



**VENUS CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF VENUS COUNCIL CHAMBERS
103 WEST 3RD • VENUS, TEXAS 76084**

**MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016
7:00 PM**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Venus was called to order by Mayor James L. Burgess on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 7:08PM at the City Council Chamber at 103 W. Third Street, Venus, TX 76084.

The invocation was given by the Mayor.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was recited.

Roll Call was performed with a quorum present, to wit:

Mayor James L. Burgess
Mayor Pro-Tem Wes Dady
Council Member Jeannie Prazak
Council Member Robert Wood
Council Member Jeanie Toland-Scott
Council Member Geronimo Hernandez

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS BY THE MAYOR.

- a) Mayor Burgess thanked Chief Michael Boese for accepting the Interim City Administrator position.
- b) Mayor Burgess expressed appreciation to Cesar Roca and his staff for placing the United States of America flags on Town Square for Independence Day.
- c) Appreciation was given to Council Member Prazak, Shelly Fowler and other participants for helping to display blue streamers around the city in support of Back the Blue.
- d) Mayor Burgess also recognized and thanked the citizens for participating in the prayer service at Town Square held on Friday, July 8, 2016 for the Police Officers in Dallas, TX.

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. John B. Clopton Jr., 810 S. FM157, Venus, TX 76084, distributed a letter in response to his open records request to the Johnson County District Attorney dated June 1, 2015 identified as Open Records Compliant No. 568399. He stated he wanted to speak about the importance of ethics and transparency. He read that the project for manufactured homes would support the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Venus by providing affordable housing.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda, including **ITEM 1. Approval of the minutes of the June 13, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting and Public Hearing**, and **ITEM 2. Ratify the payment of bills for the month of June 2016** was considered for approval. No questions or comments were offered. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dady to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and seconded by Council Member Prazak. A vote was cast, all in favor and none opposed.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

ITEM 3. Discuss and consider approval of request from Kenneth Porter for approximately 2.82 acres in Venus, TX Johnson County located at 109 W. HWY 67 described as GEO NUM: 126.0026.00231, ABST 26 TR 7E1B R BERRY from Commercial to Planned Development.

Mayor Bures stated the council had meet in two public hearings as the planning and zoning committee, and asked if there were any questions or discussion. No further discussion or questions were offered. A motion was made by Council Member Hernandez to approve the item as presented, and was seconded by Council Member Toland-Scott. A vote was cast, all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

ITEM 4. Discuss and consider approval of Final Plat of extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Venus, Johnson County, Texas, of the P.P. Barnes Survey A-25, White III Addition Lot 1, Block 1, at CR 211, an extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Venus, Johnson County, Texas for land owner Steven Crews.

Steven Crews presented council with the final plats and mylars for signature. Council Member Hernandez asked exactly where the land is located. The area was identified for council. No further discussion or questions were offered. A motion was made by Council Member Prazak to approve the item as presented, and was seconded by Council Member Wood. A vote was cast, all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

ITEM 5. Discuss and consider approval of Liquor Depot 67 final construction plans as approved by city engineer.

No one was in attendance representing this development nor were final construction plans presented to council. The Mayor recommended the item be tabled until the August 8, 2016 council meeting. No action was taken.

ITEM 6. Discuss and consider approval of the final contract and amendments with Mountain Peak Special Utility District to provide sewer billing for customers in the Patriot Estates residential subdivision.

City Attorney Cass Callaway presented information on the revised agreement approved by the board for the Mountain Peak Special Utility District. He identified that the revisions. He stated that staff recommended that the process would take at least three months to implement, which would include informing customers of the change and any impact; closing the active INCODE account; and coordination with Mountain Peak Billing Department. He also stated staff recommended that the City proceeds in paying the \$1500 to Mountain Peak to begin the process. No further discussion or questions were offered. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dady to approve the item as presented, and was seconded by Council Member Toland-Scott. A vote was cast, all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

ITEM 7. Discussion of the rental of the City owned suite on Town Square at 114 W. 2nd Street, Venus, TX with retail business restrictions.

No one was in attendance representing interest in renting the City owned suite on Town Square at 114 W. 2nd Street. No action was taken.

ITEM 8. Discuss and consider approval of an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Johnson County concerning an optional child safety fee.

Chief Boese stated the program is already in place through the County, however recent legislation requires the County to give each of its cities an opportunity to participate or opt out; and that the City could not match or surpass the efforts of the County's program. Council Member Wood asked which organizations benefit from this program. The Child Advocacy Center of Johnson County, CASA of Johnson County, and the Family Crisis Center of Johnson County each received one third of the proceeds and the County does not retain any portion of the fees. No further discussion was offered. A motion was made by Council Member Wood to accept the item as presented, and was seconded by Council Member Prazak. A vote was cast, all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

ITEM 9. Accept and approve the written resignation of City of Venus City Administrator April Stoll.

No questions or discussion was offered. A motion was made by Council Member Toland-Scott to accept the item as presented, and was seconded by Council Member Hernandez. A vote was cast, all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

ITEM 10. Presentation of monthly department reports were presented by:

- Police Department – Chief Boese
- Fire Department – Chief Allen submitted report, but was not present.
- Public Works and Water/Sewer – Public Works Director Cesar Roca
- Administration – Chief Boese

The regular meeting was recessed at 7:37 PM by Mayor Burgess. Council entered into Executive Closed Session at 7:37 PM. City Council Members, Mayor and City Attorney attended the executive session.

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).

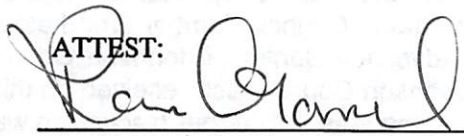
- a.) Discuss and consider personnel matters pursuant to §551.074 regarding the replacement of City Administrator.
- b.) Consultation with City Attorney regarding replacement of City Administrator pursuant to §551.071.

Council adjourned the executive session at 9:49 PM.

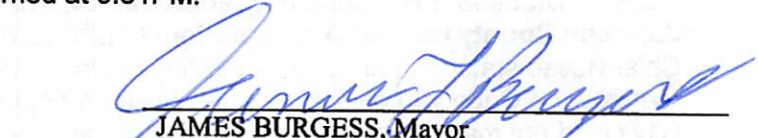
Council reconvened into regular session at 9:49 PM.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dady to move forward and appoint Michael Boese the city administrator and to continue to serve as Police Chief for the City of Venus, and seconded by Council Member Toland-Scott. A vote was cast, four (4) in favor and one (1) Council Member Wood abstained. Motion carried.

The regular Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:51PM.

ATTEST:


Rana Gamel, Assistant City Secretary



JAMES BURGESS, Mayor