



**-MINUTES-
VENUS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2017**

A regular session of the Venus City Council was called to order in City of Venus Council Chambers, 103 West 3RD Street, on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:10 PM with a quorum present, to wit:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS BY THE MAYOR.

Mayor Burges made announcements on the following:

- The sign-ups for the elections.
- Expressed pride in two of our newest Venus Police Officers and getting to attend their swearing in ceremonies.
- Updates on the plans for the square.
- Updates on the relocation of the marque sign.
- Recognized Venus Public Works director, Cesar Roca and his crew for their hard work on remodeling the Venus Civic Center.
- The usage of the Venus Civic Center has increased since lowering the rental fees.
- Thanked Cesar Roca and his crew for the promptness in getting the road grated by the cemetery.

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments to be heard

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Proclaimed February as the Fair Housing month for the City of Venus.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 9, 2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. RATIFY THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2017.

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1 DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 447-2017 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS ORDERING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF VENUS CODE OF ORDINANCE,

CHAPTER 6 - ANIMALS, TO UPDATE REGULATIONS DEALING WITH THE CARE AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY, ADOPTING STATE LAW PROVISIONS DEALING WITH RABIES CONTROL, DANGEROUS DOGS AND UNLAWFUL DOG RESTRAINT, PROVIDING A CRIMINAL PENALTY, 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 Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Scott to approve Item 1 with adding the chicken amendment. Mayor Pro Tem Dady abstained. Motion carried, (4-0).

ITEM 2 DISCUSS AND APPROVE FINAL PLAT FOR AND ETJ PROPERTY LOCATED AT STROUD ADDITION, LOT 1, BLOCK 1, 1.6578 ACRES, GEOID 126.0025.06309 FOR STEVEN CREWS WITH UNITED BUILT HOMES.

The Item was presented by Steven Crews. Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve Item 2. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

ITEM 3 DISCUSS AND APPROVE FINAL PLAT FOR AND ETJ PROPERTY LOCATED AT QUEZADA’S ADDITION, LOT 1, BLOCK 1, 1.89 ACRES GEOID 126.0093.00058 FOR HORACIO QUEZADA.

Item 3 was presented by Horacio Quezada. Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dady to approve Item 3. Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

ITEM 4 DISCUSS AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 448-2017 AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPAIR OF THE CITY OWNED CIVIC CENTER BUILDING WEST FACING WALL.

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve Item 4. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

ITEM 5 DISCUSS AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO 449-2017 AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 6TH STREET FROM OAK STREET TO LOCUST STREET.

Item tabled.

ITEM 6 DISCUSS AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO 550-2017 AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE WOOD CHIPPER.

Item tabled.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 551-2017 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE CITY ON MAY 6, 2017, TO SUBMIT A PROPOSITION TO ADOPT THE ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE

SPECIAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The purpose for Item 7 was presented by Hilltop Securities Financial Advisor, Mr. Jim Sibonis. Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Scott to approve Item 7. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

ITEM 8 DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 03-2017 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTIES, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD JOINTLY ON SATURDAY MAY 6, 2017 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND TWO (2) CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, (PLACE 1, AND 2) TO THE VENUS CITY COUNCIL; APPROVING THE ELECTION ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENTS WITH JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTIES; DESIGNATING THE LOCATION OF THE POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING EARLY VOTING INFORMATION; PROVIDING MAIL BALLOT REQUEST INFORMATION; ORDERING NOTICES OF ELECTION TO BE GIVEN AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ELECTION.

Councilmember Scott made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak to approve Item 8. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

ITEM 9 DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-2017 TO ADOPT THE PROCEDURES AND POLICIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS PARTICIPATION IN FEDERALLY FUNDED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS AND ADHERENCE TO THE REGULATIONS DESCRIBED THEREIN.

Councilmember Shaw made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dady to approve Item 9. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council reserves the right to meet in a closed session on any of the following items should the need arise and if applicable, pursuant to authorization by TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), 551.087 (economic development), 418.183 (homeland security).

{Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:55 PM}

- **TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE § 551.071 CONSULTATION/LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY CASS CALLAWAY REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION –TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS VS. CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS, STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DOCKET NO. 460-15-4361 IN REFERENCE TO THE SCHEDULED MARCH 2017 ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING.**

{Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:20 PM}

REGULAR AGENDA

No action required after Executive Session.

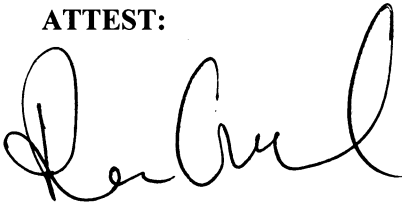
PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Police Department - Captain James Groom
- Fire Department - Chief Allen
- Public Works and Water/Sewer - Public Works Director Cesar Roca
- Administration - City Administrator Michael Boese

ADJOURNMENT

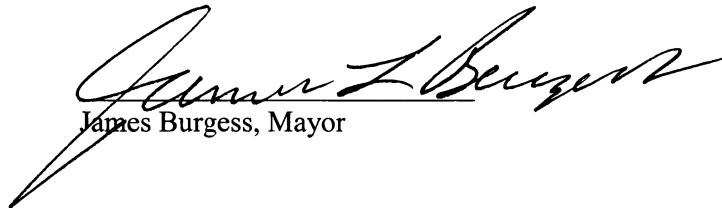
Mayor Burgess adjourned meeting at 8:35 PM

ATTEST:



Rana Gamel, City Secretary

APPROVED:



James Burgess, Mayor