



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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016
7:00 PM**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

A regular session of the City Council was called to order Monday, October 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM with a quorum present, to wit:

James Burgess	Mayor
Wes Dady	Mayor Pro Tem - <i>Absent</i>
Jeannie Prazak	Councilmember
Laurna Guidry-Shaw	Councilmember
Jeanie Toland-Scott	Councilmember - <i>Absent</i>
Geronimo Hernandez	Councilmember

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Burgess welcomed new Councilmember, Laurna Guidry-Shaw.

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. John B. Clopton Jr., 810 S. FM157, Venus, TX 76084, spoke briefly regarding building codes.

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 1. Approval of the minutes of the September 12, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting and Public Hearings; the September 19, 2016 Public Hearing; and the September 22, 2016 Special Called Meeting.

ITEM 2. Ratify the payment of bills for the month of September 2016.

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Guidry-Shaw, to approve the Consent Agenda. A vote was cast, 3 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

ITEM 3. Discuss and consider approval of Patriot Estates Phase 6A final plats, and construction plans as presented by Dustin Wentz with Pape-Dawson Engineers.

Council members asked questions regarding the construction of the prior phase. Council showed concerns relating to the number of phases left to develop, the development's amenities, the expectancy of the planned ballpark, as well as the construction of the second exit to the phase.

Mr. Wentz's explained, with the number of acres remaining, there could be up to 10 phases left to build. Mr. Wentz stated that some of the concerns conveyed by the Council regarding promises made by the developers of Patriot Estates would be fulfilled in the development of future phases.

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak, to approve Patriot Estates Phase 6A final plats, and construction plans; with city engineer's approval. A vote was cast, 3 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

ITEM 4. Discuss and consider award of Professional Engineering Services contract for the 2016 CDBG TDA-ORA Water Improvements to BSP Engineers, Inc. presented by Jed Sulak with BSP Engineers.

Jerry Landis spoke on behalf of Jed Sulak.

Councilmember Shaw questioned the time expectancy of the project. Mr. Landis explained the process; the process was then elaborated on by Patrick Wilshire, from Public Management.

Councilmember Guidry-Shaw made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak, to approve the award of Professional Engineering Services contract for the 2016 CDBG TDA-ORA Water Improvements to BSP Engineers, Inc. presented by Jerry Landis who spoke on behalf of Jed Sulak with BSP Engineers. A vote was cast, 3 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

ITEM 5. Discuss and consider award of Administration Services contract to Public Management, Inc. for the City's 2017/2018 TX Community Development Fund Projects from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Patrick Wilshire with Public Management explained some of the current changes in the application process.

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak, to approve award of Administration Services contract to Public Management, Inc. for the City's 2017/2018 TX Community Development Fund Projects from the Texas Department of Agriculture. . A vote was cast, 3 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed

ITEM 6. Discuss and consider award of Professional Engineering Services contract to Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, LLP for the City's 2017/2018 TX Community Development Fund Projects from the Texas Department of Agriculture. Craig Kirkoff, an engineer with the North Texas Municipal Engineers spoke on behalf of Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, LLP.

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Guidry-Shaw, to approve award of Professional Engineering Services contract to Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, LLP for the City's 2017/2018 TX Community Development Fund Projects from the Texas Department of Agriculture. A vote was cast, 3 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

ITEM 7. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 439-2016, an ordinance of the City of Venus, Texas, Johnson and Ellis Counties, ordering the amendment of the City of Venus Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8 – Buildings and Building Regulations, Article II, Technical Codes to adopt the updated editions of various building and technical codes and ordering the amendment of the City of Venus Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8 – Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III, Substandard Buildings to revise and update the city's process and procedures for handling substandard buildings, providing a criminal penalty, confirming Texas Open Meetings Act compliance, providing a severability clause, providing a repealer clause, providing a publication clause, providing an effective date and providing a certification of adoption. (Council enacted Ordinance 439-2016, there was an error made in the ordinance number sequence; this above Ordinance regarding building codes is approved and adopted as Ordinance No. 440-2016)

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak, to approve of Ordinance 440-2016, an ordinance of the City of Venus, Texas, Johnson and Ellis Counties, ordering the amendment of the City of Venus Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8 – Buildings and Building Regulations, Article II, Technical Codes to adopt the updated editions of various building and technical codes and ordering the amendment of the City of Venus Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8 – Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III, Substandard Buildings to revise and update the city's process and procedures for handling substandard buildings, providing a criminal penalty, confirming Texas Open Meetings Act compliance, providing a severability clause, providing a repealer clause, providing a publication clause, providing an effective date and providing a certification of adoption. A vote was cast, 3 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

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 7:54 PM}

- GC § 551.072 – Deliberations regarding real property – Review and Discussion of bids for the sale of 201 Oak Street, Venus Texas (Johnson County Geo Code No. 126.4430.02450) consisting of approximately less than an acre of land legally described as Lots 5 and 6, Block 24, Original Venus Township Plat, Johnson County, Texas.
- GC §551.087 – Water and Sewer Master Plan

{Council reconvened into Open Session at 9:06 PM}

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

Councilmember Guidry-Shaw made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak to authorize City staff to enter into a purchase sale agreement with Adel Sebita for the property, 201 S. Oak consisting of approximately less than an acre of land legally described as Lots 5 and 6, Block 24, Original Venus Township Plat, Johnson County, Texas; with a purchase price of \$15,500.00. A vote was cast, 3 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.


ITEM 8. Presentation of monthly department reports:

- Police Department – Captain James Groom
- Fire Department – Chief Allen
- Public Works and Water/Sewer-Public Works Director Cesar Roca
- Administration – City Administrator Michael Boese

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 9:22 PM.

ATTEST:


RANA GAMEL - CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:


JAMES BURGESS - MAYOR