

**CITY OF VENUS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 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.

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Burgess announced the completion of Fielder Park renovations.

**II. CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

*None*

**III. PROCLAMATIONS**

*None*

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING**

- **CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF VENUS PROPOSED FY 2018-2019 BUDGET.**  
No one spoke
  
- **CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED FY 2018-2019 TAX RATE.**  
**THE GOVERNING BODY OF CITY OF VENUS PROPOSES TO USE REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE TAX RATE INCREASE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING DEBT, PURCHASING NEW EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS OTHER INCREASED EXPENSES RELATED TO THE GROWTH OF THE COMMUNITY.**

<b>PROPOSED TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$0.899918 PER \$100</b>
<b>PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$0.879918 PER \$100</b>
<b>EFFECTIVE TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$0.855061 PER \$100</b>
<b>ROLLBACK TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$1.084522 PER \$100</b>

Mayor explained Council wants to pass the preceding years tax rate. Council thanked the City staff for their hard work on putting the budget together.

V. **PROCLAMATIONS- no proclamations**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

{recessed into Executive Session at 7:17 PM}

*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).*

**551.074 Personnel Matters-Appointing City Attorney with the Law Firm of Messer, Rockefeller, and Fort.**  
{reconvened into Regular Session at 7:48 PM}

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ACTION TAKEN AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

Councilmember Shaw made a motion, to appoint Brenda McDonald with law firm, Messer, Rockefeller, and Fort, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

- **MAYOR BURGESS ADMINISTERS OATH OF OFFICE TO BRENDA MCDONALD, THE NEWLY APPOINTED CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF VENUS.**  
Newly appointed City Attorney, Brenda McDonald; joined the dais.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

- **APPROVAL OF THE ALL MINUTES AND RATIFY THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.**  
Councilmember Prazak made a motion, to approve the consent agenda as stated, seconded by Councilmember Shaw. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

**REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS 2018-19 FY BUDGET BY RECORD VOTE.**

Councilmember Prazak made a motion to approve Ordinance 662-2018-09 to adopt the City of Venus FY 2018-2019 budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than the previous year; and provide for an effective date. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Shaw. Motion carried unanimously by a record vote as following:

**COUNCILMEMBER PRAZAK AYE**

**COUNCILMEMBER SHAW AYE**

**MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT AYE**

**COUNCILMEMBER HERNANDEZ AYE**

**COUNCILMEMBER MCCURDY AYE** (5,0)

**2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS FY 2018-19 BUDGET THAT WILL REQUIRE RAISING MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN THE PREVIOUS YEAR; AND PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Councilmember Shaw made a motion to approve item as stated, Ordinance 663-2018-09. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Prazak. Motion carried unanimously. (5,0)

**3. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDING A PARKS AND RECREATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 24; ARTICLE 2.**

Chief of Police/City Administrator, Mike Boese explained to council the ordinance is to help enforce regulations to keep the City parks in order. Councilmember Shaw made a motion to approve item as stated, Ordinance 664-2018-09. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Prazak. Motion carried unanimously. (5,0)

**4. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL AWARDING THE BID FOR STREET CONSTRUCTION INCLUDING BULLDOG DRIVE, STUDENT DRIVE, AND 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET.**

City Engineer with Birkhoff, Hendricks, and Carter, LLP, Craig Kerkhoff presented the bid recommendation by himself and the City staff. Mr. Kerkhoff explained Ed Bell Construction was the lowest bid. There was a discussion regarding what street material would be used on the road construction, the drainage, and the width of the streets. Councilmember Prazak made a motion to award Ed Bell Construction to reconstruct Bulldog Drive, Student Drive, and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Shaw. Motion carried unanimously. (5,0)

**5. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING 2018 ATMOS ENERGY RRM FILING RATE GOING INTO EFFECT OCTOBER 1, 2018.**

Councilmember Prazak made a motion to approve item as stated, Resolution 22-2018-09. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCurdy. Motion carried unanimously. (5,0)

**6. 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**

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:35 PM**

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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James Burgess, Mayor

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Rana Gamel, City Secretary