

VENUS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MONDAY MARCH 9, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONE CHANGE AMENDMENT REQUEST

1. Mayor Burgess called the public hearing to order at 6:43 PM.
2. Mayor Burgess announced the zone change amendment request is for a tract of land located on County Road 109 that is contiguous to Meadow Ridge II and the Venus cemetery, to change from Agricultural (AG) to Single Family Residential (R-1) with the intent to build a residential subdivision – Meadow Ridge III.
3. Mayor Burgess opened the floor to any questions or comments concerning this request.

David Bell, 602 Walnut, spoke regarding a wall to be built around the subdivision.
4. Mayor Burgess adjourned the public hearing at 6:58 PM.

VENUS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

A quorum was present to wit:

Mayor Burgess
Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez
Councilmember Prazak
Councilmember Shelman
Councilmember Faulkner
Councilmember Dady

Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

5. **ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS OR PRESENTATIONS BY THE MAYOR.**

- A) Cell phones are to be turned off or placed on vibrate/silent only.
- B) No conversation or comment from the audience is permitted unless specifically called upon by the Mayor. Please remain respectfully quiet.
- C) Issuance of Statement of Appointed Officer and Oath of Office to City Secretary Angie Wade.

Mayor Burgess issued the Oath of Office to City Secretary Angie Wade

6. **PUBLIC FORUM**

CONSENT AGENDA

- 7. **Approval of minutes of the February 09, 2015 regular meeting.**
- 8. **Approval of the bills for payment.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Prazak, seconded by Councilmember Dady, to approve the Consent Agenda. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 9. **Discussion and possible action regarding zoning amendment request, by the owner of 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), to change from Agricultural (AG) to single Family Residential (R-1).**

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Faulkner, to approve a zoning amendment request, by the owner of 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), to change from Agricultural (AG) to single Family Residential (R-1). A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

- 10. **Discussion and possible action regarding a lighting solution for Fielder Park as presented by Matt Strohmeyer with Revolution Lighting Technologies.**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Faulkner, to approve the purchase of LED lights and poles for Fielder Park from Revolution Lighting Technologies and installation by J&B Electric. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

11. **Discussion and possible action regarding construction plans and final plat for the Venus Ridge III subdivision in the ETJ (Extra-territorial Jurisdiction) presented by Bob Sandlin.**

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shelman, to approve the construction plans and final plat for the Venus Ridge III subdivision in the ETJ (Extra-territorial Jurisdiction) presented by Bob Sandlin. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

12. **Receive a presentation from Roger Stanley regarding the proposed purchase of property located in town square, 108 W. 2nd Street, for use as a tattoo studio.**

No action by Council required.

13. **Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution calling and ordering a General Election to be held jointly with the Venus Independent School District on May 9, 2015, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) City Council members for Place 1 and Place 2 to the Venus City Council; designating the location of the polling place; providing early voting information; and ordering notice of election to be given as prescribed by law in connection with such election.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Faulkner, seconded by Councilmember Prazak, to approve Resolution 4-2015 calling and ordering a General Election to be held jointly with the Venus Independent School District on May 9, 2015 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) City Councilmembers. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

14. **Discussion and possible action to adopt an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Subdivisions and Development; Article II; Sec. 26-34 and Sec. 26-35; regarding subdivision fee schedules and modification of ordinance to reflect any approved changes.**

Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dady, to approve Ordinance No. 402-2015 ordering the amendment of Chapter 26, Subdivision and Development, Article II – Residential Subdivisions, Section 26-34 and 26-35 to reflect new fees and fee assessment methods, confirming Texas Open Meetings Act compliance, providing a severability clause, providing a repealer

clause, providing a publication clause, and providing an effective date. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

15. **Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance 401-2015, a comprehensive ordinance addressing sexually oriented businesses within the City of Venus.**

Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Faulkner, to table the item until next month. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

16. **Discussion and possible action regarding properties to be listed in the future for sale on town square, specifically whether the City should purchase one or more of the properties, and if so, whether to authorize the Mayor and city staff to open negotiations with the landowners.**

No action by Council required.

17. **Discussion and possible action to add Angie Wade, City Secretary, as an authorized signatory for city accounts, to include bank accounts (Citizens' National Bank and others), grants, and any other accounts in the City of Venus' name.**

Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak, to add City Secretary Angie Wade as an authorized signatory for city accounts, to include bank accounts, grants, and any other accounts in the City of Venus' name. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against.

18. **Discussion and possible action to amend the City of Venus Purchasing Policy.**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Faulkner, to accept the draft amendment to the Purchasing Policy with changes as follows:

- Purchases for \$3,000.00 up to 9,999.99 require three quotes and must accompany the Purchase Requisition and obtain both the City Administrator and the Mayor's approval in order to obtain a purchase order.
- Purchases for \$10,000 up to 49,999.999 require three quotes and must accompany the Purchase Requisition and obtain approval by the City Council.

A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against.

19. **Presentation of monthly department reports from City Administrator April Stoll, Public Works Director Cesar Roca, and Chief of Police R.L. Young.**

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council reserves the right to meet in a closed session on any of the following items should the need arise and if applicable, pursuant to authorization by Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), 551.087 (economic development), 418.183 (homeland security).

[Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:27 PM.]

Recess into Executive Session in compliance with Local Government Code:

- A) GC § 551.074: Personnel Matters – Discussion regarding hiring a permanent part-time Administrative Clerk or extending the period for the temporary employment of Rana Gamel.

Executive session adjournment.

[Council reconvened into Open session at 9:46 PM]

21. **Reconvene into regular session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in executive session.**

Councilmember Faulkner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak, to approve creating the position of permanent part-time Administrative Clerk. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

22. **Adjournment**

[Council adjourned at 9:47 PM]

APPROVED:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY

