



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, September 09, 2024 – 6:00 PM

109 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas 75457

Our mission: to provide effective and fiscally responsible municipal services in a manner which promotes our high standard of community life.

Vision Statement Mount Vernon is a caring community committed to excellence and quality of life, aspiring to be the community of choice for ourselves, our children, and future generations – beautiful, clean, vibrant, and safe. We will strive to preserve our heritage, our friendly hometown atmosphere, and celebrate the diversity of all our citizens.

MINUTES

Mayor Hyman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and announced a quorum present.

PRESENT

Mayor Brad Hyman
Mayor Pro Tem Mark Huddleston
Councilman Harold Cason
Councilwoman Mary Keys
Councilwoman Rebecca Bailey
Councilman Martin Carrascosa
City Administrator Craig Lindholm
City Secretary Kathy Lovier

VISITORS: Jennifer Goodson, Cory Taylor, James Whitehurst, Cassidy Wesson

Councilwoman Bailey lead the invocation and pledge.

Consent Agenda

Items on the Consent Agenda are approved by a single action of the Council, with such approval applicable to all items appearing on the Consent Agenda. A Council Member may request any item to be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item.

1. Special Session Minutes 8/19/2024
July 2024 financial report

Motion made by Councilman Cason, Seconded by Councilman Carrascosa.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey

2. In honor of Mr Jefferson Daniels 100th Birthday, the Mayor will read a Proclamation.

Mayor Hyman read the Proclamation recognizing Mr. Jefferson Daniels.

Report on Items of Community Interest

Mayor Hyman reported the deaths of Mr. Michael Edwards former mayor and Mr. Walter Sears former Superintendent of MVIDS. CountryFest is coming the second weekend in October.

Citizen Participation

No one spoke.

Public Hearing

The purpose of this hearing is to hear evidence for or against 2024 proposed tax rate of \$0.54189 and the 2024-2025 proposed budget.

Mayor Hyman closed the Regular Session at 6:05 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing.

No one spoke for or against the 2024 proposed tax rate of \$0.541859 or the 2024-2025 proposed budget.

Mayor Hyman closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m and re-opened the Regular Session.

Items to be Considered:

3. Consider and act upon approval of Ordinance Number 2024-12, adopting the annual budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey, Seconded by Councilman Carrascosa.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

4. Consider and act upon approval of Ordinance Number 2024-13, adopting the tax rate for year 2025.

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys, Seconded by Councilman Carrascosa.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

5. In Accordance with LGC § 102.007(c), adoption of a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year from property taxes than in the previous year requires a separate vote of the governing body to ratify the the property tax increase reflected in the budget. A vote under this subsection is in addition to and separate from the vote to adopt the budget or a vote to set the tax rate required by Chapter 26, Tax Code or other law.

Each member of the City Council spoke individually to announce their vote.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

6. Consider and act upon Ordinance Number 2024-14, Changing Utility (Water & Sewer) Rates

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

Council wants to get the new meters in and settled and revisit the need to raise rates in six months, after giving the new meters time to give a better idea of collections.

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Report

Infrastructure, Streets, Parks, Grants, October meeting 10/14 holiday

City Administrator Lindholm reported the Gadlin Street project will start in two weeks, Carthel/Arrington Streets project should be completed within two weeks as well and then the resurfacing of the street will begin. We will be using the same contractor for both jobs.

Raw water intake pumps have been delayed.

James Whitehurst, the new Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator was introduced. He has been making improvements and cleaning out since starting. It's all good progress.

The next Council Meeting will be moved to Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston at 6:24 p.m. to close the meeting, Seconded by Councilman Cason. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

/s/ Brad Hyman

Brad Hyman – Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Lovier

Kathy Lovier – City Secretary