



## **CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

**Monday, September 11, 2023 – 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.*

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### **MINUTES**

**2,000**

Mayor Hyman called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

#### **ABSENT**

Councilwoman Rebecca Bailey

VISITOR: see attached

#### **Swearing-In Ceremony**

City Secretary Lovier administered the Oath of Office to Martin Carrascosa, recently appointed Councilman.

#### **Invocation and Pledges**

Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston lead with the invocation and the pledges.

#### **Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes 8/14/2023 and Special Meeting Minutes 8/28/2023  
August financial report  
Teacher's Day Proclamation

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

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

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

Mayor Hyman reported the Tigers are still undefeated.

#### **Citizen Participation**

2. Presentation by B F Hicks Solar information

B F Hicks updated the Council on further developments and what progress has been made. He informed Council that Representative Reggie Smith would be at Texas BBQ Corral at 5:30 p.m., Mr. Hicks urged Council to attend and express concerns to our Representative.

Mr. Hicks also asked Council to consider approving a resolution to support the efforts to keep solar under control.

Cindi Stutt read an article regarding solar in California and the effects of it.

**Public Hearing**

The purpose of this hearing is to hear evidence for or against 2023 proposed tax rate of \$0.54514 and the 2023-2024 proposed budget.

Mayor Hyman closed the Regular Session at 6:32 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing.

No one asked to speak for or against the 2023 proposed tax rate of \$0.54514 and the 2023-2024 proposed budget.

Mayor Hyman closed the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m. and re-opened the Regular Session.

**Items to be Considered:**

3. Consider and act upon approval of Ordinance 2023-30 adopting 2023-2024 Budget.

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

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

4. Consider and act upon approval of Ordinance 2023-31 setting the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.054514

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys, Seconded by Councilman Cason.

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

5. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 23-14 desingating The Mount Vernon News the official newspaper of the City of Mount Vernon.

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 approval of designating parking spaces at Main and N Kaufman as a fire lane due to being within 30 feet of a stop intersection.

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

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

7. Consider and act approval of Resolution 23-15 City of Mt Vernon Purchasing policy.

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

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

8. Consider and Act upon approval of KSA Engineering and Design Standard (DRAFT)

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

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

Blake Powell with KSA Engineers was here to give a quick review as to the importance of having the Design Standards, it is a great value to developers coming into the area. They will know what is expected of them prior to making an investment here.

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

Workshop 9/25/23

October Council meeting and workshop

New Website and app

Council Workshop on 9/25 and Regular Meeting 10/9 will be canceled. If a meeting is needed before 11/13/25, we will hold a Special Meeting on 10/23 which is the regular Workshop date.

The City's new website and app are up and running. With the new website push notifications will be available to anyone who has downloaded the app. In the event of an emergency, water outage, etc. the City will be able to inform the citizen that have turned on the notifications in the app settings. This information will be posted on the City's Facebook page for instruction.

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

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, 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**