

**CITY OF VENUS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 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 - *absent*
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 welcomed everyone.

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- J.B. Clopton Jr. who resides in the Venus ETJ at 810 South FM 157, Venus, Texas 76084 spoke in regards to the no complaint status against Venus Police Officers given in February 2018. He explained he recalled a complaint he had given back in 2018 involving body cameras.
- Barbara Clopton who resides in the Venus ETJ at 810 South FM 157, Venus, Texas 76084 spoke in regards to loose dogs in the city.

I. PROCLAMATIONS

- Mayor Burgess proclaimed the month of April Motorcycle Safety and Awareness.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Councilmember Prazak made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Councilmember Shaw. Motion carried (4,0).

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1. DISCUSS POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE VENUS GARAGE SALE ORDINANCE, SECTION 10-84 AND VENUS SIGN ORDINANCE SECTION 20-9 & 20-11.**

Council Member Prazak explained citizens had been asking her questions regarding garage sale signs. She requested that the Garage Sale Ordinance be amended to allow a citizen to place a garage sale sign in another fellow citizen's yard with their permission. The Council discussed if the ordinance is amended there should be a time limit for how long a sign remains.

They agreed that 4 garage sale signs can be put in other fellow property owner's yards with permission, 4 times a year which does include Antique Alley twice a year with no permit fee along with another two where a permit fee will apply for each. City Administrator, Michael Boese explained the Sign Ordinance would need to be amended as well to make sure it states the above amendments will be for garage sale signs only. Council directed the city attorney to draft amendments to the garage sale and sign ordinance to reflect the changes for future council consideration.

2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE VOLUNTARILY ANNEXING A PROPERTY INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF VENUS, TEXAS LOCATED IN JOHNSON COUNTY, CAD PROPERTY ID 95750.

There was a discussion on the location, the current zoning and the rezoning after annexation of the property. Council Member Shaw made a motion to approve the item as stated, Ordinance 674-2019-04, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott. Motion carried (4, 0).

3. DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AMENDING THE CITY OF VENUS SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE.

City Administrator, Michael Boese explained the previous contract for waste collection was up so when staff went over bids the bid that was chose was the lowest even with rates increasing. The City was able to lower the administrative fee by 4%. Council Member Shaw made a motion to approve Ordinance 675-2019-04, seconded by Council Member Prazak. Motion passed (4,0)

4. DISCUSS AND ACT UPON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE.

Council Member Prazak made a motion to approve Resolution 09-2019-10, seconded by Council Member Shaw. Motion carried (4,0).

5. DISCUSS AND ACT UPON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE ONCOR CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE.

Council Member Prazak made a motion to approve Resolution 10-2019-10, seconded by Council Member Shaw. Motion carried (4,0).

6. PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- **POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Captain James Groom - Monthly Police Activity
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Chief Allen was absent. City Administrator, Michael Boese gave the monthly fire activity report.
- **PUBLIC WORKS** – City Administrator, Michael Boese monthly Water/Sewer and Public Works activity.
- **ADMINISTRATION** – City Administrator, Michael Boese monthly Administration activity.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session

Mayor announced there would be a Special Meeting April 22nd at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment-7:35 PM

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
