

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2015

7: 00 PM CITY OF VENUS REGULAR MEETING

**VENUS COUNCIL CHAMBERS
103 W. 3RD STREET
VENUS, TEXAS 76084**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR JAMES BURGESS
MAYOR PRO TEM GERONIMO HERNANDEZ
COUNCIL PERSON JEANNIE PRAZAK
COUNCIL PERSON KRIS SHELMAN
COUNCIL PERSON JUDY FAULKNER
COUNCIL PERSON WESLEY DADY

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

APRIL STOLL, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
CASS CALLAWAY, CITY ATTORNEY
R.L. YOUNG, CHIEF OF POLICE
CESAR ROCA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
LINDA TAYLOR, ACTING CITY SECRETARY

THE CITY COUNCIL MAY CONDUCT A CLOSED MEETING AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF ITS ATTORNEY ON LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING ANY MATTER LISTED ON TODAY'S CITY COUNCIL AGENDA.

1. **INVOCATION**
2. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
3. **CALL SESSION TO ORDER**
4. **ROLL CALL**

WITH A QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT, THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF THE VENUS CITY COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR JAMES BURGESS AT 7:01 PM ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 9 , 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM AT 103 W. THIRD ST, VENUS, TEXAS.

5. ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS OR PRESENTATIONS BY THE MAYOR.

- A) Cell phones are to be turned off or placed on vibrate only.
- B) No conversation or comment from the audience is permitted unless specifically called upon by the Mayor. Please remain respectfully quiet.
- C) From now on, the Civic Center and side room will be open during Executive Session so that you will not have to stand outside in the heat.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

- > Citizens may sign up before the meeting begins and will allowed up to 5 minutes to

address the Mayor and Council. No personal attacks on any elected official or city employee will be allowed.

NO ONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK IN OPEN FORUM.

CONSENT AGENDA

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL NOT BE A SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2015 REGULAR MEETING.**
8. **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT.**

MOTION: UPON A MOTION BY MRS. PRAZAK AND A SECOND BY MRS. FAULKNER, THE COUNCIL VOTES FIVE (5) FOR AND NONE (0) OPPOSED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHETHER TO ANNEX A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED ON COUNTY ROAD 109 THAT IS CONTIGUOUS TO MEADOW RIDGE II AND THE VENUS CEMETERY (ABST 379 RR18A WM HILL) INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF VENUS, TEXAS, PER PETITION FOR ANNEXATION FILED WITH THE CITY BY JONATHAN MARK HOMES, OWNER JONATHON PINON.**

MOTION: UPON A MOTION BY MR. HERNANDEZ AND A SECOND BY MRS. PRAZK, THE COUNCIL VOTED FIVE (5) FOR AND NONE (0) OPPOSED TO APPROVE THE ANNEXATION OF A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED ON COUNTY ROAD 109 (ABST 379 RR18A WM HILL) . THE MOTION PASSED.

10. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION 02-2015, OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF VENUS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.**

MOTION: UPON A MOTION BY MR. HERNANDEZ AND A SECOND BY MR. DADY, THE COUNCIL VOTED FIVE (5) FOR AND NONE (0) OPPOSED APPROVE RESOLUTION 02-2015. THE MOTION CARRIED.

11. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION 03-2015, OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (TXCDBG) APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE PLANNING/CAPACITY/BUILDING FUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS**

THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

MOTION: UPON A MOTION BY MR. HERNANDEZ AND A SECOND BY MRS. FAULKNER, THE COUNCIL VOTED FIVE (5) FOR AND NONE (0) OPPOSED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 03-2015. THE MOTION CARRIED.

- 12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION 04-2015, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTIES, TEXAS, CALLING AND ORDERING THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD BY JOHNSON COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF VENUS JOINTLY WITH THE VENUS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ON MAY 9, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND TWO (2) CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS (PLACE 1 AND PLACE 2) TO THE VENUS CITY COUNCIL; DESIGNATING LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES, PROVIDING EARLY VOTING INFORMATION; ORDERING NOTICES OF ELECTION TO BE GIVEN AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ELECTION.**

MOTION: UPON A MOTION BY MR. DADY AND A SECOND BY MRS PRAZAK, THE COUNCIL VOTED FIVE (5) FOR AND NONE (0) OPPOSED TO PASS RESOLUTION 04-2015. THE MOTION CARRIED.

- 13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE CITY OF VENUS TO CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON COUNTY FOR A JOINT ELECTION (WITH THE VENUS ISD) ON MAY 9, 2015, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$3757.60.**

MOTION: UPON A MOTION BY MRS. PRAZAK AND A SECOND BY MR. DADY, THE COUNCIL VOTED FIVE (5) FOR AND NONE(0) OPPOSED TO APPROVE CONTRACTING WITH JOHNSON COUNTY TO HOLD THE CITY ELECTION JOINTLY WITH VENUS ISD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

- 14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CITY CODE OFFICER JOSEPH GRAVES' REQUEST TO AMEND CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE IV OF THE VENUS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR BETTER REGULATION OF THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF FENCES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.**

MOTION: UPON A MOTION BY MR. HERNANDEZ AND A SECOND BY MRS FAULKNER, THE COUNCIL VOTED FOUR (4) FOR MR HERNANDEZ, MRS FAULKNER, MRS PRAZAK, AND MR DADY AND ONE (1) OPPOSED MR SHELLMAN TO AMEND CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE IV OF THE VENUS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO BETTER REGULATE THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF FENCES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND PROVIDING A PERIOD OF 14 DAYS FOR REPAIRS AND A WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH VIOLATOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

- 15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE FUNDS FOR WATERS, VOLLMERING & ASSOCIATES, LLP TO CONDUCT A FURTHER AUDIT INTO THE CITY'S FINANCIAL RECORDS FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, THROUGH THE PRESENT, AND IF NEEDED, ASSISTANCE WITH THE BACKLOGGED BANK RECONCILIATIONS.**

MOTION: UPON A MOTION BY MRS FAULKNER AND A SECOND BY MRS PRAZAK THE COUNCIL VOTED FIVE (5) FOR AND NONE (0) OPPOSED TO AUTHORIZE THE FUNDS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

16. PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, APRIL STOLL, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CESAR ROCA, AND POLICE CHIEF, R. L. YOUNG.

