

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 23, 2018**

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: Britt Ferguson, Don Aydelott, Ruben Hinojosa, and Guy Spears were in attendance.

Staff Present: City Manager Martin Mangum, Public Works Director Darell Kennon, Police Chief Randy Agan, Fire Chief JJ Oznick, Community Development Director David Pilcher, City Attorney Jon Whitsitt, City Secretary Christy Cavness Bradshaw, and Administrative Assistant Dee Boatenhamer.

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

2. **Consent Agenda:** Commissioner Spears moved to approve. Commissioner Ferguson then seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Approve Minutes: Attached are Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, December 19, 2017.

Approve Financial Investment Report, Vouchers, and Payroll & Benefit Expense.  
December 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017.

3. **Proclamation:**

**Tennis, Volleyball, Football: Mayor Rogers read a proclamation recognizing the teams.**

Commissioners Spears, Aydelott, and Ferguson read team rosters and Mayor Rogers read the proclamation aloud recognizing the Tennis team being honored on 2/2/2018; the Volleyball team being honored on 2/9/2018; the Football team being honored on 2/16/2018. Afterward, pictures were taken of the group for the newspaper.

4. **Public Comment**

Hear Citizen Comments with a Limitation of Five Minutes.

**(Citizens Wishing to Comment Must Complete the Provided Form and Hand it to the City Secretary Before the Start of the Meeting.)**

Mr. Willy King: Thank you Mayor and Commission for what you do. Proposed that a street in North Vernon be renamed Martin Luther King Street, some suggestions for the street to be renamed were Maiden, Houston, Dawson, and Dean.

5. **Public Hearing** on the possible extension of the curfew hours for minors (proposed ordinance No. 1717) This was the second and final of the required Public Hearings on this subject.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 6:45pm. There being no comments offered, Mayor Rogers then closed the public hearing at 6:46PM

6. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on approving Ordinance Number 1717 – Ordinance extending section 36-11 curfew hours for minors. Commissioner Spears moved to approve with an expiration date of 1/23/2021, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Honijosa and was then passed by unanimous vote.
7. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on entering into a contract with Texas Communities Group, LLC for the collection of delinquent taxes for the City of Vernon. Trust properties: A representative with the Texas Communities group addressed the commission relating to what his company does to help cities dispose of abandoned properties. After the presentation Commissioners postponed to the next regular meeting. Commissioner Spears moved to “table” (postpone) until the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Aydelott and passed with a unanimous vote.
8. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on acceptance of a Chapman Tree Grant.

Commissioner Ferguson moved to approve. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa and was passed by unanimous vote.

9. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on approving the City of Vernon’s 2018 Financial Policy.

There was discussion relating to the one time capital fund transfer, etc. Commissioner Spears moved to approve the proposed financial policy. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa and passed by unanimous vote.

10. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action regarding the selection of an Engineer for the city’s Street Seal Coating project (RFQ’s opened on 1/5/18 at 3PM).

Commissioner Spears moved to approve/accept Kimley/Horn as the Engineering firm for the seal coat project. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous vote.

11. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action regarding Resolution No 1014: Calling the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 General Election, setting times, appointing workers, and approving an Interlocal agreement for services and election equipment.

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

12. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action regarding updating the City of Vernon’s Personnel Policy relating to Medicare and revising Annual (vacation) Leave.

City Manager Marty Mangum presented a brief overview of the recommended changes to the policy. He referred to the change of the vacation leave to be capped at 240 hours for those employees hired after 1/23/2018.

Commissioner Aydelott moved to approve. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Ferguson and was passed by unanimous vote.

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13. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on approval for the Donation of an out of service police vehicle to Vernon College Police Department.

Police Chief Randy Agan presented to the Commission relating to this item, noting that the college Vernon College Police Department currently has no vehicle to transfer prisoners. After discussion, Commissioner Hinojosa moved to approve the donation of an out of service vehicle to the college. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Spears and passed by unanimous vote.

14. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on Approval of General Orders for the Police Department.

Commissioner Spears moved to approve. That motion was approved by Commissioner Aydelott and was passed by unanimous vote.

15. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action Approving expenditure of approximately \$5600.00 for the Community Garden fence as part of the budgeted 2017-2018 funding of \$10,000.00 for that project.

Commissioner Spears moved to approve. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Aydelott and was passed by unanimous vote.

16. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on the purchase of a portable air compressor.

Commissioner Ferguson moved to approve. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Spears and passed by unanimous vote. Of note: the purchase was "just north of" \$21,000.00.

17. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action on the emergency purchase of Wastewater Treatment Chemicals, totaling approximately \$8000.00

Commissioner Aydelott moved to approve expenditures of \$17219.00. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Ferguson and passed by unanimous vote.

18. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action on the emergency expenditure to repair the concrete in the 1700 block of Fannin Street.

Commissioner Spears moved to approve expenditures of approximately \$6,000.00. That motion was seconded Ferguson and passed by unanimous vote.

19. Adjourn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.

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Joe Rogers  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Christy Cavness Bradshaw, TRMC  
City Secretary