



**-MINUTES-
VENUS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 15, 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, May 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM with a quorum present, to wit:

James Burgess	Mayor- <i>Absent</i>
Jeannie Prazak	Councilmember
Larna Guidry-Shaw	Councilmember
Jeanie Toland-Scott	Councilmember
Geronimo Hernandez	Councilmember
Wes Dady	Mayor Pro Tem

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM.

Councilmember Shaw gave the invocation.
Mayor Pro-Tem Dady had no announcement.

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments to be heard

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Pro-Tem Dady presented the proclamations, proclaiming the month of May to be Motorcycle Safety Awareness month and National Police Week.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 10, 2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND MINUTES FROM APRIL 17, 2017 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING. RATIFY THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2017.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dady presented the item. Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak to approve the consent agenda as stated. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearing

REGULAR AGENDA

1. ACCEPTANCE OF CANVASS ELECTION RESULTS AS PRESENTED TO MAYOR PRO-TEM DADY.

City Secretary, Rana Gamel delivered the Canvass Election results, then presented the results to Mayor Pro-Tem Dady to Approve.

2. APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE CANVASSING RETURNS OF SPECIAL SALES TAX ELECTION.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dady presented the item. Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve item 1 as stated, Ordinance No. 556-2017-05. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

3. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO THE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES OF THE 2017 GENERAL ELECTION, COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 1, JEANNIE RUSSELL PRAZAK AND COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 2 LAURNA M. GUIDRY-SHAW.

City Secretary, Rana Gamel administered Oath of Office to the uncontested candidates declared elected, Place 1 Councilmember Prazak and Place 2 Councilmember Shaw.

4. APPOINT A MAYOR PRO-TEM.

Item skipped until after Executive Session.

5. APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE FOR HISTORIC LANDMARK PRESERVATION WHICH WILL PROVIDE PROTECTION AND ALLOW THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF VENUS TO REGULATE THE DESTRUCTION OF DESIGNATED PLACES AND AREAS OF HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE AND SIGNIFICANCE.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dady presented the item, Attorney Cass Callaway and City Administrator/Chief of Police, Michael Boese explained the Historical Preservation Ordinance. Councilmember Shaw had a question regarding what location of buildings the ordinance was referring to. Attorney, Cass Callaway explained it would determine if a certain building met that historic significance and Council deemed it to be a historic building. Councilmember Hernandez suggested the Venus City Chamber of Commerce get involved or questioned if that was even a possibility. Mr. Callaway stated it was a definite possibility. Councilmember Hernandez also question what the difference was between the Historic Preservation Ordinance City Attorney, Cass Callaway first created and the one he presented at the meeting in hand. Mr. Callaway went through the ordinance and explained the difference. Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dady to approve item 5 as stated. Ordinance No. 557-2017-05 Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

6. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE VENUS CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE (“ACSC”) AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP. RESOLVING ALL ISSUES RELATED TO THE COMPANY’S 2017 RRM RATE FILING.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dady presented the item. Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Scott to approve item 6 as stated, Resolution No. 08-2017-05. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

7. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR JAMES BURGESS TO ENTER INTO A FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE LEASE/PURCHASE OF THREE (3) POLICE VEHICLES.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dady presented the item. City Attorney, Cass Callaway and City Administrator/Chief of Police Michael Boese explained the budgetary matters and the need for the lease/purchase of the vehicles. Councilmember Hernandez asked about a warranty. Councilmember Shaw asked about the existing PD vehicles. Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve item 7 as stated, Resolution No. 09-2017-05. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

8. APPROVAL OF AN AMERICAN DISABILITY ACT (ADA) SPECIALISTS TO REVIEW AND INSPECT THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS FOR THE PARK GRANT.

- **ACCESSIBILITY, HEALTH, & SAFETY CONSULTING (AHSC)**
- **ACCESS BY DESIGN (A BY D)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dady presented the item. City Administrator/Chief of Police, Michael Boese informed the Council an ADA specialist options. Councilmember Shaw made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak to approve AHSC as the ADA specialist for item 8 as stated. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

9. PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Police Department - Captain James Groom
- Fire Department - Chief Allen
- Public Works and Water/Sewer - Public Works Director Cesar Roca-*Absent.*
Public works Report was given by Attorney, Cass Callaway.
- Administration - City Administrator Michael Boese.

{Council recessed into executive session at 7:56 PM.}

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).

- **GC § 551.072 – Deliberations regarding real property- property lien on 101 S. Walnut, Venus, Texas 76084:**

{Council reconvened into regular session at 8:17 PM}

REGULAR AGENDA

No action was taken for Executive Session item.

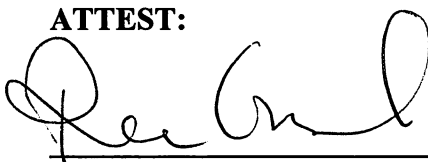
RESUMED ITEM 4. APPOINT A NEW MAYOR PRO-TEM

Councilmember Prazak nominated Councilmember Scott. Councilmember Shaw nominated Councilmember Scott. Councilmember Scott nominated Councilmember Shaw. Councilmember Hernandez nominated Mayor Pro-Tem Dady. Mayor Pro-Tem Dady nominated himself. Councilmember Scott was the first to be voted on and won by majority vote with 3 For, (Prazak, Shaw, Scott) 2 Abstained, (Hernandez, Dady)

ADJOURNMENT

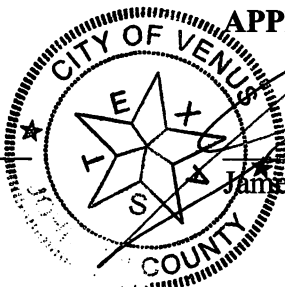
Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

ATTEST:



Rana Gamel, City Secretary

APPROVED:



James Burgess, Mayor

