERNON, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. That Section 911.04(g) of the Codified Ordinances be amended to read
as follows (additions in **bold**, deletions in ~~strikethrough~~):

(g) ~~Grease and Oil Traps and Interceptors~~ **Fats Oils and Grease (FOG)
Control Devices.** For ~~grease, fats, oil, and grease~~ **inorganic material such as
sand, grit, etc., interceptors or traps control devices** shall be provided at the
User's expense when, in the opinion of the Director, they are necessary for the
proper handling of liquid wastes containing floatable grease in excessive amounts,
as specified in subsection (e)(3)M. and (e)(3)N. hereof, ~~or any flammable wastes,
sand, or other harmful ingredients;~~ except that such ~~interceptors~~ **devices** shall not
be required for single-family residences, duplexes, or other multi-unit residences
unless the Utilities Commission determines there are discharges that may create
problems in the sanitary sewer. ~~All Users shall also be subject to permit per Section
911.06.~~ **All Users with such a device are required to obtain a FOG Permit
from the City's Code Enforcement Department.**

(1) All ~~interceptors and traps~~ **FOG control devices** shall be of a type and
capacity approved by the Utilities Commission, and shall be located as to be readily
and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection. All ~~interceptors or traps~~ found not
to be in compliance with these guidelines shall be modified or replaced **in a timely
manner at the User's expense.** In the maintaining of these ~~interceptors~~ **FOG
control devices**, the owner shall be responsible for the proper removal and
disposal by appropriate means of the captured material and shall maintain records
of the dates, and means of disposal which are subject to review by the Director. Any
removal and hauling of the collected materials ~~not performed by the owner's
personnel~~ must be performed by ~~currently~~ fully licensed waste disposal **or
rendering** firms.

(2) The introduction of additives containing surfactants and/or enzymes into
the trap, interceptor, or sanitary sewer is prohibited. Food services wishing to use
aqueous suspensions of grease-consuming bacteria for grease control shall submit a
written request to the Director and must receive written approval prior to their use.

(3) Users with the potential to discharge flammable substances may be
required to install and maintain an approved combustible gas detection meter.

(4) Permits are to be issued for a maximum period of one year. The

City shall provide the owner with a permit indicating the requirements that the establishment must meet in order to comply with FOG Best Management Practices. Applications for permit renewal shall be submitted no less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the permit.

(5) A fee shall be assessed to each permit issued and shall be paid prior to the issuance of a FOG Permit. This fee shall be set by the Control Board. Failure to pay fees will result in termination of water and wastewater services.

(6) The Utility Commission may adopt additional rules to implement the City’s FOG permitting requirements, including fines for violations of these provisions.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor