

**CITY OF VENUS CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, June 17, 2019  
Council Chambers 103 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Venus, Texas 76084**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

James Burgess, Mayor  
Jeannie Prazak, Place 1  
Linda Harris, Place 2  
Jeanie Toland-Scott, Place 3  
Geronimo Hernandez, Place 4  
Robert McCurdy, Mayor Pro-Tem, Place 5

Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM followed by the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

J.B. Clopton who resides at 810 S FM 157 in the Venus ETJ spoke about the notice on the public comment period in regards to directing comments towards staff and council. Clopton spoke on the issues with planning and zoning. Mr. Clopton also commended Mr. Cook, the Community Development Director.

David Bell who resides 402 Walnut, Venus, Texas spoke in regards to the zoning of the duplex and the variance.

Ronald Lewis who resides at 101 S. Locust St. Venus, Texas 76084 spoke in regards to the duplex structure. He was concerned about where the water will go and if it will flood the other homes.

**I. PROCLAMATIONS-*none***

**II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**1. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON GRANTING A VARIANCE OF THE RESIDENTIAL SETBACK LINES IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 26-107 TABEL AS REQUESTED BY CHAMBERS CREEK HOLDINGS LLC ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON AT 300 W 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET.**

There was a discussion regarding the address of the duplex. Mayor recommended the council not approve the variance. Hernandez said he went and took measurement. There

was a discussion on drainage and the delay of the construction of the duplex. There was a discussion on making stipulations on the drainage and privacy fence if the variance is approved. A suggestion was made by Ron Lewis to table the item to gather more information before destruction of the duplex. It was pointed out by Councilmember Prazak the Allen's stopped building even though they could have continued. She asked for the City Administrator, Mike Boese's recommendations. Mr. Boese explained the engineer reviewed the plat and the inspectors approved after checking the drainage. Councilmember Hernandez made a motion not to grant the variance, seconded by Councilmember Scott. Motion denied (2,3) McCurdy, Harris, and Prazak opposed. Prazak then made a motion to table until next Venus regular meeting on July 8, 2019, seconded by councilmember Harris. Motion carried (3,2) Hernandez, Scott opposed.

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION***-none*

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**-7:18 PM

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Rana Gamel, City Secretary

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James Burgess, Mayor