

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
May 23, 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, Britt Ferguson, and Don Aydelott.

Staff Present: City Manager 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 Spears led the group in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Molley Baldwin: Welcome to the new City Manager. Congratulations to Mr. Adyelott.

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, April 25, 2017, and of the Special Meeting held on May 16, 2017
- B. Approve Financial Investment Report, Vouchers, and Payroll & Benefit Expense. April 1, 2017 – April 30, 2017.
- C. Approve Second 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 Ferguson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

4. Consider, Nominate and Appoint One Commissioner to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for a term of one (1) year

Commissioners Aydelott and Hinojosa were nominated for Mayor Pro-Tem. There was a vote of 3 to 0, Spears, Ferguson, and Aydelott voting for Aydelott, and none for Hinojosa (he abstained). Commissioner Aydelott was elected Mayor Pro-Tem for a term of one (1) year.

5. Consideration and discussion of demolition bids for buildings at 1500 Main & 700 Texas
No action was taken on this item during this meeting.

6. Consider and Approve Ordinance NO. 1707:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VERNON, TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE ("ACSC") AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2017 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILINGS; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; REQUIRING RECONCILIATION AND RATE ADJUSTMENTS IF FEDERAL INCOME TAX RATES CHANGE; TERMINATING THE RRM PROCESS FOR 2018 PENDING RENEGOTIATION OF RRM TERMS AND CONDITIONS; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE ACSC'S REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY AND THE ACSC'S LEGAL COUNSEL.

Commissioner Spears moved to approve this ordinance. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Ferguson. With a unanimous vote the motion was passed.

7. Consider and Approve the temporary closing of McKinney Street between Antelope and Wood Streets on June 16th and 17th for to allow for the protection of the public during a combined family reunion and Community Juneteenth celebration

Commissioner Hinojosa moved to approve. That motion was seconded by Ferguson. With a unanimous vote the motion was passed.

8. Consider and Approve the purchase of a MagCAT® dual treatment catalytic/magnetic in-line water conditioner (\$9,900.00)

Commissioner Spears moved to approve. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Ferguson. With a unanimous vote the motion was passed.

9. Consider and Approve a service agreement with HyMow LLC. for the mowing and trimming of the median on Highway 287 and Business 287 within the city limits of the City of Vernon.

Commissioner Spears moved to approve, pending legal review. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Aydelott. With a unanimous vote the motion was passed.

10. Executive Session – Government Code, Title 5, Chapter 551-Section 551.072-Deliberation Concerning Real Property; 551.071-Consultation with Attorney – Water and related agreements

Commission recessed regular session to move into Executive Session at 7:05PM.
Commission reconvened into Regular Session at 7:37PM.

11. Action Regarding Executive Session Items

No action taken

Digital Recording on file

12. Adjourn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37PM.

Joe Rogers
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christy Cavness Bradshaw, TRMC
City Secretary