



**VENUS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018  
Council Chambers 103 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Venus, Texas 76084**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. followed by the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Burgess thanked everyone who attended and coordinated the prayer on the square.

**CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

*None*

**PROCLAMATIONS**

*None*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

*None*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- **APPROVAL OF ALL MINUTES AND RATIFY THE BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY.**

There was a question regarding the roads. A motion was made by Councilmember Prazak, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously (4,0).

**REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON GRANTING A VARIANCE OF THE MASONRY REQUIREMENT IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR LONGHORN LOCKER COMPANY FOR I NEW HOME LOCATED IN THE I00 BLOCK OF S. LOCUST STREET.**

John Allen, owner of Longhorn Locker Spoke to council explaining the plans for reconstructing the home. There was a question regarding the roads. A motion was made by Councilmember Prazak, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the item as stated. Motion carried unanimously (4,0).



- 2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT LANDOWNER ROBERT AND DONALD WHITE REQUEST FOR A TRACT OF LAND TO BECOME A PART OF VENUS EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, NAMELY; A TRACT IDENTIFIED BY JOHNSON COUNTY CAD NUMBER 126.1115.00087 (100.6 ACRES).**

There was a question regarding the roads. A motion was made by Councilmember Prazak, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott to approve the item as stated, Ordinance No. 661-2018-07. Motion carried unanimously (4,0).

- 3. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS, CONSULTANTS, AND ADVISORS TO PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO A PROPOSED PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WITH JMJ DEVELOPMENT.**

There was a question regarding the roads. A motion was made by Councilmember Prazak, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the item as stated Resolution No. 18-2018-07. Motion carried unanimously (4,0).

- 4. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS ACCEPTING FOR FILING A LANDOWNER PETITION REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT NOTICES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BE GIVEN AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.**

There was a discussion over the location of the property. City Administrator, Mike Boese explained to the council this was the property for Bluestem Hills.. A motion was made by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott to approve the item as stated, Resolution No. 18-2018-07. Motion carried unanimously (4,0).

- 5. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH MCCALL, PARKHURST & HORTON L.L.P. FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH POTENTIAL CREATION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Prazak, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the item as stated. Motion carried unanimously (4,0).

- 6. DISCUSSION ONLY ON TRUCK RUTES (SEC 30-88) AND LOAD LIMIT EXPECTATIONS (SEC 30-87).**

Mayor presented the item. There was a discussion in regards to roads being torn up by the trucks. It was explained to council there is a Federal and state law allowing trucks in if there is only one way to get through for delivering to businesses. City Administrator, Mike Boese suggested to work with the business owners to alleviate the situation because not doing so can be a negative impact on the businesses and the city wants the businesses to thrive.

- 7. DISCUSSION ONLY ON PARK HOURS (SEC 24-26), AND CITY SQUARE HOURS (SEC 24-27). NO ACTION.**



Mayor presented the item. Council agreed the park should be open earlier for walkers. Council directed staff to work on the ordinance for the park and square hours.

**8. DISCUSS FISCAL YEAR 17 AUDIT COMPLETED BY YELLDCELL, WILSON, WOOD, & REEVE P.C. PRESENTED BY STAFF.**

City Administrator, Mike Boese explained the audit to council and informed them that the city is in a positive financial stance.

**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**
- **ADMINISTRATION - CITY ADMINISTRATOR, MICHAEL BOESE**

**10. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RETENTION OF RYAN HENRY, LAW OFFICES OF RYAN HENRY FOR SERVICES RELATING TO PRESENT AND FUTURE ANNEXATIONS INTO THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS.**

City Administrator, Mike Boese explained to the council staff would like to engage Attorney, Ryan Henry for annexations to ensure the city is doing the annexations are done property and lawfully. Mr. Henry is an expert on the laws of annexation. A motion was made by Councilmember Prazak, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott to approve the item as stated. Motion carried unanimously (4,0).

*(Item 11 was moved to regular agenda after executive session)*

**Recessed into Executive Session at 8:03 PM to discuss:**

*551.087 Economic Development-TRA Sewer Project*

*551.074 Personnel Matters regarding the resignation of the City Attorney*

**Reconvened back in to Regular Session at 8:57 PM**

**Regular Agenda**

**11. ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATION OF CITY ATTORNEY, CASS CALLAWAY**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the item as stated. Motion carried unanimously (4,0).

**ADJOURNED: 8:59 PM**

APPROVE: \_\_\_\_\_  
James Burgess, Mayor

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rana Gamel, City Secretary