



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, April 12, 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

Call to order and announce a quorum is present.

1,056

PRESENT

Mayor Brad Hyman
Councilman Kris White
Councilman Steve Hammons
Councilwoman Sherelyn Roberson

ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Michael Long
Councilman Mark Huddleston

Invocation and Pledges

City Administrator Rose lead the invocation and Mayor Hyman lead the pledges.

Consent Agenda

Items on the Consent Agenda are approved by a single action of the Council, with such approval applicable to all items appearing on the Consent Agenda. A Council Member may request any item to be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item.

1. Minutes 3-8-2021
2. March 2021 Financial Report

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson, Seconded by Councilman Hammons.
Voting Yea: Councilman White, Councilman Hammons, Councilwoman Roberson

Report on Items of Community Interest

The City Council will have an opportunity to address items of community interest, including: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the City of Mount Vernon; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the City of Mount Vernon that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the City Council or an official or employee of the City of Mount Vernon; and announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the City of Mount Vernon that has arisen after posting the agenda.

The Jordan family purchased the old hospital from the County.

Citizen Participation (3 minutes)

The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Council from responding to any comments other than to refer the matter to a future agenda, to an existing policy, or to a staff person with specific information. Claims against the City, Council Members, or employees, as well as individual personnel appeals are not appropriate for citizens' forum.

No one spoke.

Items to be Considered:

3. Consider and Act upon approval of Resolution 21-05 election judges for the May 1, 2021 General Election.

Motion made by Councilman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Roberson.

Voting Yea: Councilman White, Councilman Hammons, Councilwoman Roberson

4. Consider and Act upon approval of Resolution 21-06 suspending the Center Point Energy rate increase for 45 days.

Motion made by Councilman White, Seconded by Councilman Hammons.

Voting Yea: Councilman White, Councilman Hammons, Councilwoman Roberson

5. Consider and Act upon approval of Resolution 21-07 submission the HOME application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson, Seconded by Councilman White.

Voting Yea: Councilman White, Councilman Hammons, Councilwoman Roberson

6. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 21-08 awarding EDC incentives to Sweet Home Texas Eatery.

Motion made by Councilman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Roberson.

Voting Yea: Councilman White, Councilwoman Roberson

Voting Nay: Councilman Hammons

7. Consider and Act upon approval of Resolution 21-09 TxCDBG Grant for work on Carthel and Arrington Streets.

Motion made by Councilman Hammons, Seconded by Councilwoman Roberson.

Voting Yea: Councilman White, Councilman Hammons, Councilwoman Roberson

8. Consider and Act upon approval of improvements to Houston and Jackson Street in the amount of \$21,450.00 funded by EDC.

Motion made by Councilman White, Seconded by Councilman Hammons.

Voting Yea: Councilman White, Councilman Hammons, Councilwoman Roberson

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

9. Point of information - Candidate Jeff Briscoe submitted a request to withdraw after final date. Candidate can withdraw but it is too late to be removed from ballot.
10. Texas P&W Trails Grant for City Lake
11. Early voting prevents workshop meeting-Council room will be set up for election.
12. Water, Sewer, Streets, Park, Sidewalks, Grants (City Admin)
Main Street Report (Carolyn Teague)
EDC Report (City Admin/EDC president)

Point of Information – Candidate Jeff Briscoe submitted a request to withdraw after final date. Candidate can withdraw but it is too late to be removed from the ballot. Mr. Briscoe has stated he will not accept if he should win the election.

City Administrator Rose advised she is pursuing a Texas Parks and Wildlife grant for the city lake regarding a trail around the lake. The grant is in the amount of \$250,000.00 being \$200,000.00 from TPW and \$50,000.00 from the City. This process started in February and will fund (if we are awarded) in 2022, SWEPCO has awarded \$2,500 to the Fire Department, the leaking water valves at the water treatment plant have been corrected, the sidewalk project in the square is almost complete and in front of the courthouse will begin shortly, LOVES Truckstop will be tearing down their building and rebuilding a structure, twice as large as well as adding a one hundred slot R.V. park and diesel mechanics shop, initially creating 30 new positions, TxDOT will be starting the sidewalk projects down SH37 in June and will be finished within two weeks.

Councilman Hammons asked if we should hire an arborist to check pine trees around town that have died.

Councilwoman Roberson has asked if there is a plan to repair or replace all sewer lines around town each year and suggests if not that during the budget cycle this be something that is added.

Main Street Report - Carolyn Teague was not present. Mayor Hyman asked that Ms. Teague send a report to Council since she was not present.

EDC Board - President Sachse reported this was the first meeting with a full board present, after recent appointments. Mr. Sachse is very pleased with the board and what each member has to offer. The RFP regarding a consultant and director will close 4/30/21 and interviews will begin soon. The next business appreciation luncheon will be at Mt. Vernon Tire for the Wafford family on April 28, 2021.

Notes to the Agenda:

Items marked with an * are consent items considered to be non-controversial and will be voted on in one motion unless a council member asks for separate discussion.

The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in this Agenda except for discussion-only items.

The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session under Sections 551.071/551.074 – of the Texas Open Meetings Act concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact the City Secretary at 903-537-2252 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

13. February 2021 Court end of month reports

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

At 6:37 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Roberson to close the meeting. Voting Yea: Councilman White, Councilman Hammons, Councilwoman Roberson

/s/ Brad Hyman

Brad Hyman – Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Lovier

Kathy Lovier - City Secretary