



**Utilities Commission
Commission Meeting**

Agenda

**April 2, 2026
8:30 AM**

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CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES APPROVAL

March 5, 2026

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Backflow

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CALL TO ORDER

Others in attendance: Zac Sherman, Scott Zimmerman, David Hall, Maureen Hall, Rob Broeren, John Ruckman, April Brady

MINUTES APPROVAL

February 5, 2026

Approve February 5, 2026 meeting minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Backflow

Mr. Salyers states we should move Backflow from Old Business to New Business—amended from Old Business to New Business.

First reading for Backflow per Mr. Salyers.

Mr. Salyers reads through the legislation and makes corrections as needed by Mr. Broeren.

Discussions were opened up and gives the public time to respond with any questions or concerns before the next meeting agenda goes out.

Mr. Salyers would like this to be ready for the next Utilities Commission meeting so it can get moved on to council.

OLD BUSINESS

Backflow/Amended to New Business

Amended from Old Business to New Business.

OTHER

Mr. Zimmerman gave a heads-up on the meeting yesterday with the solid waste haulers. And

states we need to clean up some of the verbiage in the ordinance.

Mr. Broeren states that, based on the meeting, he would suggest that we ask council to adopt a specific requirement that recyclables be picked up at the same frequency as the trash.

ADJOURN

Mr. Reinhart made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Ms. Busenburg. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

919.11 BACKFLOW PROTECTION.

(a) The Utilities Commission shall adopt rules concerning installation of backflow protection devices to protect the public water system. The rules shall include, but are not limited to, the following: when consumers must install an approved backflow protection device, the requirement to secure a permit from the City Inspector for the installation of approved backflow protection device, a list of approved backflow protection devices and recommended fines for violations of these provisions. Once adopted, an impacted consumer must install an approved device immediately, at his own expense, at a location and in a manner approved by the City Inspector and shall have inspections and test made of such approved devices as required.

(b) No person, firm or corporation shall establish or permit to be established or permit to be maintained any connection whereby a private, auxiliary or emergency water supply other than the regular public water supply of the City of Mount Vernon may enter the supply or distributing system of said municipality, unless such private, auxiliary or emergency water supply and the method of connection and use of such supply shall have been approved by the Utilities Commission and by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Commission to cause or conduct surveys and investigations to be made of industrial and other properties served by the public water supply where actual or potential hazards to the public water supply may exist. Such surveys and investigations shall be made a matter of public record and shall be repeated as often as the Commission shall deem necessary.

(d) The Commission, the City Inspector and his designees and employees of the City's Water and Wastewater Departments shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any property served by a connection to the public water supply or distribution system of the City of Mount Vernon for the purpose of inspecting the piping system or systems thereof. On demand, the owner, lessees or occupants of any property so served shall furnish any information, which may be requested regarding the piping system or systems of water use on such property. The refusal of such information, when demanded, shall be deemed evidence of the presence of improper connections as provided in this section.

(e) The City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue, after reasonable notice to the occupant thereof, the water service to any property wherein any connection in violation of the provisions of this section is known to exist, and to take such other precautionary measures as he may deem necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water supply distribution mains. Water service to such property shall not be restored until such conditions have been eliminated or corrected in compliance with the provisions of this section.

(f) Permits for the installation and use of backflow protection devices are to be issued for a maximum period of one year. Applications for permit renewal shall be submitted no less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the permit.

(g) A fee shall be assessed for each of the following: (1) to each permit issued for the installation and use of a backflow protection device, which shall be paid prior to the issuance of the permit, and (2) for each day that a property operates without a backflow prevention device. In the case of a defective backflow prevention device, the customer has 30 days to repair the device before incurring penalties. These fees shall be set by the Control Board. Failure to pay fees may result in termination of water and wastewater services.