

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2018, 6:30 PM**

Mayor Douglas Jeffrey IV called the Regular Meeting of the Vernon City Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. on November 19, 2018 at City Hall, and a quorum was declared present.

Present: Mayor Douglas Jeffrey IV

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

Staff Present: City Manager Martin Mangum, City Attorney Jonathan Whitsitt, Police Chief Randy Agan, Fire Chief JJ Oznick, Public Works Director Darell Kennon, Community Development Director David Pilcher, Utility Clerk Elizabeth Agan, Finance Officer Dee Boatenhamer, Animal Control Officer Lance Bryant, Main Street/Tourism Director and Municipal Judge Lori Adams,

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

1. Call To Order

- A. Declaration of Quorum – Mayor Jeffrey declared a quorum
- B. Invocation- Commissioner Marsh led the group in the Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Marsh led the group in the pledge to the United States Flag and to the Texas Flag

2. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Ferguson moved to approve the consent agenda.

- A. Approval Minutes: Attached are Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held on Tuesday September 25, 2018.
- B. Approval of Department reports including Finance Investment Report, Payroll and Benefit Expense
September 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018

Ferguson's motion was seconded by Commissioner Aydelott and passed with a unanimous vote.

3. Proclamations and Presentations:

- A. Proclamation recognizing Captain Aaron Crumbly for receiving the Texas Department of Public Safety Director's Award – Captain Crumbly was awarded the Texas Department of Safety Director's Award for his extraordinary service for giving lifesaving first aid to a stabbing victim on April 26, 2018.
- B. Mayor allowed Amanda Lehman, who is the new Main Street/Tourism Director and Marsha Jo Stone, who is the new City Secretary to introduce themselves.

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.)

Digital Recording on file

Vonda Johnson came to talk to the City Commission about a donation given to the city from Vernon Auto Group for the purchase of playground equipment for Allingham Park. She asked if the city would set up a GoFundMe account add to the amount being donated for equipment in the park. She said the city might consider setting up a new account for donations if they did not want to set up a GoFundMe fund. Commissioner Gosline stated that she was not a fan of GoFundMe accounts and would rather set up a separate bank account for these funds. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Mrs. Johnson would talk to the City Manager about the best method to solicit funds for the park and to bring back a recommendation for the City Commission.

5. Discuss, consider and take possible action on a request from the Employee Benefit Trust Committee on amending the amount employees are required to contribute on employee only health insurance.

City Manager, Marty Mangum explained that several years prior that the City had begun charging city employees \$21.50 per pay period per month for employee only health insurance. He explained that the health insurance trust had a balance in it of \$690,438 in it. He explained that the cost to the city for the city employees' health insurance for their individual plan would be \$44,440 per year. He explained that with a typical year of claims the city would have \$145,698 more money in the fund than the year before. Mr. Mangum pointed out that the balance of this account was a least twice as much as was needed. He further explained that the city has a stop loss on its health insurance which caps any claims at no more than 125% of the projected claim. Motion was made by Commissioner Gosline to approve the additional expenditure to fund 100% of the employee only health insurance. It was seconded by Commissioner Aydelott. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discuss, consider and take possible action on the approval of tax property sales on properties located at 1408 Deaf Smith, 1024 Wood Street, 1026 Wood 1100 Wilbarger, 3204 Yamparika, 2728 Mesquite, 525 Yamparika, 2402 Maiden, 2400 Maiden, 1004 Olive, 2704 Maiden, and 1205 Gilbert.

The City Manager explained that the city is under contract with Texas Communities Group to sell all of the delinquent tax properties that have been struck off to the taxing entities. Texas Community Group has taken bids on the properties and the offers on the properties are as follows: 1408 Deaf Smith- \$200, 1024 Wood - \$70, 1026 Wood - \$70, 110 Wilbarger - \$1,500, 3204 Yamparika - \$100, 2728 Mesquite - \$200, 525 Yamparika - \$150, 2402 Maiden - \$75, 2400 Maiden - \$75, 1004 Olive - \$1,000, 2704 Maiden - 100, 1205 Gilbert - \$50. Motion was made by Commissioner Marsh and seconded by Commissioner Gosline to approve the resale of the properties. The vote was unanimous.

