



## **CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

**Monday, May 12, 2025 – 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.*

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### **MINUTES**

**Call to order and announce a quorum is present.**

Mayor Hyman called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and announced a quorum present.

#### **PRESENT**

Mayor Brad Hyman  
Councilwoman Mary Keys  
Councilwoman Rebecca Bailey  
Councilman Martin Carrascosa  
City Administrator Craig Lindholm  
City Secretary Kathy Johnson

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Mark Huddleston, Councilman Harold Cason, Assistant City Secretary Angie Pike

VISITORS: see attached

#### **Invocation and Pledges**

Councilman Carrascosa lead the invocation and pledges.

#### **Swearing-in Ceremony**

Swear-in re-elected Council members. Mary Keys, Rebecca Bailey, and Mark Huddleston

Councilwomen Keys and Bailey were sworn into office. Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston will be reset to May 27, 2025 Special Meeting.

#### **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. Minutes 4/14/24  
February, March 2025 financial reports  
Proclamation-National Historic Preservation Month

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys, Seconded by Councilman Carrascosa.  
Voting Yea: Councilman Carrascosa

### **Report on Items of Community Interest**

The City Council will have an opportunity to address items of community interest, including: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the City of Mount Vernon; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the City of Mount Vernon that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the City Council or an official or employee of the City of Mount Vernon; and announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the City of Mount Vernon that has arisen after posting the agenda.

One Act Play is headed to state again. Mayor Hyman and Administrator Lindholm met with TxDot today, a report will follow in discussion.

### **Citizen Participation (3 minutes)**

The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Council from responding to any comments other than to refer the matter to a future agenda, to an existing policy, or to a staff person with specific information. Claims against the City, Council Members, or employees, as well as individual personnel appeals are not appropriate for citizens' forum.

No one spoke.

### **Public Hearing**

The purpose of this hearing is to hear evidence for or against the Economic Development Corp recommendation to incentivize a request made by Melissa Davis dba Big Dawg Sports and Collectibles to provide assistance with Graduated Rental Assistance for the business located at 111 E. Dallas Street, Mt. Vernon, Texas in the amount of \$12,600 to be reimbursed monthly for 18 months as half of each months rent and

Hear evidence for or against the Economic Development Corp recommendation to incentivize a request made by Samantha Dean owner of Infinity Tans Mount Vernon, to provide assistance with Existing Business Structure Assistance for the business located at 102 Jackson Street, Suite 2, Mt. Vernon, Texas in the amount of up to \$12,000.00 to be reimbursed after purchase and installation of new tanning unit.

Mayor Hyman closed the Regular Session at 6:07 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing.

No one spoke for or against either request or recommendation by EDC.

Mayor Hyman closed the Public Hearing and re-opened the Regular Session at 6:08 p.m.

### **Items to be Considered:**

2. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 25-08 EDC incentive for Infinity Tans Mt Vernon Existing Business Structure in the amount not to exceed \$12,000 for purchase of tanning unit and installations costs.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey, Seconded by Councilman Carrascosa.  
Voting Yea: Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

3. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 25-09 EDC incentive for Big Dawg Sports & Collectibles in the amount of \$12,600 for rental assistance for 18 months and half of rent each month (\$700).

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

4. Consider and Act upon appointment of Mayor Pro Tem (one year term).

Postponed until May 27, 2025 meeting

5. Consider and Act upon approval of 2025-2026 City Board Appointments as presented.

Motion made by Councilman Carrascosa, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

6. Consider and act upon appointment of local rabies authority.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey to appoint Jennifer Goodson, Animal Control Officer as the local Rabies Authority, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

7. Consider and act on approval of Resolution 25-07 for proposal for the design, construction administration and grant management for the Little Creek Park Project in Mount Vernon. (t is important to note that TPWD will reimburse the City \$40,000 towards the design of the project.)

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey, Seconded by Councilman Carrascosa.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

8. Consider a change to the Fee Schedule for Inspections and adding a fee for Animal Surrenders. Recommended changes are highlighted in yellow.

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys to adopt changes as presented and to add a surrender fee of \$100.00, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

9. Consider and act upon approval of KSA Engineers Task Order Numbers 103955 Water Treatment Plant Permit Renewal and 104152 Waste Water Treatment Plant Permit Renewal, renewing discharge permits.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey, Seconded by Councilman Carrascosa.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

10. Consider and act upon amendments to Personnel Policy. (suggested revisions are in red text)

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys with amendment of Administration certification being \$150, \$200, and \$250 and as each certification is completed it replaces the previous pay amount, Seconded by Councilman Carrascosa.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

### **Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports**

Infrastructure, Streets, Parks, Grants, Goals for 2025

Fire Department with County Commissioners

11. ISO information

Administrator Lindholm reported TxDOT will allow us to leave the nine miles of raw water line under ground as long as we fill it with concrete, further allowing us to move the new raw water line to the same side of the FM115 until at the water treatment plant. There was discussion regarding the moving of exit ramps and changing service roads to one way. TxDOT will be appreciate any help with local contributions to speed up this process. The City is 6th in line to receive the TxCDBG grant to replace the plaza wall.

Discussion between the Franklin County Commissioners Court regarding funding of the fire department ended with a 50/50 split of the budget this year to allow them to build up to full funding on their side of the 60/40 split for following budgets. Sheriff Jones stated that he will help fund the needed monies with his inmate housing fund, if this will help the County and City get where they need to be to get up and running full time. Fire Chief Sheffield reported that he will contact the Council of Governments to make the county one fire district to begin the process of lowering the ISO rating for citizens who are not being able to get home owner's insurance.

#### **Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting**

Motion made by Councilman Carrascosa to close the meeting at 7:16 p.m., Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.  
Voting Yea: Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

/s/ **Brad Hyman**

**Brad Hyman – Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

/s/ **Kathy Lovier**

**Kathy Lovier – City Secretary**