

**CITY OF VENUS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018
Council Chambers 103 W. 3rd Street
Venus, Texas 76084**

COUNCIL MEMBERS 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

Mayor Burgess announced sign-ups for city council are until February 15th by 5:00 p.m.

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Citizen, Linda Harris who resides at 120 Mt. Vernon Ln. Venus, Texas 76084 spoke in regards to accepting Venus going Home Rule. Mrs. Harris also spoke about the committee that helped put the Home Rule Charter together.

PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **APPROVAL OF ALL MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**
2. **RATIFYING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.**
Council Member Shaw had an inquiry regarding engineer fees and fiber optics. Administrative/Financial Assistant, Nathan Drambareanu explained it was a project that Venus ISD is doing that our Engineer had to approve. Council Member Prazak made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Shaw. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. **DISCUSS AND ACT UPON A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTIES, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD JOINTLY ON SATURDAY MAY 4, 2019 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND TWO (2)**

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, (PLACE 1, AND 2) TO THE VENUS CITY COUNCIL; APPROVING THE ELECTION ADMINISTRATION FOR JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTY; DESIGNATE THE LOCATION OF THE POLLING PLACES; PROVIDE EARLY VOTING INFORMATION; PROVIDE MAIL BALLOT REQUEST INFORMATION; ORDERING NOTICES OF ELECTION TO BE GIVEN AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ELECTION.

Council Member Shaw made a motion to approve item 2 as presented, Resolution 03-2019-02, seconded by Council Member McCurdy. Motion carried unanimously (5,0)

- 2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTIES, TEXAS CALLING/ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE CITY OF VENUS ON SATURDAY MAY 4, 2019, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ADOPTION OF A HOME RULE CHARTER; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERE TO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Burgess explained calling the Special Election for tonight's meeting, but it will be thoroughly discussed at the February 25th Special Meeting so council has more time to review the charter. Council Member Prazak made a motion to approve item 3 as presented, Ordinance 670-2019-02, seconded by Council Member Shaw, motion carried (4,1) with one against (Hernandez).

- 3. DISCUSS AND ACT UPON A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS, CONFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED COUNTY LINE LOFTS LTD. DEVELOPMENT LOCATED NORTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROAD 109 AND HARLEY MEADOWS CIRCLE, IN JOHNSON COUNTY, VENUS, TEXAS.**

Dan Allgeier, with Allgeier Development gave a presentation over a proposed development, County Line Loft. There was a discussion between Mr. Allgeier and the Council regarding market studies, eligibility to be a renter at the complex; the concern if the development were to be built, there would be too many children and not enough schools. Council Member McCurdy made a motion to approve the item as presented, Resolution 04-2019-02, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott. Motion carried (3,0) with 2 abstentions (Prazak)(Shaw)

- 4. A RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ORDERING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF SUCH DISTRICT.**

Council Member Shaw made a motion to approve the item as presented, Resolution 05-2019-02, seconded by Council Member Prazak. Motion carried unanimously (5,0)

- 5. A PRESENTATION GIVEN BY VENUS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SUPERINTENDENT, JAMES HOPPER REGARDING CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS OF VENUS ISD.**

Superintendent, James Hopper gave a presentation on the current activities and future plans for the Venus ISD.

6. PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- **POLICE DEPARTMENT - CAPTAIN JAMES GROOM-POLICE MONTHLY ACTIVITY**
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT - CHIEF ALLEN-MONTHLY FIRE ACTIVITY**
- **PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER/SEWER - PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, CESAR ROCA-WATER/SEWER AND PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**
- **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).

Reconvene into Regular Session

7. Act upon Executive Session Items if needed.

I. ADJOURNMENT: 8:10 p.m.