

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 8, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular session of the City Council was called to order Monday, June 8, 2015 at 7:00 PM with a quorum present, to wit:

James Burgess	Mayor
Geronimo Hernandez	Mayor Pro Tem
Jeannie Prazak	Councilmember
Robert Wood	Councilmember
Judy Faulkner	Councilmember
Wes Dady	Councilmember

The Invocation was given by Mayor Burgess. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Burgess announced that City Hall lobby will now be open Monday – Friday between 8AM and 5PM. The drive thru will continue to be open Monday – Friday between 7AM and 6PM. Mayor also commented that the City Council agendas and minutes are now posted on the City's website.

III. CITIZEN VISITOR COMMENTS

Joe Russell, 10 Bulldog Drive, spoke regarding the Civic Center and the Venus Community Service Development Center.

Michael James, 301 Bulldog Drive, spoke regarding the wall (fence) in Meadow Ridge.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- ITEM 1. Approval of the minutes for the May 12, 2015 Regular City Council.**
- ITEM 2. Ratify the payment of the bills for the month of May 2015.**
- ITEM 3. Approval of Resolution No. 12-2015 approving a negotiated settlement between Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company's 2014 and 2015 rate review mechanism..**

Item 2 was pulled for discussion

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Faulkner, to table Item 2 and to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 and 3. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

V. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- ITEM 4. Discuss and consider appointment of a Mayor Pro Tem.**

Nominations for Mayor Pro Tem were made as follows:

Councilmember Prazak nominated Councilmember Dady
Councilmember Hernandez nominated Councilmember Dady
Councilmember Dady nominated himself.

Nominations were closed and a vote was cast. By a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against, Councilmember Dady was appointed as Mayor Pro Tem.

ITEM 5. Discuss and consider action regarding the Josh Brooks “Windy Meadow” concept plan.

Josh Brooks updated council on the plans for 50 acres on CR214 purchased for a Mobile Home Park. Discussion ensued regarding changes to the layouts for the homes; roads being paid for by builders; City’s 8” water lines not being sufficient; plans for a community center and pool; possible placement of a storm siren on the property; restrictions on age of homes; and background checks for residents. No action was taken.

ITEM 6. Discuss and consider action regarding the Meadow Ridge retaining wall.

No action was taken.

ITEM 7. Discuss and consider action regarding the Police Department Property Room and contracting with a Property Room technician for approximately 16 hours at \$200 per month.

City Administrator April Stoll reviewed with council a report submitted by Gayla Robison, who the City contracted with to conduct a property room purge, to secure the property room evidence. Discussion ensued regarding the conditions of the evidence room and the need for a tracking system to maintain the chain of custody on all evidence seized by the Venus Police Department. A motion was made by Councilmember Woods, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dady, to contract with Gayla Robison on a month to month basis, for 16 hours at \$200 per month to serve as property room technician. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

ITEM 8. Accept the resignation of Police Chief R.L. Young.

Mayor Pro Tem Dady made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wood to accept the resignation of Police Chief R. L. Young. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

ITEM 9. Discuss and consider action regarding the creation of a full time position for Animal Control/Code Enforcement Officer.

City Administrator April Stoll presented to Council a proposal to contract with the City of Maypearl for a 60/40 split for an animal control/code enforcement officer. The officer would be an employee of Venus, with 40% of salaries reimbursed by Maypearl. Discussions ensued regarding the need for an animal control officer; creation of the position; current contract labor staying on for a training period; and the possibility of the position becoming full time in the future. Mayor Pro Tem Dady made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez, to direct the City Administrator to move forward with creating a job description and gathering salary information for the position of animal control/code enforcement officer and to present to Council at a future meeting.

ITEM 10. Discuss and consider action regarding Council’s selection for three Councilmember seats on the Venus Community Services Development Corporation Board of Directors. As provided by the Constitution and By-laws.

Mayor Burgess called for nominations from Council for three seats on the VCSDC. Councilmember Prazak nominated Councilmember Wood; Councilmember Hernandez nominated Mayor Burgess; Councilmember Hernandez nominated Councilmember Dady. A vote was called to approve the nominations, 5 in favor, 0 against. Nominations passed.

ITEM 11. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution No. 13-2015 appointing the City Secretary as both Officer of Public Information and Public Information Coordinator for the City of Venus.

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dady, to approve Resolution No. 13-2015 appointing the City Secretary as both Officer of Public Information and Public Information Coordinator for the City of Venus. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

ITEM 12. Presentation of monthly department reports.

Reports were submitted by City Administrator April Stoll, Acting Police Sergeant Mateo Villareal, and Public Works Director Cesar Roca.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

[Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:00 PM.]

1. **GC § 551.071(A) – Consultation with Attorney regarding pending litigation:**
 - a) **Robert Bales VS City of Venus; Cause No. DC-C201500377**

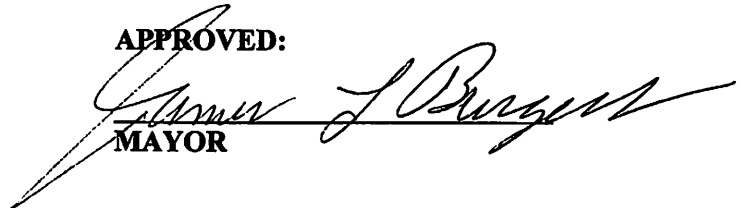
[Council reconvened into Open Session at 10:02 PM]

1. Councilmember Faulkner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak, to direct the City Attorney to invoke TML Risk Pool Insurance to file a claim in regard to cause #DC-C201500377, Robert Bales VS City of Venus. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 10:04 PM.

APPROVED:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY