



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, January 13, 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.

MINUTES

Call to order and announce a quorum is present.

Mayor Hyman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced a quorum present.

PRESENT

Mayor Brad Hyman
Councilman Harold Cason
Councilwoman Mary Keys
Councilwoman Rebecca Bailey
City Administrator Craig Lindholm
City Secretary Kathy Johnson
Assistant City Secretary Angie Pike

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Mark Huddleston and Councilman Martin Carrascosa

VISITORS: James Whitehurst, Lanny Buck, Jack Carlson, Josh Tucker, David West, Jennifer Goodson, Lillie Bush Reeves, Gary and Linda Morrow, Bob McFarland, Kyle Rogers, and Blake Sheffield

Invocation and Pledges

City Secretary Johnson lead the invocation and pledge.

Consent Agenda

1. Special Meeting Minutes 11/11/24 and 12/17/24

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

Voting Yea: Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey

Report on Items of Community Interest

Little Creek Park was awarded \$650k matching grant from Parks and Wildlife.

Fire Chief Sheffield and Ken Campbell, ESD Attorney will be having a public hearing 1/27/25 with the Franklin County Commissioner's Court. The Commissioner's will be making a decision to place the ESD on the May

ballot. There needs to be an interlocal for fire protection in the county otherwise the County will be in a vulnerable position.

Citizen Participation (3 minutes)

No one spoke.

Items to be Considered:

2. Consider and act upon approval of Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Rural Water Assistance Fund (RWAF) application

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys, Seconded by Councilman Cason.

Voting Yea: Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey

Lanny Buck with KSA Engineering spoke to Council regarding this application.

3. Consider and act upon approval of hiring KBB Consulting, LLC to manage the City of Mount Vernon HOME Program.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

Voting Yea: Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey

4. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 25-01 Catalytic Converter Grant Program.

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

Voting Yea: Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey

5. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 25-02 for the City of MV, Franklin County, Franklin County Water District, and Cypress Springs Special Utility District five year Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion made by Councilman Cason, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

Voting Yea: Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance - There will be a Zoning Ordinance stakeholder hearing will be 1/15/2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room at City Hall.

Parks Plan and TPWD Grant-Little Creek Park was awarded \$650k matching grant.

Projects – Loves will be closed and re-opened by 3/31/25 for complete remodel.

ISD - Ag building has been cleared for use.

Starbucks- will be open for business on February 10th.

N. Corridor - there will be a joint EDC and Council meeting on February 13, 2025 at 6pm to discuss land use.

Infrastructure Improvements – TWDB loan will be to upgrade and upsize raw water line with 90% loan forgiveness (application approved tonight) WWTP remodel is basically completed with a lab in house, WTP remodel is underway with spray foam and paint so far, Water Meters are installed and software installation is underway.

A state of the city report will be forthcoming and sent to all residents.

