



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, August 16, 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

1,061

Call to order and announce a quorum is present.

Mayor Hyman opened the meeting at 6:06 p.m. and announced a quorum present.

PRESENT

Mayor Brad Hyman
Councilwoman Sherelyn Roberson
Councilman Harold Cason
Councilwoman Rebecca Bailey
City Administrator Tina Rose
City Secretary Kathy Lovier

ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Huddleston

VISITORS

Lillie Bush Reves, Mark Sachse, Mary Keys, and Lanny Buck

Invocation and Pledges

City Secretary Kathy Lovier lead the invocation.

Mayor Hyman lead the pledges.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes 7-12-2021
Workshop minutes 7-26-2021
July 2021 Financial Report

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson to approve the consent agenda as presented, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey

Report on Items of Community Interest

City Administrator Rose reported that Tom Wilkinson Estate has provided the City with monies to help maintain the plaza. There is not a lot of information regarding this as of yet.

Citizen Participation (3 minutes)

No one spoke.

Items to be Considered:

2. Consider and Act upon approval of Mary Keys to replace Michael Long, Place 1 unexpired term 2023.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson to approve Mary Keys as councilmember for Place One.

Seconded by Councilman Cason.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey

Mary Keys was sworn-in office and took her place with Council.

3. Consider and Act upon approval of proposed tax rate of \$0.60044 for 2021 tax year.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve the 2021 tax rate of \$0.60044, Seconded by Councilman Cason.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

4. Consider and Act upon approval of KBB Consulting LLC as the management consultant for the HOME Program grant.

Motion made by Councilman Cason to approve KBB Consulting, LLC as the management consultant for the HOME Program grant. Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey..

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

5. Consider and Act upon approval of Ordinance 2021-06 amending water rates.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson to approve the discussed changes made during the meeting to the amended water rates, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys (the ordinance with amended rates is attached)

6. Consider and Act upon approval of Ordinance 2021-07 amending sewer rates.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson made a motion to choose option three for the amended sewer rates. Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys (The approved ordinance is attached)

7. Consider and Act upon approval of an agreement with KSA Engineers for a water and sewer system engineering analysis not to exceed \$35,000.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

City Administrator Rose reported she had increased the ad valorem tax from \$681,000 to \$712,000

Sludge removal for the WWTP was increased \$7,000

dispatch salaries was increased from \$92,000 to \$112,000

HOT fund recommendations have been plugged in

EDC moved \$70,000 from infrastructure to business incentives

The month of September will be "chlorine burn" month for the WTP, residents may be able to smell chlorine more than usual.

No report for Main Street this month.

EDC Report- Mr. Sachse reported they have left the \$100,000 in the budget for emergency care facility and that Martin Sanchez, Consultant is planning a retreat for the Council and EDC Board in late September.

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson to close the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.
Voting Yea: Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

/s/ Brad Hyman

Brad Hyman – Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Lovier

Kathy Lovier – City Secretary