



**NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE CITY OF VENUS
Monday, March 13, 2017**

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given of a Regular Meeting of the Venus City Council, to be held in the City Council Chambers at 103 West 3rd Street, Venus, Texas 76084 on Monday, March 13, 2017.

REGULAR AGENDA 7:00PM

Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS BY THE MAYOR

Cell phones are to be turned off or placed on vibrate/silent only. No conversation or comment from the audience is permitted unless specifically called upon by the Mayor. Please remain respectfully quiet.

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Citizens may sign up before the meeting begins and will be allowed up to 5 minutes to address the Mayor and Council. No personal attacks on any elected official or city employee will be allowed. The Mayor, Council members and staff members may not respond or converse with speakers during this time. The comments from the speaker must be in the form of a statement. By State law, no questions may be asked or answered.

PROCLAMATION

Proclaim the week of March 19, 2017 through March 25, 2017 “Poison Prevention Week” in the City of Venus. This time is used to learn more about the dangers of accidental poisonings and to take more preventive measures.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered to be routine by the city council and will be enacted upon by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

1. Approval of minutes from February 13, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting.
2. Ratify the payment of bills from February 2017.

PUBLIC HEARING

Conduct a public hearing and consider action on Ordinance XXX-2017-03 Regarding the City of Venus changing their Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) eligibility from 25 years to 20 years for all City of Venus employees.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discuss and consider approval of Venus ISD final construction plans for Primary School, Elementary School, and Middle School additions.
2. Discuss and consider approval of amending the by-laws for the Venus Community Service Development Corporation.
3. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance of the City of Venus, Texas, amending the budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 authorizing the appropriation of funds to provide for the purchase of a wood chipper to allow for the chipping of wood and limb debris created by the routine landscaping and maintenance of private and commercial properties throughout the city, to provide for the construction of a sidewalk on the south side of 6th Street from Oak Street to Locus Street, to provide for the repair and maintenance of other sidewalks throughout the city, to provide for the purchase of a mosquito sprayer, instructing the City Secretary to make said amendment to the 2016-2017 budget and post this budget amendment ordinance online and to make it available to the public for review; and establishing an effective date.
4. Discuss and consider the approval of an ordinance amending the age of service for employees in the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS).
5. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance cancelling the May 6, 2017 City of Venus City Council general municipal election.
6. Discuss and consider approval of a resolution to amend the baseball park team rental fees.
7. Discuss and consider approval of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Venus, Texas, supporting House Bill 1427 which amends Section 41.005 of the Texas Utilities Code to clarify that a municipality may regulate the operations of an electric cooperative through the City's zoning ordinance which is a permissible public health, safety, or welfare regulation; providing for an immediate effective date.
8. Nominations and appointment of one vacant seat on the Venus Community Service Development Corporation.
9. Presentation of the Venus Police Department Racial Profiling Report by Captain James Groom.
10. 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

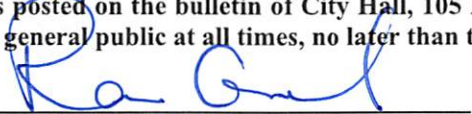
The City Council reserves the right to meet in a closed session on any of the following items should the need arise and if applicable, pursuant to authorization by TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations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

REGULAR SESSION

Consider action after reconvening into regular session.

Adjournment

I, Rana Gamel, City Secretary of the City of Venus, Texas, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin of City Hall, 105 East Hwy 67 E, Venus, Texas at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times, no later than the 8th day of March 2017 at or before 5:00PM.


Rana Gamel, City Secretary

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