



## **CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

**Monday, May 13, 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.*

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### **MINUTES**

Mayor Hyman called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m. and announced a quorum present.

#### **PRESENT**

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

ABSENT Councilwoman Rebecca Bailey

VISITORS see attached

Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston lead the invocation and the pledge to the American Flag.

1. Swear in re-elected Council members

Councilmen Carrascosa and Cason along with Mayor Hyman were sworn into office.

#### **Consent Agenda**

2. Minutes 03/11/2024 and 04/01/2024  
March and April 2024 financial report

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

3. Historic Preservation Proclamation

Mayor Hyman read the proclamation aloud, the Franklin County Historical District will lead a tour of town following the Picnic on the Plaza honoring Carry the Load on May 24th, 2024.

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

One Act Play is headed to state again this year.

Vicki Slaton, wife of local plumber Steve Slaton has recently passed away, keep the family in your prayers.

### **Citizen Participation**

No one asked to speak.

### **Presentation of rate study by Grant Rabon with NewGen Strategies and Solutions.**

#### 4. New Gen Presentation

Grant Rabon with New Gen Strategies and Solutions presented a rate study and gave us thier recommendation for moving forward by raising rates now and not putting this off.

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

5. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 24-09 approving Mt. Pleasant Daily Tribune as the official newspaper of record.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

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

6. Consider and act upon Interlocal Agreement with Franklin County for Tax Collection.

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Keys, Councilman Carrascosa

7. Consider and act upon approval of 40 acres for the purpose of expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and approving Craig Lindholm, City Administrator as designated signatory for the City of Mt Vernon.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Seconded by Councilman Carrascosa.

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

8. Consider Authorizing Tax Credit for Local Day Cares in Accordance with SB 1145 and SJR 64; authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility.

Died for lack of a motion

9. Consider and act upon Ordinance No. 2024-07, Authorizing the abandonment of the end of Scott Street being part of AB 425 J Sloan 120.16 x 271 Fraknlin County Feed.

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

10. Consider and act upon approval of modifications to the Personnel Policy.

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

11. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 24-10 authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation with Texas Water Development Board.

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

12. Consider and act upon approval of Mutual Aid Agreement with surrounding area fire departments.

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

13. Consider and Act upon approval of KSA Task order number 103039 Downtown Retaining Wall

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

14. Consider and act upon Ordinance Number 2024-08, Amending Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances, regarding Water and Sewer Tap Fees

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

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

Infrastructure, Streets, Parks, Grants, Budget Preparation and Communication Plan

Workshop meeting will be moved to May 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. due to Monday is a holiday.  
Communication plan was shared with Council for informational purposes.

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

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston at 7:20 p.m. to close the meeting, Seconded by Councilman Cason. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilman Carrascosa

/s/ Brad Hyman

**Brad Hyman – Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Kathy Lovier

**Kathy Lovier – City Secretary**