



**Utilities Commission
Commission Meeting**

Agenda

**May 7, 2026
8:30 AM**

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CALL TO ORDER

Present	Absent
Safety Service Director Tanner Salyers Ast. Engineer Quentin Platt (OBO Engineer Brian Ball) Councilman John Ruckman Public Utilities Director Aaron Reinhart Jessi Busenburg	Gordon Gantt Mayor Matthew Starr

Others in attendance:
David Hall, Maureen Hall, Robin DePolo, Scott Zimmerman, Zac Sherman

MINUTES APPROVAL

March 5, 2026

Reinhart made a motion to approve the March 5, 2026 minutes. Busenburg seconded. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Backflow

Salyers noted that there is a lack of hazard classification in the proposed amendment to Section 919.11 of the Codified Ordinances. A section regarding a requirement for a Certified Tester from the State should also be included.

Broeren noted that Device Standards will be determined by the Utilities Commission. The frequency by which tests occur will also be determined by the Utilities Commission.

Zimmerman clarified that the property owner will pay for testing and go through a State Certified Tester.

Platt noted that in Section D of 919.11 it says Water and Wastewater Department. He wanted to know if it should say Public Utilities Division instead.

Broeren noted that, at some point, the City can do a universal swap in the codified ordinances if that would be useful to the Utilities Commission. Broeren will give commission members two weeks to send him any other concerns or revisions. Then he will draft another version to go before the Commission.

OTHER

Platt noted that in the waste hauling ordinance, 755.01(A)(12), the weekly requirement for pickup is a bit buried. Broeren acknowledged that was the case, but noted that there is an amendment to the codified ordinances before Council to clarify the waste pickup frequency and move it sooner in the ordinance.

ADJOURN

Rinehart made a motion to adjourn. Busenburg seconded. Adjourned at 8:39 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 tests made of such approved devices as required. **All inspections and tests shall be done at the consumer's expense by a backflow technician certified, at the time of the inspection or test, by the Ohio Department of Commerce.**

(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 **Public Utilities Division** ~~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.