



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, November 13, 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.

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

1,100

Mayor Hyman called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. and announced a quorum present.

PRESENT

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

VISITORS: see attached

City Secretary Lovier lead the invocation and Mayor Hyman lead the pledges.

1. Minutes 9/11/2023
September and October Financial Reports

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey, Seconded by Councilman Cason.

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

Report on Items of Community Interest

Mayor Hyman honored the MV Tigers football team and read a letter from Senator John Cornyn to our Veterans.

Citizen Participation (3 minutes)

Alice Berger with Oasis Church advised Council they have been doing BBQ fundraisers at the Prosperity Bank for 30 years for fund raising for kids to go to church camp. They require the kids to work with the food, food sales, holding signs to earn their way to camp. This teaches the kids life skills. She further stated that the Council should correct the wrong they have committed against them.

Bobby Berger with Oasis Church advised Council that he did not think the Council meant to discriminate against them, it was just an oversight. He asked Council to reconsider allowing non-profits to set up whenever and wherever they want to.

Public Hearing

The purpose of this hearing is to hear evidence for or against a request made by Terry and Amy Garner to re-plat their property located at 819 Miller Street, Mt. Vernon, Texas from one lot into two lots.

The purpose of this hearing is to hear evidence for or against a budget amendment to the 2022-2023 budget, reconciling overdrawn line items.

Mayor Hyman closed the Regular Session and opened the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Terry Garner spoke in favor of his request to Council that his intentions are to split the lot into two lots and build two nice spec homes with the intentions of teachers or coaches living there.

No one spoke for or against the budget amendment to the 2022-2023 budget.

Mayor Hyman closed the Public Hearing and re-opened the Regular Session at 6:12 p.m.

Items to be Considered:

2. Consider and Act upon approval of Ordinance 2023-06 request made by Terry & Amy Garner re-platting 819 Miller into two lots.

Motion made by Councilman Carrascosa, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

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

3. Consider and act upon approval of Ordinance 2023-32 amendment to 2022-2023 budget.

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

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

4. Consider and act upon approval of Interlocal Agreement with Franklin County on city roadways.

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

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

5. Consider and act upon approval of awarding SGL Utility Contractors the low base bid for Carthel and Arrington Street water and waste water improvements.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey, Seconded by Councilman Cason.

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

6. Consider and act upon casting votes for Franklin County Appraisal District Board.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston to give 40 votes to Roger Gekiere, Austin Puryear, Ralph Robertson, Chad Wooten and to give Mike Rambin 41 votes, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

KSA - TWDB Development (D)Fund
Mobile Food Ordinance
Special Meeting 11/27/2023 and 12/11/2023 meeting
Infrastructure, Streets, Parks, Grants (Admin)

Mayor Hyman stated food safety cannot be compromised above all things, the ordinance will be amended to include availability of restrooms and hand washing stations. Administrator Lindholm stated the ordinance has been in effect for 180 days and it is time to re-evaluate. He suggested a committee to accomplish this. Mayor Hyman appointed Rebecca Bailey, Martin Carrascosa, himself, Administrator Lindholm, City Secretary Lovier, Bobby Berger and Keith Barnes to meet Monday November 20, 2023, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. to make a recommendation back to Council at the November 17, 2023 meeting.

Brittany Smith with KSA Engineers spoke to Council regarding the TWDB (D)evelopment Fund. There is a December deadline to file the application. This loan can be used for engineering services, construction or a combination of both. The interest rate for 20 years is 3.9% and 30 year would be 4.38%, these rates are always changing though. We will know if we have received funding in the summer of 2024. Engineering plans could be done within six months then the project would start. We can apply for the revolving fund again by March, 2024 as well.

Administrator Lindholm advised there will be a Special Meeting scheduled 11/27/2023 with an EDC Workshop for the purpose of approving MHS Planning and Design Strategic Plan and presentation by SAFEBuilt for plan review, building inspection and code enforcement. He further reported he doesn't see a need to have the December 11, 2023 scheduled meeting unless something unforeseen arises. He showed pictures of the City dam after clearing had been completed.

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston at 7:00 p.m. to close the meeting, Seconded by Councilman Cason.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Carrascosa

/s/ Brad Hyman

Brad Hyman – Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Lovier

Kathy Lovier – City Secretary