

**CITY OF VENUS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 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**

Mayor announced there would be a Special Called Meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March at 6:30pm.

**CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Benjamin Clopton who resides at 810 S. FM 157, located in the Venus ETJ spoke in regards to the public sidewalks and the thoroughfares and sidewalk.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

*None*

**I. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

(Open First Public Hearing) 7:06pm

**1<sup>ST</sup> PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION BY THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS OF CERTAIN PROPERTY: JOHNSON CAD PROPERTY ID 95750, GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF E 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NORTH OF E COUNTY ROAD 109 AND EAST OF WHEAT VALLEY BOULEVARD AND BEING AN APPROXIMATE 17.35-ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE WILLIAM HILL SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 379, JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS.**

Councilmember Hernandez asked the Mayor to explain the voluntary annexation process for the citizens.

(Close First Public Hearing) 7:09pm

(Open Second Public Hearing) 7:09 pm

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION BY THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS OF CERTAIN PROPERTY: JOHNSON CAD PROPERTY ID 95750, GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF E 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NORTH OF E COUNTY ROAD 109 AND EAST OF WHEAT VALLEY BOULEVARD AND BEING AN APPROXIMATE**

**17.35-ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE WILLIAM HILL SURVEY,  
ABSTRACT NO. 379, JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS.**

No comments were made

(Close Second Public Hearing) 7:10 pm

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Councilmember Prazak made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Councilmember Shaw. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

**II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- **DISCUSS AND APPROVE AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES.**

Mayor Burgess presented the item and asked City Administrator, Mike Boese to explain the bids submitted by two solid waste companies, Frontier Waste and Waste Connections. Tim Henderson and John Gustevson, with Frontier Waste, introduced themselves. Following after Frontier, Kevin Seals, with Waste Connections got up to speak and introduce himself. There was a discussion between each company and the Council with questions regarding educating the citizens on recyclables. Mike Boese then gave the staff recommendations of bid B with Frontier Waste Solutions. He explained the benefits regarding the bulk pick up that is included in the bid with Frontier and how it will be helpful to our citizens, especially the elderly who cannot lift heavy items onto a vehicle to take it to a landfill. Councilmember Prazak made a motion to approve awarding the contract for solid waste collection and disposal services to Frontier Waste Solutions. Seconded by Councilmember Shaw. Motion carried with (3,2). (Hernandez and McCurdy)

- **PRESENTATION OF THE 2018 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT FOR THE VENUS POLICE DEPARTMENT AS PRESENTED BY CAPTAIN JAMES GROOM.**

Mayor Burgess presented the item. Chief Boese thanked Captain James Groom for doing such a great job with Racial Profiling Report. Captain Groom went over the report. He thanked the Police Department for having 0 formal complaints in 2018.

- **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS DETERMINING THE COSTS OF CERTAIN AUTHORIZED IMPROVEMENTS TO BE FINANCED BY THE BLUESTEM HILLS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1; APPROVING A PRELIMINARY SERVICE PLAN AND ASSESSMENT PLAN, INCLUDING PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ROLLS; CALLING A SPECIAL MEETING AND NOTICING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 25, 2019 TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE BLUESTEM HILLS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1; DIRECTING THE FILING OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ROLLS WITH THE CITY SECRETARY TO MAKE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION; DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO PUBLISH AND MAIL NOTICE OF SAID PUBLIC HEARING; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO.**

Mayor Burgess presented the item and asked Mike Boese to explain the process with the Public Improving District. Boese explained there are no third parties involved, it is the developers own money on the line. Everything was reviewed and signed off by the bond council and the financial advisor from Hilltop Securities. A motion was made by Councilmember Prazak to approve the item

as stated, Resolution 09-2019-03, seconded by Councilmember Shaw. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

- **PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**
  - **POLICE DEPARTMENT - CAPTAIN JAMES GROOM - MONTHLY POLICE ACTIVITY**
  - **FIRE DEPARTMENT - CHIEF ALLEN - MONTHLY FIRE ACTIVITY**
  - **PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER/SEWER - PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, CESAR ROCA - MONTHLY WATER/SEWER AND PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES**
  - **ADMINISTRATION – ADMINISTRATION MONTHLY ACTIVITY - CITY ADMINISTRATOR, MICHAEL BOESE**

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session

**RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION**

- **ACT UPON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS IF NEEDED.**

**IV. ADJOURNMENT – 8:10 pm**

**APPROVED**

**ATTEST:**

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James Burgess, Mayor

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Rana Gamel, City Secretary