

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 13, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular session of the City Council was called to order Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:02 PM with a quorum present, to wit:

James Burgess	Mayor
Geronimo Hernandez	Mayor Pro Tem
Jeannie Prazak	Councilmember
Kris Shelman	Councilmember
Judy Faulkner	Councilmember
Wes Dady	Councilmember

The Invocation was given by Mayor Burgess. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Burgess announced that the May City Council meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM in order to conduct the Canvass the votes for the General Election.

III. CITIZEN VISITOR COMMENTS

Charles Bethards addressed Council and the public regarding the Lions Club and a meeting scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2015 at the Venus Civic Center at 6:30 PM.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 1. Approval of the minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting held on March 9, 2014.

ITEM 2. Ratify the payment of the bills for the month of March 2015.

ITEM 3. Approval of Resolution No. 05-2015, regarding a contract for the purpose of financing a vehicle to be used as a utility truck by City staff.

ITEM 4. Approval of Resolution No. 07-2015, adding City Administrator April Stoll and City Secretary Angie Wade as Authorized Representatives of the City of Venus on the TexPool accounts.

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez, to approve the Consent Agenda. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

V. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

ITEM 5. Discussion and possible approval of a preliminary plat and construction plans for Meadow Ridge III.

Mr. Dwayne Hill addressed Council regarding the submitted preliminary plat and plans. Discussion ensued regarding sidewalks, fencing, and manholes.

Councilmember Dady made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shelman, to approve the preliminary plat and construction plans for Meadow Ridge III. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

ITEM 6. Discussion and possible action regarding mosquito spraying.

Council received presentations for mosquito treatment from Mr. Mashburn with Cantu Pest Control; Mr. Zandt with Vector Disease Control; and Mr. Prather with Municipal Mosquito. Options were presented along with pricing. Municipal Mosquito presented an option which including serving as a consultant; educating and certifying city staff to do fogging themselves with City equipment; trapping and testing mosquitos; calibrating the City's truck and equipment; and disease response fogging if necessary. Attachment B was presented with pricing for the stated services as follows: 1) Adult Mosquito Surveillance – Reiter Gravid Traps, \$105.00 per trap; 2) rt-RTPCR Disease Testing – per mosquito pool (50 mosq), \$50.00 per pool; Disease Response ULV Fogging – per linear mile, \$42.00 per mile (\$335.00 minimum charge); and 2015 Mosquito Season Consultant Fee (as part of “B”), \$400.00.

Councilmember Dady made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez, to approve a contract with Municipal Mosquito, Attachment B, for the treatment of mosquitos in the City of Venus. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

ITEM 7. Discussion and possible action regarding the retaining wall for Meadow Ridge I and II.

Council and staff discussed options for repairing/replacing the retaining walls for Meadow Ridge I and II including the instability of the current wall; property lines regarding ownership of the wall; financial responsibility for tear down and replacement; safety concerns with leaving wall as is; current ordinance restrictions; and City's options. A recommendation was made to table the item until additional information can be obtained.

ITEM 8. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance No. 401-2015, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Venus, Texas, ordering the amendment of Chapter 10, Businesses and Business Regulations, to add Article V, Sexually Oriented Businesses, to the City of Venus Code of Ordinances.

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Faulkner to approve Ordinance No. 401-2015, ordering the amendment of Chapter 10, Businesses and Business Regulations, to add Article V, Sexually Oriented Businesses, to the City of Venus Code of Ordinances. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

ITEM 9. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution No. 06-2015, creating a Master Fee Schedule.

Councilmember Faulkner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak, to approve Resolution No. 06-2015, creating a Master Fee Schedule. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

ITEM 10. Discussion and possible action regarding the City roads rehabilitation project.

Public Works Director Cesar Roca discussed the conditions of City of Venus roads and options for repair. Priorities were set for CR109, Walnut, Hickory, and W 3rd. Available funds were addressed as well as options such as an offer from Johnson County to chip and seal CR109 for an estimated \$125,000. Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shelman to accept Mr. Roca's recommendations for road repairs with priorities being CR109, Walnut, Hickory, and W. 3rd. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

ITEM 11. Discussion and possible action regarding closing City Hall at 5:45 PM, Monday thru Friday.

City Secretary Angie Wade addressed Council regarding overtime being caused by the time necessary to close out work for Utility Billing and Court. Staff will look at staggered hours in order to avoid closing early. No action taken.

ITEM 12. Presentation of monthly department reports from City Administrator April Stoll, Public Works Director Cesar Roca, and Chief of Police R.L. Young.

Reports by staff were submitted to Council.

ITEM 13. Discuss and consider approval of Election Judge Linda Taylor, Alternate Judge Carolyn Cross and Election Clerks Tanya Brooks and Diane Owens for the May 9, 2015 General Election.

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez, to approve Election Judge Linda Taylor, Alternate Judge Carolyn Cross and Election Clerks Tanya Brooks and Diane Owens for the May 9, 2015 General Election. A vote was cast, 4 in favor, 1 against (Faulkner). Motion passed.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 9:40 PM.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY