



**VENUS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF VENUS COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
103 WEST 3<sup>RD</sup> • VENUS, TEXAS 76084**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017  
7:00 PM  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- **Invocation**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**

A regular session of the City Council was called to order Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM with a quorum present, to wit:

James Burgess	Mayor
Wes Dady	Mayor Pro Tem
Jeannie Prazak	Councilmember
Lurna Guidry-Shaw	Councilmember
Jeannie Scott	Councilmember
Geronimo Hernandez	Councilmember

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS BY THE MAYOR.**

**CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

*No public comment were made*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ITEM 1. Approval of the minutes of the December 12, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting.**

**ITEM 2. Ratify the payment of bills for the month of December 2016.**

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

## ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

**ITEM 3. Received presentation from City's financial advisor from Hilltop Securities; Jim Sibonis, regarding possible debt issuance and special election for May 2017 uniform election date.**

**ITEM 4. Discussion and consider approval of Resolution 01-2017 of the City Council of Venus, Texas, authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.** A motion was made by Councilmember Hernandez , seconded by Councilmember Scott to approve Resolution 01-2017 of the City Council of Venus, Texas, authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. A vote was cast. 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried

**ITEM 5. Discussion and consider approval of Resolution 02-2017 of the City Council of Venus, Texas, setting the Civic Center Fees, providing for a fee waiver process, and allowing the consumption of alcohol on premises.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Hernandez , seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dady to approve Resolution 02-2017 of the City Council of Venus, Texas, setting the Civic Center Fees, providing for a fee waiver process, and allowing the consumption of alcohol on premises with modifications of the fees amended and added during discussion.

- \$60 for the first 2 hours and \$25 for each additional.
- \$60 cancellation fee
- \$50 city staff set up/ clean up with a 1 hour minimum

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

**ITEM 6. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance No. XXX-XXX of the City Council of the City of Venus, Texas Rental Animal.**  
Only held a discussion. Item tabled.

**ITEM 7. Discuss and consider action regarding Council's selection for four Councilmember seats and three at-large seats on the Venus Community Services Development Corporation Board of Directors. As provided by the Constitution and By-laws.**

Mayor James Burgess called for nominations for the Councilmember seats and three at-large seats on the Venus Community Services Development Corporation.

Nominations for the three at-large seats on the Venus Community Services Development Corporation Board of Directors:

**Mayor Burgess nominated**

- Randall Buck- 2 for, 2 against, 1 abstained, Mayor Burgess broke the tie with a vote for.
- Bob Winkleman- no votes

**Councilmember Prazak nominated**

- Joe Russell- 3 for, 1 against, 1 abstained

**Councilmember Shaw nominated**

- Linda Lindsay- 2 for, 3 against

**Councilmember Scott Nominated**

- Jeff Scott- 5 for, 0 against.

Nominations for the four Councilmember seats on the Venus Community Services Corporation Board of Directors:

**Councilmember Prazak nominated:**

- Councilmember Shaw- 4 for, 1 against.

**Councilmember Shaw nominated:**

- Councilmember Prazak- Withdrew

**Councilmember Scott nominated:**

- Councilmember Hernandez- 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained.

**Councilmember Hernandes nominated:**

- Mayor Pro-Tem Dady- 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained.

**The selection for four Councilmember seats and three at-large seats on the Venus Community Services Development Corporation Board of Directors:**

**3 AT-LARGE SEATS**

**2 year term-** Randall Buck

**2 year term-** Joe Russell

**1 year term-** Jeff Scott

**4 COUNCILMEMBER SEATS:**

**2 year term-** Councilmember Shaw

**2 year term-** Councilmember Hernandez

**1 year term-** Mayor Pro-Tem Dady

**ITEM 8. Presentation of monthly department reports:**

- Police Department – Captain Groom
- Fire Department – Chief Allen
- Public Works and Water/Sewer- Director Cesar Roca
- Administration – City Secretary, Rana Gamel delivered the department report for City Administrator, Mike Boese

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*No executive session.*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Venus City Council meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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CITY SECRETARY, RANA GAMEL

APPROVED:

  
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MAYOR BURGESS

