



**-MINUTES-**  
**Venus City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, February 12, 2018**

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Venus, Texas 76084 on Monday, March 5, 2018

James Burgess	Mayor
Jeannie Prazak	Councilmember Place 1
Laurna Guidry-Shaw	Councilmember Place 2
Jeanie Toland-Scott	Mayor Pro-Tem Place 3- <i>arrived at 7:02 PM</i>
Geronimo Hernandez	Councilmember Place 4- <i>Absent</i>
Robert McCurdy	Councilmember Place 5

**REGULAR AGENDA**

Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, then led the invocation, and the pledge of allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS BY THE MAYOR**

Mayor Burgess announced the sign up for the 2018 General Election. He recognized the Venus Court Clerk, Tara Sheppard for receiving recognition from the Texas Municipal Court Clerks Associations for the success of the Venus Neighborhood Night Out. He also explained the surveillance cameras in the park are for security and safety.

**CITIZENS PUBLIC COMMENT**

Amber Dady who resides at 307 S. Walnut Street and Ricardo Lopez who resides at 117 Mt. Vernon Lane, Venus, TX 76084, spoke regarding the fees for Fielder Park.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

*No Proclamations*

## **PUBLIC HEARING-7:14 PM**

- **LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION PUBLIC HEARING: OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF 13 BUILDINGS/PROPERTIES TO BE DESIGNATED LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS PER CHAPTER 34 OF THE VENUS CODE OF ORDINANCES.**

Mayor Burgess explained the reason for the Public Hearing. Citizens asked a few questions regarding future structures in the historic district and if there are any benefits to having the structures designated as historic.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFY THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FROM JANUARY.**

Mayor Burgess presented the consent agenda. Councilmember Prazak made a motion seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously (4,0).

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 623-2018-02 TO ACCEPT LANDOWNER OWEN K. CARTER'S REQUEST FOR A TRACT OF LAND TO BECOME A PART OF VENUS'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, NAMELY; A TRACT IDENTIFIED BY ELLIS COUNTY CAD NUMBER 00.4022.000.001.01.115.**

Mayor Burgess presented the item. Councilmember Prazak made a motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott to approve the item as stated at 7:24 PM. Motion carried unanimously (4,0).

2. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 624-2018-02 TO ACCEPT LANDOWNERS MITRA JAFARI AND DONOVAN INGERSOLL'S REQUEST FOR A TRACT OF LAND TO BECOME A PART OF VENUS'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, NAMELY; A TRACT IDENTIFIED BY ELLIS COUNTY CAD NUMBER 00.8438.903.001.00.115.**

Mayor Burgess presented the item. Councilmember Prazak made a motion seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the item as stated at 7:25 PM. Motion carried unanimously (4,0).

3. **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 ON SATURDAY MAY 5, 2018, TO SUBMIT A PROPOSITION TO REAUTHORIZE A QUARTER CENT SALES TAX FOR STREET MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERE TO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

4. **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 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD JOINTLY ON SATURDAY MAY 5, 2018 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A THREE (3) CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, (PLACES 3, 4, AND 5) TO THE VENUS CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY SECRETARY TO ENTER INTO A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE VENUS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION; DESIGNATING THE LOCATION OF THE POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING EARLY VOTING INFORMATION; PROVIDING MAIL BALLOT REQUEST INFORMATION; ORDERING NOTICES OF ELECTION TO BE GIVEN AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ELECTION.**

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

5. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTIES, TEXAS DESIGNATING 307 SOUTH WALNUT STREET, VENUS, TEXAS (FORMER METHODIST CHURCH) AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE VENUS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34.**

Councilmember McCurdy had a concern about the historical society. City Administrator/Chief of Police explained the board is made of the Council. Mayor Burgess explained the city wants to save the historical uniqueness and excellence of the community. Councilmembers were concerned how this would affect a property zoned residential. Staff explained it would only be structural. Mayor Burgess presented the item. Councilmember Shaw made a motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott to approve the item as stated. Motion carried unanimously (4,0).

6. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTIES, TEXAS DESIGNATING 203 SOUTH WALNUT STREET, VENUS, TEXAS (COUNTRY STORE) AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE VENUS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34.**

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

7. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTIES, TEXAS DESIGNATING 201 SOUTH WALNUT STREET, VENUS, TEXAS (BAPTIST CHURCH ANNEX) AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE VENUS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34.**

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

8. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AN OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTIES, TEXAS DESIGNATING 200 WEST SECOND STREET, VENUS, TEXAS (LONGHORN LOCKER) AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE VENUS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34.**

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

9. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTIES, TEXAS DESIGNATING 118 WEST SECOND STREET, VENUS, TEXAS (CASA JACARANDA) AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE VENUS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34.**

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

10. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTIES, TEXAS DESIGNATING 116 WEST SECOND STREET, VENUS, TEXAS (TAILGATE'S PAWN) AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE VENUS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34.**

Mayor Burgess presented the item. Councilmember Prazak made a motion seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the item as stated. Motion carried (3,0) 1 abstention (Scott).

11. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTIES, TEXAS DESIGNATING 114 WEST SECOND STREET, VENUS, TEXAS (CASA JACARANDA NEW SPACE) AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE VENUS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34.**

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

12. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTIES, TEXAS DESIGNATING 110 WEST SECOND STREET, VENUS, TEXAS (HARDWARE STORE) AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE VENUS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34.**

Mayor Burgess presented the item. Councilmember Prazak made a motion seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the item as stated at 7:25 PM. Motion carried unanimously (4,0).

**13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTIES, TEXAS DESIGNATING 108 WEST SECOND STREET, VENUS, TEXAS (PANDA LAND OFFICE) AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE VENUS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34.**

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

**14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTIES, TEXAS DESIGNATING 106 WEST SECOND STREET, VENUS, TEXAS (NO TURNING BACK MINISTRY) AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE VENUS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34.**

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

**15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTIES, TEXAS DESIGNATING 104 WEST SECOND STREET, VENUS, TEXAS (DAILY SUNRISE CAFÉ) AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE VENUS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34.**

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

**16. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTIES, TEXAS DESIGNATING 102 WEST SECOND STREET, VENUS, TEXAS (VENUS MASONIC LODGE) AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE VENUS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34.**

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

**17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTIES, TEXAS DESIGNATING 100 WEST SECOND STREET, VENUS, TEXAS (CORNER STORE) AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE VENUS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34.**

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

**18. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO FINALIZE GRANT FUNDING FOR THE RIFLE RESISTANT BODY ARMOR PROGRAM.**

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

**19. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY BY JOSH BROOKS ON REZONING A PROSPECTIVE DEVELOPMENT OF A MANUFACTURED HOME SUBDIVISION ON A TRACT OF LAND ON CR 214.**

**ITEM TABLED**

**20. 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**

*No Executive Session*

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ACTION TAKE AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*No Action needed*

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:11 PM**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Rana Gamel, City Secretary

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James Burgess, Mayor

