



MINUTES
NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE CITY OF VENUS
7:00 PM, Monday, August 14, 2017

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given of a Regular Meeting of the Venus City Council, to be held in the City Council Chambers at 103 West 3rd Street, Venus, Texas 76084 on Monday, August 14, 2017.

REGULAR AGENDA 7:00 PM

James Burgess	Mayor
Jeannie Prazak	Councilmember Place 1
Laurna Guidry-Shaw	Councilmember Place 2
Jeanie Toland-Scott	Mayor Pro Tem Place 3
Geronimo Hernandez	Councilmember Place 4
Wes Dady	Councilmember Place 5- <i>absent</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Burgess proclaimed Saturday, August 19, 2017 Mayor's Annual Inaugrial Back to School Fair. Mayor Burgess asked Councilmember Shaw to explain the event.

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- John Benjamin Clopton Jr. who resides 810 South FM 157, Venus, Texas, 76084, spoke in regards to the public agenda posting.
- Danny Marschall who resides at 214 North Hickory Street, Venus, Texas 76084, spoke in regards to the park near his property.

PROCLAMATION

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JULY 10, 2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. RATIFY THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2017. Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott to approve the consent agenda as stated. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1 DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 559-2017-08 TO ACCEPT LANDOWNER STANLEY HARPER'S REQUEST FOR A TRACT OF LAND TO BECOME A PART OF VENUS'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, NAMELY; A TRACT IDENTIFIED BY JOHNSON COUNTY CAD NUMBER 126.0499.00095.

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the item as stated at 7:43PM. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 2 DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 560-2017-08 TO ACCEPT LANDOWNER STANLEY HARPER'S REQUEST FOR A TRACT OF LAND TO BECOME A PART OF VENUS'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, NAMELY; A TRACT IDENTIFIED BY JOHNSON COUNTY CAD NUMBER 126.0499.00090.

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Scott to approve the item as stated at 7:44 PM. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 3 DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ORDINANCE 561-2017-08 TO ACCEPT LANDOWNER STANLEY HARPER'S REQUEST FOR A TRACT OF LAND TO BECOME A PART OF VENUS'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, NAMELY; A TRACT IDENTIFIED BY JOHNSON COUNTY CAD NUMBER 126.1115.00040.

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the item as stated at 7:45 PM. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 4 DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ORDINANCE 562-2017-08 TO ACCEPT LANDOWNER STANLEY HARPER'S REQUEST FOR A TRACT OF LAND TO BECOME A PART OF VENUS'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, NAMELY; A TRACT IDENTIFIED BY JOHNSON COUNTY CAD NUMBER 126.0683.00150.

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the item as stated at 7:46 PM. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 5 DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ORDINANCE 563-2017-08 TO ACCEPT LANDOWNER STANLEY HARPER'S REQUEST FOR A TRACT OF LAND TO BECOME A PART OF VENUS'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, NAMELY; A TRACT IDENTIFIED BY JOHNSON COUNTY CAD NUMBER 126.0683.00120.

Mayor Pro-Tem Scott made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the item as stated at 7:47 PM. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 6 DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ORDINANCE 564-2017-08 TO ACCEPT LANDOWNER STANLEY HARPER'S REQUEST FOR A TRACT OF LAND TO BECOME A PART OF VENUS'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, NAMELY; A TRACT IDENTIFIED BY JOHNSON COUNTY CAD NUMBER 126.1115.00030.

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the items as stated at 7:47 PM. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 7 DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ORDINANCE 565-2017-08 TO ACCEPT LANDOWNER STANLEY HARPER'S REQUEST FOR A TRACT OF LAND TO BECOME A PART OF VENUS'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, NAMELY; A TRACT IDENTIFIED BY ELLIS COUNTY CAD NUMBER 99.0594.000.014.00.115.

Councilmember Shaw made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott to approve the items as stated at 7:48 PM. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 8 DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ORDINANCE 566-2017-08 TO ACCEPT LANDOWNER JEFFERY SCOTT EZZELL'S REQUEST FOR A TRACT OF LAND TO BECOME A PART OF VENUS'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, NAMELY; A TRACT IDENTIFIED BY ELLIS COUNTY CAD NUMBER 99.0594.000.031.00.115.

