

**VENUS CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019**

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

None

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Darren Halbert who resides at 1326 E. CR 109, Venus, Texas 76084 located in the ETJ spoke in regards to the Chisolm Trail Batch Plant and what effects it would have on the property owners. Mr. Halbert was advised to wait until the public hearing started.
- J.B. Clopton Jr. who resides in at 810 S. FM 157, Venus, Texas 76084 in the ETJ spoke regarding the planning and zoning in Venus.

I. PROCLAMATIONS

- Mayor Burgess proclaimed May 1, 2019 the official Venus Class of 2019 Decision Day.
- Mayor Burgess proclaimed the month of April Child Abuse Prevention Month.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION REGARDING A ZONING CHANGE FROM AN AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION TO A MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING CLASSIFICATION ON THE PROPERTY OF APPROXIMATELY AN 8-ACRE TRACT OUT OF JOHNSON CAD PROPERTY ID 126.0026.00225, GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF COUNTY ROAD 620 AND FM 157, VENUS, JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS, PALLADIUM VENUS, LTD.**

Council Member Hernandez asked about the owner of the property City Administrator, Michael Boese explained Palladium has a contract with Saldelina Properties.

2. **CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION REGARDING A ZONING CHANGE FROM AN AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION TO A HEAVY INDUSTRIAL ZONING CLASSIFICATION ON THE PROPERTY OF APPROXIMATELY 16 ACRES LOCATED AT 1115 EAST COUNTY ROAD 109,**

VENUS, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, GEO NUMBER 85.0042.000.066.00.108, CHISOLM TRAIL REID-MIX CONCRETE BATCH PLANT.

Robert Ross with Chisolm Trail Redi-Mix Concrete Batch Plant spoke explaining the benefits of what the batch plant would bring to Venus such as sales tax and it will create new jobs. Jess and Linda Boyston who reside at 1329 E CR 109 in Venus ETJ; Darren and Theresa Halbert who reside at 1326 E CR 109 in Venus ETJ; Tiffany Kaptchinskie who resides at 1336 E CR 109 in Venus ETJ all expressed concerns regarding road conditions, trucks running at night and stirring up the dogs which would cause neighbors to complain. There were also concerns about the trucks driving on the roads that have gas and water lines underneath them and the destruction of the roads because there is a weight limit which could cause the bridge to collapse. All of the residents were concerned about the truck being in the residential area and the safety of the children with the big trucks driving by as well as the trucks going into the ditch. Robert Ross spoke and addressed some the concerns the residents on CR 109 had. He explained safety is a major priority.

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

None

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

{Recessed into Executive Session at 7:54 PM. Mayor Burgess returned to the dais 7:55 PM to explain the Executive Session and recessed again at 7:56 PM}

TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with attorney)

- ***Construction of Duplex located at 300 West 2nd Street, Venus, Texas 76084.***
- ***Annexation of County Roads.***

Reconvene into Regular Session - 8:55 PM

No action was taken.

V. ADJOURNMENT - 8:56 PM

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
