

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
JULY 13, 2015**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular session of the City Council was called to order Monday, July 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM with a quorum present, to wit:

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

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

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Burgess asked Council to drop by City Hall at their convenience to have their photos taken for the City website. He also announced that Council will be interviewing applicants for Police Chief at a Special Meeting on Monday, July 27, 2015 at 7PM

**III. CITIZEN VISITOR COMMENTS**

Julie Hernandez, 301 Fairfield Lane, spoke regarding the wall (fence) in Meadow Ridge.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

**ITEM 1. Approval of the minutes for the June 8, 2015 Regular City Council.**

**ITEM 2. Ratify the payment of the bills for the month of May and June 2015.**

**ITEM 3. Approve addition of Mayor Pro Tem Wesley Dady 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, and also removing Geronimo Hernandez from same accounts.**

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

**V. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**ITEM 4. Discuss and consider approval of Patriot Estates Phase II preliminary plats, final plats, and construction plans as presented by Mark Spear with the Jacobs Group.**

Mark Spear with the Jacobs Group addressed Council regarding Phase II. Discussion included the name change of a street, storm drains, width of the streets, and safety concerns. Mayor Pro Tem Dady made a

motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak, to approve the Patriot Estates Phase II preliminary plats, final plats, and construction plans. A vote was cast, 3 in favor, 2 against (Wood, Hernandez). Motion passed.

**ITEM 5. Discuss and consider approval of Meadow Ridge III final plats and construction plans as presented by Duane Hill and Jonathon Pinon.**

Duane Hill with Jonathon Pinon addressed Council regarding Meadow Ridge III. Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez, to approve the final plats and construction plans as presented. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**ITEM 6. Receive a presentation regarding upcoming grants and the application process by Patrick Wiltshire with Public Management Inc.**

Council received a presentation from Patrick Wilshire regarding available grants; application process; status of grant currently applied for; the City's application ranking.

**ITEM 7. Discuss and consider action to initiate a Comprehensive Plan for City grants.**

No action taken.

**ITEM 8. Discuss and consider action regarding the Fielder Park drainage issue.**

Joe Ezzell addressed Council regarding Fielder Park options to improve drainage. Councilmember Wood made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dady to approve an engineering survey in the amount of \$2500. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**ITEM 9. Discuss and consider approval of an event, Antique Alley, as proposed by Chamber of Commerce President Jeanne Scott.**

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez, to approve an event, Antique Alley. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed

**ITEM 10. Receive a petition for a Local Option Election to legalize the Legal Sale of all Alcoholic Beverages including Mixed Beverages.**

No action required.

**ITEM 11. Discuss and consider approval of the City of Venus Meeting Ethics.**

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Faulkner, to approve the City of Venus Meeting Ethics as presented. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**ITEM 12. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance No. 404-2015 ordering the amendment of Chapter 2, Administration, to add Article VII, Records Management, to the City of Venus Code of Ordinances, confirming Texas Open Meetings Act Compliance, providing a severability clause, providing a repealer clause, providing a publication clause, providing a certification to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, providing an effective date and providing a certification of adoption.**

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wood, to approve Ordinance No. 404-2015. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**ITEM 13. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance No. 405-2015, an amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance regarding weather siren installations.**

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez, to approve Ordinance No. 405-2015. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**ITEM 14. Discuss and consider approval of a Public Information Policy.**

Item was tabled until the July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Special Meeting.

**ITEM 15. Discuss and consider the creation of a full-time Animal Control/Code Enforcement position.**

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Faulkner, to approve the creation of a full-time Animal Control/Code Enforcement position. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**ITEM 16. Discuss and consider the creation of a full-time Public Works position.**

Councilmember Faulkner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak, to approve the creation of a full-time Public Works position. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**ITEM 17. Discuss and consider the creation of Seasonal Worker position(s).**

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wood, to approve hiring one Seasonal Worker to be paid for by the City, and one Seasonal Worker to be paid for by the Venus Community Services Development Corporation. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**ITEM 18. Discuss and consider approving repairs to streets in the City of Venus as presented by Public Works Director Cesar Roca.**

Public Works Director Cesar Roca addressed Council regarding street repairs. Geo testing was suggested in order to determine the scope of work that needed to be done, as well as replacement of culverts, on CR 109. Councilmember Faulkner made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dady, to approve the proposed street repairs with the order being CR109, Hickory Street from the railroad tracks to 5<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> St with an extension, and Walnut.. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against.

**ITEM 19. Discuss and consider approval of a City of Venus Civic Center Policy.**

Mayor Pro Tem Dady made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez, to approve the Civic Center Policy with amendments as follows:

7. The Current Mayor, or acting Mayor, will have the authority to grant an emergency rate reduction for the Venus City Civic Center for an event honoring deceased City Officials, or Venus citizens who are or have served in the armed forces.

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

**ITEM 20. Discuss and consider approval of a street abandonment project.**

Councilmember Faulkner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wood, to approve a street abandonment project. A vote was cast, 3 in favor, 1 against (Dady), 1 abstention (Hernandez). Motion passed.

**ITEM 21. Receive an update from the City Attorney regarding the adverse possession of the town square property at 114 S 2nd Street.**

No action required.

**ITEM 22. Presentation of monthly department reports.**

**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).

- (1) GC §551.071(A) – Consultation with attorney regarding pending litigation:
- (a) Robert Bales VS. City of Venus; Cause No. DC-C201500377
  - (b) Texas Board of Professional Engineers VS. City of Venus; Cause Nos. G-32743 and G-35359

Reconvene into regular session AT 10: 49 PM and consider action, if any, on items discussed in executive session.

No action taken

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned at 10:50 PM.

**APPROVED:**

  
**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**CITY SECRETARY**