



**-MINUTES-
VENUS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10, 2017**

A regular session of the Venus City Council was called to order in City of Venus Council Chambers, 103 West 3RD Street, on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM with a quorum present, to wit:

James Burgess	Mayor
Jeannie Prazak	Councilmember Place 1
Laurna Guidry-Shaw	Councilmember Place 2
Jeanie Toland-Scott	Mayor Pro Tem Place 3
Geronimo Hernandez	Councilmember Place 4
Wes Dady	Councilmember Place 5- <i>absent</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS BY THE MAYOR.

Mayor Burgess thanked the area pastors who came out Friday evening, July 7, 2017 to the Community Public Safety Prayer Service and help show support to the fallen officers around the country. Mayor Burgess stated he is honored and proud of the Venus Police Department.

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Mr. John Benjamin Clopton Jr. who resides at 8105 FM 157, Venus, Texas 76084. Mr. Clopton spoke in regards in regards to the July 10, 2017 regular agenda, Items 4 and 5. Mr. Clopton passed out a document that stated the appraised amount and spoke on matters of the property, 114 West Second Street. Clopton also spoke in opposition of the City of Venus' consideration of hiring a full-time Economic Development Director.
- Tom Durlington who resides in Alvarado, Texas, spoke in regards to the Old Settler's Reunion held on September 2nd through September 9th of 2017.
- Geronimo Hernandez who resides at 20 Venus Larue, Venus, Texas 76084, explained that he would be speaking on behalf of the Venus citizens that were present at the meeting. He stated he would be speaking in regards to garage sales, signs, and Code Enforcement.

PROCLAMATION

No proclamation presented

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JULY 10, 2017 VENUS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. RATIFY THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2017.

Councilmember Hernandez had a question regarding the payment for a roll-off on Bulldog Drive. City Secretary, Rana Gamel explained it was for the roll-off dumpster rented by the

company that is doing construction for the school. She explained the customer pays the city and the city pays the waste company. Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott to approve the consent agenda as stated. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearing was scheduled.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF CREATING AN EMERGENCY FUND ACCOUNT FOR THE CITY OF VENUS.

Mayor Burgess presented the item and asked City Administrator/Chief of Police, Michael Boese to explain. Councilmember Shaw made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak to approve item 1 as stated. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 2 DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINAL PLAT FOR AND ETJ PROPERTY LOCATED AT SWAIM ADDITION, LOT 1, BLOCK 1, 1.856 ACRES, GEOID 126.0025.06420 FOR LAURA PSENCIK.

Mayor Burgess presented the item and asked City Administrator/Chief of Police, Michael Boese to explain. Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve item 2 as stated. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 3 PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- **POLICE DEPARTMENT** –Captain James Groom
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT** –Fire Chief Allen.
- **PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER/SEWER** – Public Works Director Cesar Roca
- **ADMINISTRATION** - City Administrator Michael Boese

{Councilmember Hernandez requested that Items 6 and 7 be discussed prior to executive session. The Council agreed upon his request.}

ITEM 6 DISCUSS SIGN ORDINANCE- NO ACTION NEEDED

Councilmember Hernandez spoke on behalf of the citizens present at the council meeting, in regards to garage sale signs

ITEM 7 DISCUSS CODE ENFORCEMENT/WARRANT OFFICER- NO ACTION NEEDED

Item tabled.

{Recessed into Executive Session at 7:34 PM}

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- *Personnel Matters- Economic Development Director Position.*
- *GC § 551.072 – Deliberations regarding real property-regarding the city suite, 114 West second street, Venus, Texas 76084*

{Reconvened into Regular Session at 8:24 PM}

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 4 DISCUSS AND APPROVE CREATING A FULL-TIME ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR POSITION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.

Mayor Burgess presented the item. Councilmember Shaw made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak to approve item 1 as stated. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 5 APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 TO FUND A FULL-TIME ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR POSITION.

Mayor Burgess presented the item. Councilmember Shaw made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak to approve item 1 as stated. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

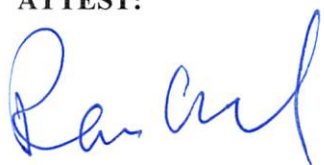
Action on matter discussed in Executive Session:

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak to award Monica Martinez the bid on the Property, 114 W. Second Street, lot 9, block 35, Venus, Texas through the sealed bid process. Motion passed (3,0) with 1 abstention-Scott

ADJOURNMENT

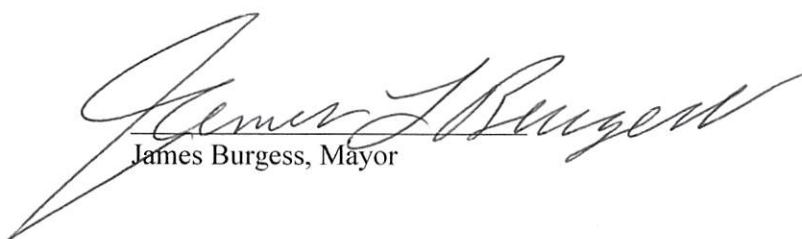
Mayor Burgess adjourned meeting at 8:51 PM

ATTEST:



Rana Gamel, City Secretary

APPROVED:



James Burgess, Mayor

