

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
JANUARY 11, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular session of the City Council was called to order Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:04 PM with a quorum present, to wit:

James Burgess	Mayor
Wes Dady	Mayor Pro Tem
Jeannie Prazak	Councilmember
Robert Wood	Councilmember
Jeanie Toland-Scott	Councilmember
Geronimo Hernandez	Councilmember

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Burgess presented Betty Pruitt with a Community Involvement Civic Achievement Award for her work on the Christmas Toy Drive.

**CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No one spoke.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ITEM 1. Approval of the minutes for the December 15, 2015 City Council Regular City.**

**ITEM 2. Ratify the payment of the bills for the month of December 2015.**

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

**INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**3. Receive a presentation from James Yu with Pape-Dawson Engineers for Patriot Estates Phase 6.**

A presentation was given by James Yu with Pape-Dawson Engineers for Patriot Estates Phase 6. Discussion included drainage problems; access to Hwy. 67; and curvature of roads. No action taken.

**4. Discuss and consider approval of sharing the cost to purchase Fire Apparatus as presented by Fire Chief Allen.**

Fire Chief Allen addressed Council regarding the need for new Fire Department apparatus, requesting a cost share from the City. Discussion included the condition of the current fleet; approximate cost; and time-frame for purchase. No action taken.

**5. Discuss and consider adoption of an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Venus, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bond, Series 2016, levying an annual ad valorem tax for the payment of said bond, and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Prazak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dady, to approve an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Venus, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bond, Series 2016, levying an annual ad valorem tax for the payment of said bond, and enacting other provisions relating to the subject. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**6. Acceptance and approval of an engagement letter retaining McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P. as Bond Council to the City of Venus, Texas in connection with the issuance of a bond refinancing the Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2005 and the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2009.**

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dady, to approve an engagement letter retaining McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P. as Bond Council to the City of Venus, Texas. A vote was cast 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

{Council recessed at 7:50 PM}  
{Council reconvened at 8:08 PM}

**7. Discuss the current issues relating to the enforcement and investigation of loud noise and barking dog complaints as presented by city staff (Chief Mike Boese and Code Enforcement Officer James Halstad) and to hear their recommendations for changes to the VENUS CODE OF ORDINANCES to address said issues.**

No action.

**8. Discussion and possible action on whether to accept or reject landowner Freddie M. Cooper's request for one tract of land to become a part of Venus' extraterritorial jurisdiction, namely; tracts identified by Johnson County CAD numbers 126.0913.00020, and if accepted, discussion and possible action adopting Ordinance 418-2016 to specifically and officially memorialize the acceptance.**

Councilmember Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak, to approve landowner Freddie M. Cooper's request for one tract of land to become a part of Venus' extraterritorial jurisdiction, namely; tracts identified by Johnson County CAD numbers 126.0913.00020, and if accepted, discussion and possible action adopting Ordinance 418-2016 to specifically and officially memorialize the acceptance. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**9. Discussion and possible action on whether to accept or reject landowner John McKinney Jr's request for two tracts of land to become a part of Venus' extraterritorial jurisdiction, namely; tracts identified by Johnson County CAD numbers 126.0327.00040 and 126.0092.00020, and if accepted, discussion and possible action adopting Ordinance 419-2016 to specifically and officially memorialize the acceptance.**

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Scott, to approve landowner John McKinney Jr's request for two tracts of land to become a part of Venus' extraterritorial jurisdiction, namely; tracts identified by Johnson County CAD numbers 126.0327.00040 and 126.0092.00020, and if accepted, discussion and possible action adopting Ordinance 419-2016 to specifically and officially memorialize the acceptance. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**10. Discussion and possible action on whether to accept or reject landowner William J. Rea's request for one tract of land to become a part of Venus' extraterritorial jurisdiction, namely; a tract identified by Johnson County CAD number 126.0025.06410, and if accepted, discussion and possible action adopting Ordinance 420-2016 to specifically and officially memorialize the acceptance.**

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dady, to approve landowner William J. Rea's request for one tract of land to become a part of Venus' extraterritorial jurisdiction, namely; a tract identified by Johnson County CAD number 126.0025.06410, and if accepted, discussion and possible action adopting Ordinance 420-2016 to specifically and officially memorialize the acceptance. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**11. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 421-2016, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Venus, Texas ordering the amendment of Chapter 10 – Business and Business Regulation, Article VII. Metal Recycling Entities, Section 10-302 Application for License, to delete the Water System approval requirement for license applications; confirming Texas Open Meetings Act compliance, providing a severability clause, providing a repealer clause, providing a publication clause, providing an effective date, and providing a certification of adoption.**

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak, to approve Ordinance 421-2016, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Venus, Texas ordering the amendment of Chapter 10 – Business and Business Regulation, Article VII. Metal Recycling Entities, Section 10-302 Application for License, to delete the Water System approval requirement for license applications. A vote was cast 5 favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**12. Discuss and consider approval of updates to the City of Venus Employee Handbook.**

Councilmember Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak, to approve the updates to the City of Venus Employee Handbook as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Accrued per month</u>	<u>Annually</u>	<u>Cap</u>
0 – 7	6.67	80	160
8 – 11	10	120	200
12 +	13.34	160	220

Vacation Leave is available after 6 months of service. Accrued hours will not be paid if termination occurs prior to one year of service.

A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**13. Receive clarification on direction to staff to auction the Public Works diesel truck.**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dady, seconded by Councilmember Scott, to keep the Public Works diesel truck for use by the Animal Control/Code Enforcement Officer. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**14. Presentation of monthly department reports:**

- **Police Department - Chief Boese**
- **Public Works and Water/Sewer - Public Works Director Cesar Roca**
- **Administration - City Administrator April Stoll**

{Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:32 PM}

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- **GC §551.072 – Deliberations regarding Real Property**  
*Joshua Evans vs. City of Venus; Cause No. C-2014-00207*

{Council reconvened into Open Session at 10:20 PM}

**Reconvene into regular session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in executive session.**

Mayor Pro Tem Dady made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak, to direct staff to go forward with negotiations as discussed in Executive Session. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**ADJOURMENT**

Council adjourned at 10:22 PM.

**APPROVED:**

*Carman L. Buzen*  
**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

*[Signature]*  
**CITY SECRETARY**