7. Discuss, consider and take possible action on the purchase of a new ambulance remount for the Vernon EMS Service.

Vernon EMS Director, J. J. Oznick informed that City Commission that Vernon EMS had taken bids on the purchase of a remounted ambulance which would include a new chassis along with a remount and remodel of the "box" of the ambulance. The bids were all from Frazier under contract through Buy Board. The bids were \$149,900 for the C3500 Chevrolet, \$149,550 for the 3500 RAM and \$152,800 for the 4500 RAM. All were 2018/2019 models and all included the Buy Board fees. Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Aydelott to approve the purchase of a 2018/2019 Chevrolet C3500 diesel. The vote was unanimous.

8. Discuss, consider and take possible action on the purchase of a Vacuum Excavator.

Darell Kennon explained that the city had taken bids for a Vacuum Excavator. The city received six bids on the +excavator. The bids were from C and O Equipment, Texas Underground Pipe Hunter, Vermeer, EKA, Kinloch Equipment, and CLS. The low bid was from C & O Equipment for a Ring-O-Matic brand excavator for \$61,129.50. Motion was made by Commissioner Gosline and seconded by Commissioner Aydelott to purchase the Ring-O-Matic from C & O Equipment. The vote was unanimous.

9. Discuss, consider and take possible action on the awarding of a contract for salt purchase for the city.

Darell Kennon informed the City Commission that staff obtained two bids for the purchase of salt for use in the ion exchange plant and water system. The bids were from Cargill Salt and one from Brenntag Southwest Morton Salt. Those bids were as follows: Cargill Salt - \$208 per ton delivered and Brenntag Southwest Morton Salt - \$207/ton delivered. Commissioner moved to award the contract to Brenntag Southwest Morton Salt at \$207/ton for one year with an extension if both parties agreed. Commissioner Marsh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

10. Discuss, consider and take possible action on Resolution Number 1031 a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

City Manager, Marty Mangum explained that Ordinance Number 1031 authorized the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant and authorized the Mayor to act as the city's Executive Officer and representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant. The grant will be for \$275,000 with \$55,000 being the city's match for water and street improvements along Cumberland Street.. The motion was made by Commissioner Justin Marsh and seconded by Pam Gosline to approve Ordinance Number 1031. The vote was unanimous.

11. Discuss, consider and take possible action on the awarding on the bid for the 2018 Community Block Grant contract Number 7217471, Water Line Improvements.

The City of Vernon received three bids to replace water lines along Lexington Street between Paradise and Canal Street that were considered in October. The contractors had not cleared their SAMS certification at the time they were first considered. The motion was made by Commissioner Aydelott and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to award the construction bid to Barclays of Houston for the base bid of \$247,330.80, \$2,400 for Additive #17, and \$3,100 for Additive #18 for a total of \$252,830.80. The vote was unanimous.

12. Discuss, consider and take possible action on properties located at 2029 Lamar and 2501 Dean that were condemned in April 2018 and were given a six month extension for improvement.

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The city condemned two houses in April but both were given 6 month extensions prior to demolition. The Code Enforcement Officer, David Pilcher testified that he had not seen any improvement on the properties during that six month time period. After hearing from the owner of the house located at 2501 Dean, Commissioner Marsh made the motion to proceed with the demolition of 2029 Lamar and to grant another six month extension on the demolition of 2501 Dean Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aydelott. The vote passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Aydelott and seconded by Commissioner Gosline to go into Executive Session at 7:05 PM.

13. Executive Session Pursuant to Article 551.071 of the Local Government Code – Pending Litigation.
14. Executive Session Pursuant to Article 551.074- discussing certain personnel matters, meet deliberate, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, City Secretary, and Main Street/Tourism Director.

The City Commission reconvened the regular City Commission meeting. At 7:31 PM. Mayor Jeffrey informed the crowd that no action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

15. Adjourn – Commissioner Gosline made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Douglas Jeffrey IV
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marty Mangum City Manager