



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, August 14, 2023 – 6:00 PM

109 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas 75457

MINUTES

1,098

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

PRESENT

Mayor Brad Hyman
Mayor Pro Tem Mark Huddleston
Councilwoman Sherelyn Roberson
Councilwoman Mary Keys
Councilwoman Rebecca Bailey
City Administrator Craig Lindholm
City Secretary Kathy Lovier

ABSENT

Councilman Harold Cason

VISITOR: see attached

Councilwoman Bailey lead the invocation and Mayor Hyman lead the pledges.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes 7/10/2023
July financial report

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Seconded by Councilwoman Roberson.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilwoman Keys,
Councilwoman Bailey

Report on Items of Community Interest

Mayor Hyman announced Councilwoman Roberson will be selling her home and moving soon, he offered her appreciation from the Council and staff for always being well informed and prepared for each meeting. Councilwoman Roberson expressed her thankfulness for the experience and being able to serve the community.

Citizen Participation (3 minutes)

Mike Rambin urged the City Council to make a plan for future water use and to know to whom we are selling water, is it of a benefit to our community or is it being sent away for the benefit of other countries. He urged that this plan be set in place before our water is used up.

Action Items

2. Consider and Act upon approval of Ordinance 2023-29 with Purdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, LLP for collection of utility bad debt and court cases at warrant status.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilwoman Keys,
Councilwoman Bailey

Presentation by Franklin County Environmental Council-B F Hicks

B F Hicks, David Truesdale, Joel Dihle, Jacqueline Miller and Mike Edwards spoke to the need to be proactive with the solar farms, plastic recycling company and water. Mayor Hyman advised that a letter had been sent to these companies to seek information but no response has been received. Mayor Hyman further reported the letter would be release to the public and our Congressmen and Representatives.

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

Administrator Lindholm made the presentation regarding Section 3 for CDBG contract CDV21-0099 water/sewer replacement.

The tax rate has been calculated and is ready for proposing on August 28, 2023 meeting.

Jason Slagle with Peoples Telephone presented the plan to expand the WIFI in the downtown and park areas.

At 7:20 p.m. Mayor Hyman closed the Regular Session and opened the Executive Session.

Executive Session

Personnel matters pursuant to *Texas Government Code, §551.074*, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal or resignation of a public officer: City Administrator

Reconvene

At 8:00 p.m. Mayor Hyman closed the Executive Session and re-opened the Regular Session.

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

With no further action being needed:

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston to close the meeting at 8:00 p.m., Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey

/s/ Brad Hyman

Brad Hyman – Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Lovier

Kathy Lovier – City Secretary