

**VENUS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019  
Council Chambers 103 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

*None*

**CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

*None*

**PROCLAMATIONS**

*None*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

*None*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. APPROVAL OF ALL MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.**
- 2. RATIFYING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.**

Council Member Prazak made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

**REGULAR AGENDA**

- 1. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ORDERING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF SUCH DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND CONTAINING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.**  
City Administrator, Michael Boese explained to Council the creation of the PID. Council Member Shaw made a motion to approve Resolution No. 01-2019-01 with the exception of the word acquisition, seconded by Council Member Prazak. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).
- 2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION GRANTING A PETITION FOR ANNEXATION FROM PROPERTY OWNER SALDENA PROPERTIES, LP, A TEXAS LIMITED**

**PARTNERSHIP, OF PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS AN 8.0 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF JOHNSON CAD PROPERTY ID 126.0026.00225, GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF FM 157 AND HWY 67 AND BEING SITUATED IN THE R. BERRY SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 26, JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS; SETTING A DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY BY THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY SECRETARY TO HAVE PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARINGS; AND DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF A SERVICE PLAN.**

The President of RKS Group, Broker spoke in regards to the Palladium Development. Ms. Schwimmer gave details to Council, explaining the development will be four, three story buildings. Mayor Pro-Tem Scott had concerns about the height of the building and the Venus Volunteer Fire Department having a ladder that would reach that high. Ms. Schwimmer explained there will be sprinklers installed inside every apartment. Council Member Prazak made a motion to approve Resolution 02-2019-01, seconded by Council Member McCurdy. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

**3. DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING A PRESENTATION BY FIRE CHIEF, RICHARD ALLEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A FULL-TIME FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FY 2020.**

Venus Volunteer Fire Chief, Richard Allen gave a presentation on the response times, total calls in the city limits, and the percentage of calls made in the past two years. City Administrator, Michael Boese asked how many of the calls were for EMS and how many were for fires. Chief Allen explained he would have to get back to him with the answer. Chief Allen gave a break down of calls by days and hours. There was a discussion among Council regarding the cost of a fire department. Mayor suggested Venus contract with Alvarado or Midlothian Fire Department for coverage in the city.

**4. DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING AN UPDATE FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY ON THE PROGRESS OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER COMMITTEE.**

City Attorney, Brenda McDonald went over the progress on the Home Rule Charter. Mayor asked if the council is able to make amendments to it. The City Attorney explained what they create is what the voter will vote on which would be final. Another election would have to be held in order to amend. It was recommended by the Attorney that the City hold community meetings so citizens can ask questions about the charter.

**5. 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-worked on residential development, recruited businesses for economic development, working with adjacent cities on waste water treatment and ETJ issues, worked on a fitness incentive program to be added to the HR Policy and Procedure Manual.

{Recessed into Executive Session at 8:18 PM}

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 551.072 deliberations about real property

{Recessed into Executive Session at 9:27 PM}

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ACTION TAKEN AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*No action*

**I. ADJOURNED 9:28 PM**

APPROVE: \_\_\_\_\_  
James Burgess, Mayor

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rana Gamel, City Secretary