

**VENUS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018
Council Chambers 103 W. 3rd Street
Venus, Texas 76084**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

James Burgess, Mayor
Jeannie Prazak, Place 1
Laurna Shaw, Place 2
Jeanie Toland-Scott, Mayor Pro-Tem, Place 3
Geronimo Hernandez, Place 4
Robert McCurdy, Place 5

Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. followed by the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Burgess thanked everyone who was involved in the Mayor's Back to School event.

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

- **CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF CREATING THE BLUESTEM HILLS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, AS PROPOSED BY BLUESTEM ELLIS PARTNERS, LLC, TO INCLUDE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PETITIONER LOCATED ENTIRELY WITHIN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF VENUS.**

City Administrator, Mike Boese explained the purpose for the Public Hearing. Citizens had questions regarding the location and the number of homes in the proposed development. There were also questions confirming the development being located in Maypearl ISD.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:11 PM

BUDGET WORKSHOP

1. **REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE CITY OF VENUS' DRAFT FY 2018-2019 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET AND RELATED FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

Council and staff had a discussion regarding marketing being in the budget, the dispatch fees and searching for other possibilities than Venus using Johnson County. There was also a discussion over creating a full-time Fire Department with three employees. Staff explained that would take going to the rollback rate to fund the Fire Department. There

were suggestions about taking money out of savings to fund the department. Staff explained the city is doing well financially and has great savings but the savings being in good standing is a big reason Venus received an A+ rating in order to get the 2018 Certificate of Obligation.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE ALL MINUTES AND RATIFY THE PAYMENT OF BILL FOR THE MONTH OF JULY.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH VENUS COMMUNITY SERVICE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS BY THE CORPORATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO – SECOND AND FINAL READING.**

Councilmember Shaw made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prazak to approve the item as stated. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

- 2. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND TAKE A RECORD VOTE TO PROPOSE AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$0.899918 AND SCHEDULE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING THE PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR AUGUST 27, 2018 AND SEPTEMBER 10, 2018.**

Councilmember Prazak	AYE
Councilmember Shaw	AYE
Mayor Pro-Tem Scott	AYE
Councilmember Hernandez	NAY
Councilmember McMurdy	NAY

AYES-3, NAYS-2.

- 3. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE KOVAC SEARS FINAL PLAT FOR A PROPERTY ON FM 2738, LOCATED IN THE VENUS ETJ.**

Councilmember Shaw made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McMurdy approved the item as stated. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

- 4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE ADDING MAYOR, JAMES BURGESS AND CITY SECRETARY, RANA GAMEL AS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF VENUS ON THE TEXPOOL ACCOUNTS.**

Councilmember Prazak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the item as stated. Motion carried unanimously (5,0).

5. 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

No Executive Session

II. Adjournment: 8:30 PM