

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
July 24, 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:

Approve Minutes: Attached are Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, June 26th, 2018 and the Special Commission Meeting held on July 10, 2018. Approval of Department reports including Finance Investment Report, Payroll and Benefit Expense
June 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018

3. Proclamations and Presentations:

None

4. Public Comment

- Tony Kemp – Asked that the city not put “45 signs” “up every 10 feet” in the parks. Questioned the Golf Cart Ordinance relating to parking brakes and other items that he had heard about.
- Adolph Nuncio – Golf Cart permits, crossing streets and highways.

5. Public Hearing on the proposed condemnation of the dwelling at 3100 Maiden Street, Vernon, Texas.

Mayor Jeffrey opened the public hearing 6:38PM to allow for any public comments. No public comments were offered. Mayor Jeffrey then closed the public hearing at 6:39PM.

6. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Resolution Number 1026; a resolution declaring that certain improvements located at 3100 Maiden, Vernon Texas are public nuisances and requiring the taking down and removal of such improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. 1026

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS DESCRIBED HEREIN ARE PUBLIC NUISANCES, AND REQUIRING THE TAKING DOWN AND REMOVAL OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS.

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

7. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Ordinance No. 1728 amending Ordinance Number 1451 regarding the times of operation of city parks.

ORDINANCE 1728

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF VERNON REGULATING THE USE AND SETTING THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF THE PARKS OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE CITY OF VERNON, TX; PROVIDING FOR REPEALING, A SAVINGS CLAUSE, RECORDING, PENALTY FOR VIOLATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Chief Agan addressed Commission relating to this ordinance. Of note was that later hours and camping would be allowed on a case by case basis and would require a permit. The suggested change was to adjust the hours of operation from 11PM to 5AM in an attempt to curtail illegal "after hours" activity. After some discussion, Commissioner Aydelott moved to approve Ordinance 1728. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Ferguson, and passed by unanimous vote.

8. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Ordinance 1729 amending Ordinance Number 1529 regarding Golf Cart Permits.

ORDINANCE NO. 1729

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1529 OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF VERNON, TEXAS, TO ADOPT REGULATIONS BASED ON THE 2009 STATE AMENDMENT TO THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE KNOWN AS H.B. NO. 2553, SUBCHAPTER F, SEC. 551.401. THE AFOREMENTIONED AUTHORIZES TEXAS MUNICIPALITIES TO GOVERN THE OPERATION OF MOTORIZED CARTS IN THEIR JURISDICTION TO ENSURE THE PUBLIC SAFETY AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE ACCORDING TO THE GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY TEXAS H. B. NO. 2553; TO ADD SECTION 25 – TRAFFIC, ARTICLE IX – GOLF CARTS TO THE CITY OF VERNON CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR RECORDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After some discussion, Commissioner Aydelott moved to approve Ordinance 1729. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Ferguson, but died by a unanimous "NO" vote.

A second motion was made by Commissioner Gosline, to approve 1729 with an amendment to change the age from 18 to 16 with a valid driver's license. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Aydelott and passed by unanimous vote.

9. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding a request for a time change for the duration of the temporary street closure during Summer's Last Blast Car Show on August 10th and 11th 2018.

City Manager Mangum advised the Commission that the hours for the summers last blast street closure needs to be increased on 8/11/18, as the event needs more time than previously thought. The amended closure of Cumberland will be from 3 PM TO 1 AM to accommodate activities.

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

10. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on the Vernon Business Development Corporation's 2018/2019 Annual Budget

Jan Bonner with the EDC presented to the Commission relating to the EDC budget. Bonner was asked questions relating to the budget and revenue increase and sources. Bonner advised that the increase in revenue was due to rental income from a BDC owned property.

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

11. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on the proposed amended Budget for the Vernon Business Development Corporation's 2017/2018 Annual Budget

Commissioner Aydelott moved to approve the budget amendment. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Gosline, and passed by unanimous vote.

12. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Texas Department of Public Safety and the City of Vernon

Commissioner Marsh moved to approve the Interlocal agreement between COV and DPS. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Gosline, and passed by unanimous vote.

13. Discussion, consideration, and possible action approving changes to the City of Vernon Personnel Manual and Policy for Certification Pay for the Utility Departments.

Mangum explained that we want to keep the folks that are currently certified in Utilities. This request is to increase the monthly certification pay for those who have or earn certifications.

Commissioner Aydelott moved to approve the updated Personnel Manual. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Marsh, and passed by unanimous vote.

14. Executive Session Pursuant to Article 551.072 of the Local Government Code – Discussion of possible real property acquisition.

Commission recessed into Executive Session at 7:04PM.

Commission returned and reconvened Regular Session at 7:25PM.

No action was taken during, or after Executive Session.

15. Budget Work Session

Mangum gave a brief summary of the prepared budget that was presented to the commission.

16. Adjourn.

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

Digital Recording on file

Douglas Jeffrey IV
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christy Cavness Bradshaw, TRMC
City Secretary