



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, November 08, 2021 – 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.

MINUTES

1,066

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
Councilwoman Sherelyn Roberson
Councilman Harold Cason
Councilwoman Rebecca Bailey
Councilwoman Mary Keys
City Administrator Tina Rose
City Secretary Kathy Lovier

VISITORS: see attached

Mrs. Jill Lowry lead the invocation and Mayor Hyman lead the pledges.

1. Minutes Special Meeting 10-12-2021 and Workshop minutes 11-3-2021
2. Bad debt turned over to collection agency
3. October 2021 financials

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys

Report on Items of Community Interest

Mayor Hyman reported the death of former Mayor, Darwin McGill, the Tiger football team are district champions and headed to the playoffs and finally he wanted to extend thanks to TxDOT for the sidewalks up and down SH37.

Mrs. Kitty Ramsay addressed the Council, she and her Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church, have adopted the City Council and County Commissioners. The Class will promise to pray for them and support them throughout the academic year. The Class wants to support and help in way possible.

Citizen Participation

Kenard Anderson addressed the Council, speaking to living at 100 Live Oak, he wants to build a home and he is currently gardening there to feed himself. He asked the Council to be gentle with him.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The purpose of this hearing is to hear evidence for or against a request made by Doreen Ruthart of Ron Doe Homes, to re-plat the property located at 101 and 103 Oliver Wendell Court, Mt Vernon, Texas.

Mayor Hyman closed the regular session at 6:12 p.m. and opened the public hearing. Mrs. Doreen Ruthart of Ron Doe Homes, spoke to the re-plat. The only thing actually being done is to decrease the larger lot at 103 Oliver Wendell Court and to increase the lot at 101 Oliver Wendell Court.

No one spoke against the re-plat.

Mayor Hyman closed the public hearing at 6:14 p.m. and re-opened the regular session.

PRESENTATIONS:

4. KSA Engineers will make a presentation updating the Capital Improvement Plan Development.

Lanny Buck, with KSA Engineers, spoke to the improvements that need to be made to the water and sewer infrastructure. There is an estimated expense of \$14,000,000.00.

5. Presentation on a rate study.

Kim Bostick with NewGen Strategies explained how they will be conducting the study and an approximate time line of when the project will be completed.

Items to be Considered:

6. Consider and Act upon approval of Ordinance 2021-13 re-platting 101 and 103 Oliver Wendell Court.

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

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

7. Consider and Act upon approval of Ordinance 2021-12 increasing rates for solid waste and street sweeping.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston **not to increase the rates**, to leave the solid waste at the current collection and **the City will absorb the increase**, not the customer, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

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

8. Consider and Act upon approval of MHS Planning and Design LLC TPWD Recreational Trail Grant Development

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

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

9. Consider and Act upon approval request made by Community Events Committee for the 3rd annual fireworks show in Little Creek Park.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey, Seconded by Councilwoman Roberson.

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

10. Consider and Act upon voting for nominations for Franklin County Appraisal District Board.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston made a motion to give all 197 votes to Mayor Hyman, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports:

Mayor Hyman reported he and Administrator Rose are in talks with Cypress Springs SUD regarding buying water. Mayor Hyman appointed a committee existing of himself, Administrator Rose, Councilwoman Keys, Jack Carlson, EDC Board and City Attorney, Stan Lowry.

Administrator Rose reported the Christmas Party will be at Vaughn's Catfish and asked everyone RSVP, the auditors were here the week of 11-1-2021 through 11-5-2021, the final walk through for the sidewalk project was today, final work or repairs will begin immediately, the Police department received their AR-15 rifles, we are in asking LOVES Truck Stop for an easement to widen the driveway at the lift station on Holbrook Street and she is also trying to engage the owner of the property next to the sewer plant regarding purchasing additional property.

Motion made by Councilman Cason made a motion at 7:25 p.m. to close the meeting, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston.

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

/s/ Brad Hyman

Brad Hyman – Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Lovier

Kathy Lovier – City Secretary