

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
April 25, 2017**

Mayor Joe Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Vernon City Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall, and a quorum was declared present.

Present: Mayor Joe Rogers

Commissioners: Guy Spears, Ruben Hinojosa, and Travis Taylor. Brett Ferguson was absent from this meeting.

Staff Present: City Manager Joe Pence, Public Works Director Darell Kennon, City Attorney Jonathan Whitsitt, Police Chief Tom Wilson, Fire Chief J.J. Oznick, Finance Director Anne Garmon, Community Development Director David Pilcher, Zoning Official Monica Wilkinson, Municipal Judge Lori O. Adams, Accounts Payable Clerk Dee Boatenhamer, and City Secretary Christy Bradshaw.

Commissioner Taylor led the group in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation National Music Week

The Music Club was in attendance as Mayor Rogers read the proclamation aloud. On May the 7th the group was having the annual event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were presented at this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Hinojosa made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

- A. Approve Minutes: Attached are Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017
- B. Approve Financial Investment Report, Vouchers, and Payroll & Benefit Expense. March 1, 2017 – March 31, 2017. February 1, 2017 – February 28, 2017.
- C. Approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1704 - An Ordinance authorizing the Resale of Ten Winter Tax Properties.
- D. Approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1705 - An Ordinance Approving the Zoning Change as Requested by Vernon Golden, LLC for the northernmost part of Lots 1 & 2, Block 5 of the Nabers and Stephens Additions to the City of Vernon from Community Facilities (C-F) to Automobile/Recreational Commercial

Commissioner Spears seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

4. Consider, Discuss, and Possible Approval of a Community Garden to be located at 2407 Dawson Street (consider related cost, staff, and other city resources for the project)

Public Works Director Darell Kennon addressed the Commission relating to this item. Bobby Willis and Rev. Thomas spoke in favor of and on behalf of regarding the community garden. Rev. Thomas fielded questions from Guy Spears and Travis Taylor. Thomas advised that they would abide by-laws and grow things legally.

Travis Taylor directed staff to put \$10,000.00 in the budget for the Community Garden.

5. Consider and Approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1706 – An Ordinance authorizing the Approving the Sale of 1608 Eastland St, a vacant residential lot, as sold to Fernando Clemente at Sheriff's Auction

Commissioner Spears moved to approve Ordinance No. 1706. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor which passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 1706

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF VERNON, TEXAS, APPROVING THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1608 EASTLAND STREET; APPROVING THE SALES PRICE AND REQUIRING THAT DELIVERY OF THE PROPERTY BE EXECUTED TO THE PERSON NAMED IN THIS ORDINANCE.

6. Consideration, discussion and possible award of bid for the demolition of buildings at 1500 Main & 700 Texas

Community Development Director David Pilcher gave a presentation to the Commission relating to this item. Commissioner Spears moved to decline all bids that the City had received. Commissioner Hinojosa seconded that motion which passed by unanimous vote. Staff was then instructed to rebid the project.

7. Consider and Approve a contract with Pinnacle Network Solutions for wireless internet hardware to be located on the West and South Water Towers.

Public Works Director Darell Kennon presented to the commission relating to this item. He was followed with a short presentation by Glenn Tarter with Pinnacle. Tarter fielded questions relating to lease payment, time frame, costs (max of \$79.00), and speeds of bandwidth.

The contract reflects that they will not interfere with any other forms communications. Commissioner Spears moved to approve. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor which passed by unanimous vote.

8. Consider and Approve Resolution NO. 1010: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VERNON, TEXAS FINDING THAT AEP TEXAS INC.'S APPLICATION TO AMEND ITS DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTORS TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; FINDING THAT THE CITY'S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL.

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Commissioner Spears moved to approve. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor which passed by unanimous vote.

9. Consider and approve Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperatives installation of fiber optic lines in the alley easements of the City of Vernon

Public Works Director Darell Kennon presented to the Commission relating to this item. Kirk Petty with Santa Rosa Telephone addressed the Commission relating to this item as well. He advised that Santa Rosa Telephone had not yet decided if they were coming into Vernon.

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve moving forward with Santa Rosa Telephone installing fiber optics in the alley easements within the City of Vernon pending an approved contract, construction map and construction permit. Commissioner Spears seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

10. Consider and Approve proposal/contract from Pirate Fireworks for the July 2017, fireworks display and related expenditures as allowed for in the FY 2016-17 budget

Fire Chief JJ Oznick, presented to the commission. Commissioner Spears moved to approve. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa which passed by unanimous vote. The fireworks show will be held on July 3rd, 2017.

11. Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding Ms. Vonda Johnson's proposal to the City Commission relating to providing "Drug Dog(s)" to the City of Vernon's Police Department

Vonda Johnson briefly presented to the Commission relating to providing free Drug Dogs. She spoke about "the voice of Meth". Ms. Johnson shared her self-described personal experiences with a family member suffering from drug abuse. Johnson wrapped up her presentation with a plea to the commission relating more first responders for the City of Vernon.

12. Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding Mr. Jon Montroll's requests to address the City Commission relating to the forgiveness of back taxes on the property currently known as Vista Living Nursing Home

This item was not discussed and essentially "removed" from the agenda.

13. Adjourn. Travis moved to adjourn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44PM

Joe Rogers
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christy Cavness Bradshaw, TRMC
City Secretary

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