

MONDAY DECEMBER 8, 2014

7:00 P.M.

VENUS COUNCIL CHAMBERS

103 W. 3RD STREET

VENUS, TEXAS 76084

THE CITY COUNCIL MAY CONDUCT A CLOSED MEETING AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF ITS ATTORNEY ON LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING ANY MATTER LISTED ON TODAY'S CITY COUNCIL AGENDA.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR JAMES BURGESS
COUNCIL PERSON JEANNIE PRAZAK
COUNCIL PERSON KRIS SHELMAN
COUNCIL PERSON JUDY FAULKNER
COUNCIL PERSON WESLEY DADY

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

APRIL STOLL, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
R.L. YOUNG, CHIEF OF POLICE
CESAR ROCA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
VICKI THOMPSON, CITY SECRETARY
CASS CALLAWAY, CITY ATTORNEY

- 1. INVOCATION**
- 2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
- 3. CALL SESSION TO ORDER**
- 4. ROLL CALL**

WITH A QUOROM OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT, THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF THE VENUS CITY COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR JAMES BURGESS AT 7:03 PM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM AT 103 W. THIRD ST, VENUS, TEXAS.

- 5. ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS OR PRESENTATIONS BY THE MAYOR.**
 - A) Cell phones are to be turned off or placed on vibrate only.
 - B) No conversation or comment from the audience is permitted unless specifically called upon by the Mayor. Please remain respectfully quiet.
 - C) Issuance of Statement of Appointed Officer and Oath of Office to City Administrator April Stoll.

CITY SECRETARY, VICKI THOMPSON ISSUED THE STATEMENT OF OFFICER AND OATH OF OFFICE TO CITY ADMINISTRATOR, APRIL STOLL.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

- > Citizens may sign up before the meeting begins and will allowed up to 5 minutes to address the Mayor and Council. No personal attacks on any elected official or city employee will be allowed.

NO ONE SPOKE DURING THE PUBLIC FORUM.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 7. ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL NOT BE SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.**
- 8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2014 PUBLIC HEARING AND THE NOVEMBER 10, 2014 REGULAR MEETING.**
- 9. APPROVAL OF THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT.**

MOTION: UPON A MOTION BY MS. PRAZAK AND A SECOND BY MS. FAULKNER, THE COUNCIL VOTED FOUR (4) FOR AND NONE (0) OPPOSED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. PRESENTATION BY THE HIGH SCHOOL FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS.

ZORANA DULOVIC AND DARIA SERVATYUK MADE PRESENTATIONS ABOUT THEIR COUNTRIES.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF SELLING THE 1996 INTERNATIONAL FIRE TRUCK AS PRESENTED BY CHIEF RICHARD ALLEN.

MOTION: UPON A MOTION BY MS. FAULKNER AND A SECOND BY MS. PRAZAK, THE COUNCIL VOTED FOUR (4) FOR AND NONE (0) OPPOSED TO APPROVE THE SALE OF THE 1996 INTERNATIONAL FIRE TRUCK. THE MOTION CARRIED.

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION ON ROADS, WATER AND SEWER AS PRESENTED

BY JOSH BROOKS REGARDING THE WINDY MEADOWS PROJECT.

ITEM TABLED-MR. BROOKS WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING.

- 13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE CITY OF VENUS AND MOUNTAIN PEAK WATER AS PRESENTED BY JOSH BROOKS.**

ITEM TABLED-MR. BROOKS WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING.

- 14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CITY OF VENUS ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MOUNTAIN PEAK WATER TO A WATER RIGHTS LAND SWAP.**

ITEM TABLES-MR. BROOKS WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING.

- 15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADOPTING AN OFFICIAL PHRASE TO BE ADDED BELOW THE OFFICIAL CITY LOGO FOR THE CITY OF VENUS. PHRASE UNDER CONSIDERATION IS "VENUS, BEST PLANET ON EARTH". OTHER OPTIONS MAY BE PRESENTED AND CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL.**

ITEM TABLED PENDING SURVEY RESULTS.

- 16. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CITY OF VENUS HOSTING A CITY EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY.**

MOTION: UPON A MOTION BY MR. SHELMAN AND A SECOND BY MS. FAULKNER, THE COUNCIL VOTED FOUR (4) FOR AND NONE (0) OPPOSED TO HOST A FULLY CATERED MEAL FOR THE CITY EMPLOYEES ON DECEMBER 13, 2014 AT 7PM AT THE VENUS COMMUNITY CENTER. THE MOTION CARRIED.

- 17. DISSUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CITY OF VENUS SETTING AND PRIORITIZING GOALS FOR THE CITY OF VENUS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR 2015.**

MS. FAULKNER WOULD LIKE TO SEE LIGHTS ON THE SQUARE AND COMPLETE THE AWNING ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE SQUARE.

MR. DADY HAD NO REQUESTS.

MR. SHELMAN HAD NO REQUESTS.

MS. PRAZAK HAD NO REQUESTS.

MAYOR BURGESS WOULD LIKE TO SEE LIGHTS ON THE SQUARE; LOOK AT A LARGER BUILDING FOR CITY HALL AND POSSIBLY HAVING IT NEAR THE SQUARE AND INCREASING CITY STAFF.

18. PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CESAR ROCA AND CHIEF OF POLICE R.L. YOUNG.

MR. ROCA PRESENTED HIS REPORT WITH NO ADDITIONAL ITEMS.

CHIEF YOUNG PRESENTED HIS REPORT ADDING THAT HE WOULD WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK FIRE CHIEF ALLEN AND HIS WIFE FOR ORGANIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE TOYS THAT WERE COLLECTED AT THE TOY RUN. HE ALSO NOTED THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN MEDICAL CALLS WHICH HAS REQUIRED THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS ASSITANCE.

19. THE CITY COUNCIL MAY MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS PERMITTED BY SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE AND FOR THE PURPOSE AS FOLLOWS:

A) SECTION 551.071: CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING POSSIBLE LITIGATION

B) ADJOURNMENT

THERE WAS NO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

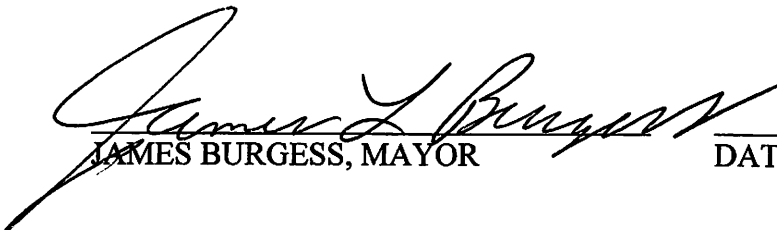
20. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

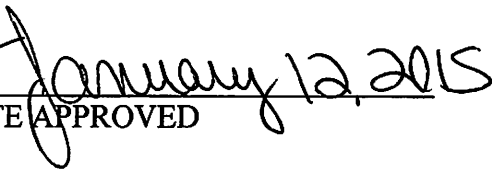
THERE WAS NO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

21. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: UPON A MOTION BY MS. PRAZAK AND A SECOND BY MR. DADY, THE COUNCIL VOTED FOUR (4) FOR AND NONE (0) OPPOSED TO ADJOURN THE DECEMBER 8, 2014 REGULAR MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED. MAYOR BURGESS ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:30 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


JAMES BURGESS, MAYOR


DATE APPROVED

ATTEST:

VICKI THOMPSON, CITY SECRETARY