MRS STOLL, CITY ADMINISTRATOR, GAVE AN UPDATE ON JOSH BROOKS AND THE PROSPECTIVE MOBILE HOME PARK. SHE REPORTED ON CITY SECRETARY, VICKI THOMPSON'S SUBMISSION OF HER LETTER OF RESIGNATION ON JANUARY 21, 2015. THE ENLISTING OF LINDA TAYLOR TO HELP UNTIL A CITY SECRETARY IS HIRED. MRS STOLL GAVE AN UPDATE ON PATRIOT ESTATES PHASE 5 AND AN UPDATE ON SUBDIVISION FEES. SHE IS WORKING WITH PUBLIC MANAGEMENT TO APPLY FOR WATER AND PLANNING GRANT. MRS STOLL MET WITH MUNICODE VICE PRESIDENT TO GET OPTIONS FOR UPDATING THE CITY'S ONLINE CODE OF ORDINANCES. SHE ATTENDED THE ELECTION CODE SEMINAR AND ALSO THE WILLIAM "KING" COLE EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BASICS COURSE. UPDATING OF "IT".

MR ROCA REPORTED WORKING ON DRAINAGE CULVERT BEHIND 301 S MAIN, INSTALLING NEW CARPET ON CIVIC CENTER STAGE, REBUILDING 7 BLEACHERS AT CITY PARK, AND FILLED POT HOLD AND ROAD CRACKS. HE ALSO REPORTED THEY IDENTIFIED A PROBLEM WITH SEWER AT 310 FAIRFIELD ST., FLUSHING OF DEAD END WATER MAINS, RESPONDED TO SEVERAL SEWER CALLS AND REPLACED SEVERAL METERS.

CHIEF YOUNG REPORTED 272 CALLS FOR SERVICE, 3 CAR CRASHES, 380 CITATIONS ISSUED, AND 15 CASES INVESTIGATED.

MOTION: UPON A MOTION BY MR HERNANDEZ AND A SECOND BY MRS FAULKNER THE COUNCIL VOTED FIVE (5) FOR AND NONE (0) OPPOSED TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:45 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 9, 2015. THE MOTION CARRIED.

17. THE CITY COUNCIL MAY MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS PERMITTED BY SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE AND FOR THE PURPOSE AS FOLLOWS:

A) SECTION 551.074: PERSONNEL MATTERS – THE RESIGNATION OF CITY SECRETARY, VICKI THOMPSON.

B) SECTION 551.074: PERSONNEL MATTERS – THE POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF CITY SECRETARY TO FILL VACANCY. CANDIDATE: ANGIE WADE.

C) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: UPON A MOTION BY MR HERNANDEZ AND A SECOND BY MRS PRAZAK THE COUNCIL VOTED FIVE (5) FOR AND NONE (0) OPPOSED TO RECONVENE BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:48 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 9, 2015. THE MOTION CARRIED.

18. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

A) THE RESIGNATION OF CITY SECRETARY , VICKI THOMPSON

MOTION: UPON A MOTION BY MR HERNANDEZ AND A SECOND BY MRS PRAZAK THE COUNCIL VOTED FIVE (5) FOR AND NONE (0) OPPOSED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF VICKI THOMPSON. THE MOTION CARRIED.

B) POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY OF CITY SECRETARY.

MOTION: UPON A MOTION BY MRS FAULKNER AND A SECOND BY MRS PRAZAK, THE COUNCIL VOTED FOUR (4) FOR MRS FAULKNER, MRS PRAZAK, MR HERNANDEZ, MR DADY AND ONE (1) OPPOSED MR SHELLMAN TO APPOINT ANGIE WADE AS CITY SECRETARY STARTING AT \$55,000 PER YEAR WITH A POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL \$2000 EACH YEAR FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS UPON THE COUNCIL APPROVAL AT THAT TIME. THE MOTION CARRIED.


19. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REMOVING VICKI THOMPSON FROM BEING AN AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY FOR CITY ACCOUNTS, TO INCLUDE BANK ACCOUNTS (CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK AND OTHERS) GRANTS, AND ANY OTHER ACCOUNT IN THE CITY'S NAME PREVIOUSLY GRANTED AUTHORITY TO HER.

MOTION: UPON A MOTION BY MR HERNANDEZ AND A SECOND BY MR DADY, THE COUNCIL VOTED FIVE (5) FOR AND NONE (0) OPPOSED TO REMOVE MRS THOMPSON'S NAME FROM ALL CITY SIGNATORIES. THE MOTION CARRIED.

20. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: UPON A MOTION BY MR DADY AND A SECOND BY MRS PRAZAK THE COUNCIL VOTED FIVE (5) FOR AND NONE (0) OPPOSED TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 9, 2015, COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:55 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


MAYOR JAMES BURGESS

March 9, 2015
DATE APPROVED

ATTEST:


LINDA TAYLOR, ACTING CITY SECRETARY