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak to approve the items as stated at 7:49 PM. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 9 DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ORDINANCE 567-2017-08 TO ACCEPT LANDOWNER TAMBRA LIMPUS EDWAN'S REQUEST FOR A TRACT OF LAND TO BECOME A PART OF VENUS'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, NAMELY; A TRACT IDENTIFIED BY ELLIS COUNTY CAD NUMBER 99.0594.000.083.00.115.

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the items as stated at 7:50 PM. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 10 DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ORDINANCE 568-2017-08 TO ACCEPT LANDOWNER TAMBRA LIMPUS EDWAN'S REQUEST FOR A TRACT OF LAND TO BECOME A PART OF VENUS'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, NAMELY; A TRACT IDENTIFIED BY ELLIS COUNTY CAD NUMBER 99.0594.000.006.00.115.

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott to approve the items as stated at 7:51 PM. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 11 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 569-2017-08 TO ACCEPT LANDOWNERS RICHARD AND SHERI MISKIMON'S REQUEST FOR A TRACT OF LAND TO BECOME A PART OF VENUS'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, NAMELY; A TRACT IDENTIFIED BY ELLIS COUNTY CAD NUMBER 99.0860.000.002.00.115.

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak to approve the items as stated at 7:52 PM. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 12 DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 570-2017-08 TO ACCEPT LANDOWNER TIMOTHY BARTON'S REQUEST FOR A TRACT OF LAND TO BECOME A PART OF VENUS'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, NAMELY; A TRACT IDENTIFIED BY JOHNSON COUNTY CAD NUMBER 126.0358.00070.

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the items as stated at 7:54 PM. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 13 CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND TAKE A RECORD VOTE TO PROPOSE AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$0.879918 AND SCHEDULE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING THE PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR AUGUST 28, 2017 AND SEPTEMBER 11, 2017.

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the item as stated adding time of the public hearings to be conducted at 7:00 PM on August 28th and September 11th of 2017. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 14 DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 571-2017-08 AN GOVERNING REGULATED PROPERTY BY CRAFTED PRECIOUS METAL DEALERS, DEALERS, PAWNBROKERS AND SECONDHAND DEALERS TO PROVIDE USEFUL TOOLS FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PREVENT THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF STOLEN GOODS IN THE CITY AND TO AID THE RETURN OF STOLEN PROPERTY TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNER.

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak to approve the items as stated. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 15 APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 572-2017-08 AN ORDINANCE CREATING REGULATIONS AND RULES FOR THE INSTALLATION, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF BACKFLOW PREVENTION AND CROSS CONNECTION DEVICES TO PREVENT THE CONTAMINATION OF THE CITY'S POTABLE WATER SUPPLY IN COORDINATION WITH THE TCEQ AND THE CITY'S ADOPTED PLUMBING CODE.

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott to approve the items as stated. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 16 APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 573-2017-08 TO ADOPT THE 2017 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE ENSURING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS IN ELECTRICAL TECHNICAL CODES FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE BUILDING STANDARDS OF THE CITY.

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the items as stated. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

ITEM 17 AWARD THE TX CDBG WATER GRANT CONTRACT AND EXPENDITURES, TO TROPHY CONSTRUCTION SERVICE, LLC, CONTINGENT UPON BNSF RAILROAD PERMIT APPROVAL.

Jed Sulak, with BSP Engineering presented information on bids received for the construction involved with the waterlooping grant. Mr. Sulak stated BSP recommended Trophy Construction Service, L L C . Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the items as stated adding in the City of Venus would help fund \$35,000.00 in expenditures involved with the grant. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

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

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).

REGULAR SESSION

Consider action after reconvening into regular session.

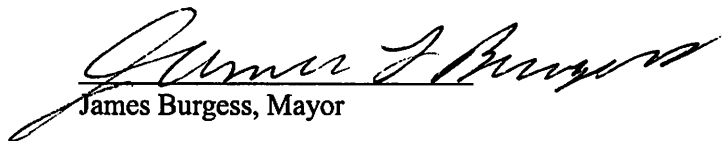
Adjournment
8:52PM

ATTEST:



Rana Gamel, City Secretary

APPROVED:


James Burgess, Mayor