

**CITY OF VENUS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018**  
Council Chambers 103 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Venus, Texas 76084

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT**

James Burgess, Mayor  
Jeannie Prazak, Place 1  
Laurna Shaw, Place 2  
Jeanie Toland-Scott, Mayor Pro-Tem, Place 3  
Geronimo Hernandez, Place 4  
Robert McCurdy, Place 5

Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. followed by the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*None*

**CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

*None*

**PROCLAMATIONS**

*None*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*None*

**WORKSHOP**

- **DISCUSSION REGARDING STATE LAW IN REFERENCE TO CREATING A HOME RULE CHARTER**

City Attorney, Brenda McDonald explained the differences between General Law type A cities and Home Rule cities. There was a discussion over the benefits of becoming a Home Rule city and the differences between a strong Mayor and a Council/Manager form of government.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- **APPROVAL OF ALL MINUTES, AND RATIFYING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.**

Councilmember Prazak made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilmember McCurdy. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VENUS AND BLUESTEM HILLS ELLIS PARTNERS L.L.C. PENDING FINAL APPROVAL OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND CITY ATTORNEY.**

There was a discussion regarding the status of the creation of the Public Improvement District. City Attorney, Brenda McDonald explained there were some issues that needed to be negotiated. A

motion was made by Councilmember Shaw to approve the pending development agreement with recommendation from the City Administrator and City Attorney to negotiate on our behalf of the additional terms of the agreement. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

**2. DISCUSS THE POLICY ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS OF A HOME RULE ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF VENUS IN MAY OF 2019.**

Discussion took place during Home Rule Workshop. No action taken.

**3. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON A RESOLUTION DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE NUMBER OF INHABITANTS OF THE CITY OF VENUS.**

City Administrator, Michael Boese informed the Council there are 5,123 residents in the City of Venus and provided the data collected that produced the calculation. Councilmember Prazak made a motion to approve the item as presented, Resolution No. 31-2018-12. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

**4. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND ISSUING A CHARGE TO THE COMMISSION**

Councilmember Prazak made a motion to approve the item as presented, Resolution No. 32-2018-12. Seconded by Councilmember Shaw. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

**5. PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- **POLICE DEPARTMENT - CAPTAIN JAMES GROOM**-reported police activity
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT - CHIEF ALLEN** -reported fire activity
- **PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER/SEWER - PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, CESAR ROCA**-reported water/sewer and public works activity
- **ADMINISTRATION – CITY ADMINISTRATOR, MICHAEL BOESE**-spoke of residential development plans, working with adjacent cities on sewer pans.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*No Executive session.*

**ADJOURNMENT-7:15 PM**

**APPROVE:**

**ATTEST:**

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**James Burgess, Mayor**

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**Rana Gamel, City Secretary**