

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
June 26, 2018**

Mayor Douglas Jeffrey IV 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 Douglas Jeffrey IV

Commissioners: Britt Ferguson, Don Adyelott, Pam Gosline, Justin Marsh.

Staff Present: City Manager Martin Mangum, Public Works Director Darell Kennon, City Attorney Jonathan Whitsitt, Police Chief Randy Agan, Community Development Director David Pilcher, Tourism Director Clint McCormick, Utility Clerk Elizabeth Agan, Finance Officer Dee Boatenhamer, and City Secretary Christy Cavness Bradshaw.

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

Commissioner Ferguson moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Aydelott seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

2. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approve Minutes: Attached are Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018.
 - B. Approval of Finance Investment Report, Vouchers, Payroll and Benefit Expense May 1, 2018 – May 31, 2018
3. Proclamations and Presentations:
 - A. Proclamation recognizing the Santa Rosa Palomino Club – Mayor Jeffrey
 - B. Proclamation naming July 14, 2018 “Christine Lyday Day”
 - C. National Nursing Assistant Week June 14-21, 2018
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.)

5. Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Resolution No. 1025:

RESOLUTION 1025

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS DESCRIBED HEREIN ARE EACH DANGEROUS STRUCTURES AND A PUBLIC NUISANCE. (3100 Maiden St.)

David Pilcher advised that this resolution orders a public hearing as required in relation to demolition of dangerous structures. Commissioner Ferguson moved to approve resolution 1025. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Gosline, and passed with a unanimous vote.

6. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to remove member from Main Street Board for non-attendance and replace with a new member.

Commissioner Ferguson moved to approve the removal of Don Wilson moved to replace him with Anna Stidham. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Gosline, and failed with a unanimous 4 no vote.

Commissioner Ferguson moved to remove Don Wilson from the Main Street Board and vote on replacement at a later date. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Gosline and passed with a unanimous vote.

7. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Approving a request for Easement from AEP
This item was postponed indefinitely.

8. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Resolution 1027: AEP Rate Case

RESOLUTION NO. 1027

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VERNON, TEXAS APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE CITIES SERVED BY AEP TO REVIEW AEP TEXAS INC.'S REQUESTED APPROVAL OF AN ADJUSTMENT TO ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY FACTOR; HIRING LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; 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 LEGAL COUNSEL.

City Manager Mangum presented to the Commission and Whitsitt provided further explanation. Commissioner Aydelott moved to approve resolution 1027. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Ferguson and passed with a unanimous vote.

9. Discussion, consideration, and take possible action to appoint a board member and alternate to the Rolling Plains Board

Pam Gosline was nominated by Commissioner Aydelott who also moved to approve the appointment(s) of Commissioner Gosline as board member and Mayor Jeffrey as alternate to the Rolling Plains Board. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Ferguson and passed with a unanimous vote.

10. Discussion, consideration and possible action on a request from Vernon Street Machine and Classic Association's and Vernon Parts Bar and Grill to request aid and closing of streets during Summers Last Blast on August 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2018.

The proposed time for requested street closure by Vernon Street Machine and Classic Association's was for closure on Saturday 6:45pm to 9:30pm. Their request was to block all the cross streets of Wilbarger for the Cruise. Additionally they requested that Cumberland be closed and the northern barricade will be on northern side of the intersection of Pease and Cumberland to Wilbarger. Saturday 10PM to 1AM on Sunday. (Friday would be from 7a to 11pm. Burn out on Lori street) The Vernon Parts event will take place from 8PM to Midnight Saturday. Commissioner Aydelott moved to approve the temporary closing of the streets for the event as discussed. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Marsh and passed with a unanimous vote.

Digital Recording on file

11. Discussion, consideration and possible action on recommendation for funding from the Tourism Committee for projects for Fiscal Year 2018/2019
Commissioner Aydelott moved to approve recommendations. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Ferguson and passed with a unanimous vote.

12. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on approval of bids for the purchase of a supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system for the wastewater treatment plant.

Darell Kennon advised that RLC Controls has been recommended by engineers Jacob and Martin and staff. Kennon also gave a brief description of issues and need for upgrade at the waste water treatment plant. Commissioner Aydelott moved to approve the bid from RLC in the amount of up to \$116,000.00 for the entire project. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Gosline and passed with a unanimous vote.

13. Discuss and take possible action of the approval of the 2018/2019 Wilbarger Appraisal District Budget.
City Manager Mangum gave a brief summary relating to this item. Commissioner Aydelott had issue with "how the budget monies are spent". Commissioner Ferguson advised that he has had many complaints relating to people from other city's coming in to appraise property (Amarillo/elsewhere).

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15. Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.072- Deliberation about Real Property.
The City Commission adjourned from executive session and reconvened into regular session.
7:54PM.
No action was taken during or after executive session.

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16. Budget workshop. City Manager Mangum gave a brief summary. Of note was the 2.5% in tax rate caps that is sure to be passed by the legislature.
Mangum also advised that claims will be about 8% higher this year than last year. Workers comp premiums have been increased due to (SRO, Officer and Drug dog, increased/large claims). Fund 93(which was the WC fund) has been done away with and WC (Workman's Comp) will show in individual departments now instead of one lump sum as before.
Gas and fuel prices have been raised 25% based on use in the particular line.
Commissioner Ferguson questioned spending 400K for seal coat; 2 defibrillators and one cot, new ambulance chassis and refurbished ambulance box.
160K – 100K hydra stop and valves. 60k hydra vac.
Revamp/rebuild clarifier at the WWTP.
The last page of the budget shows 62k more than we are taking in. however, 58k is in the bank in the tourism account which brings us to 4k from balanced.
RE: new ambulance, Darell said that Allen Storek (head mechanic) is concerned about the engine, the AC in the box, the generator also needs upgrading.

17. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37PM.

Douglas Jeffrey IV
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christy Cavness Bradshaw, TRMC
City Secretary