

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2019 6:30 PM**

Mayor Douglas Jeffrey IV called the Regular Meeting of the Vernon City Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. on January 22, 2019 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, Municipal Court Judge Lori Adams, Tony Dehoyes, Parks Supervisor

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 Aydelott moved to approve the consent agenda.

- A. Approval Minutes: Attached are Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018
- B. Approval of Finance Investment Report, Vouchers, Payroll and Benefit Expense for December 1, 2018
- C. Approval of Department reports including Finance Report and other departmental reports December 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

3. 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.)

Maurice Rosalez addressed the Commission concerning unpaved streets – Canal, Eagle, Eastland and Beaver. We would appreciate if the City could put this on the agenda to get those roads paved.

Jason Goodrum addressed the Commission concerning unpaved streets – state he was the owner operator of Goodrum Plumbing. He advised he had moved his business to his home on Eastland Street. He advised he had lived there for over twenty years and there have been no improvements to the road. Has delivery trucks multiple times every day and that go down these roads.

Commission Aydelott asked - what types of trucks use this road?

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Jason Goodrum advised - all kinds of trucks – semi trucks, pickup trucks and bobtail trucks.

Commissioner Gosline stated - she had driven those roads in the past year and they are a rollercoaster ride.

John Goodrum addressed the Commission concerning the unpaved streets – he requested the Commissioners come to the neighborhood and look at the improvements, look at the houses that have been built. The neighborhood has really come up in stature a lot since everyone has moved into the area. Since taxes are going up we would like to get some improvements made in the area if at all possible.

4. Discuss, consider and take possible action on Resolution Number 1032; a resolution of support of a proposed development for affordable senior rental housing named Silverleaf at Vernon, located in Vernon, Texas.

Ben Dempsey spoke to the Commission – proposing forty-nine units at the intersection of Center Drive and Hwy 70. Need a Resolution because this is under tax credit development. This is an affordable housing program for seniors 55 and older. The restrictions are based on income and age. The resolution is a requirement to apply for the tax credit with TDHCA. Commissioners reviewed floor plans. He advised the process should begin around August 1 and construction could start around January 2020 and be completed January 2021.

Commissioner Gosline made the motion to approve Resolution Number 1032 in support of a proposed development for affordable senior rental housing named Silverleaf in Vernon.

Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-1, with Commissioner Adyelott voting against.

5. Discuss, consider and take possible action on Resolution Number 1033; Calling General Election for the purpose of filing for the office of City Commissioner Precinct 3 and 4, authorizing the Mayor to sign an inter-local agreement with Wilbarger County for election services, appointing Early Voting Clerk and Deputy Early Voting Clerk, setting times and dates of early voting by personal appearance, appointing the Election Judge and Alternate Judge, establishing the Early Voting Ballot Board, and setting the rate for Election judge and Election Workers.

Commissioner Gosline made the motion to approve Resolution Number 1033.

Commissioner Marsh seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

6. Discuss, consider and take possible action on contract with Red River Authority of Texas for the selling of treated and raw water from the City of Vernon to Red River Authority of Texas.

Darell Kennon, Public Works Director advised Red River Water would take over Northside Water as of March 2019 and also Hines. The City needs to redo the contract with Red River Water to reflect this change. An eight inch pipeline will be installed by Red River Water from our booster station to Northside and Hines. The easement would also be expanded from twenty foot to sixty five foot.

Motion was made by Commissioner Marsh to approve the contract with Red River Authority of Texas for selling treated and raw water from the City of Vernon to Red River Authority of Texas.

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Commissioner Adyelott seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

7. Discuss, consider and take possible action on Ordinance Number 1737 setting the rates for water rates and limits on water sold to Red River.

Commissioner Marsh made the motion to approve Ordinance Number 1737 setting the rates for water rates and limits on water sold to Red River.

Commissioner Gosline seconded by motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

8. Discuss, consider and take possible action on setting up a bank account and a GoFundMe account for the donation of money for park and facility improvements in the City of Vernon.

Vonda Johnston discussed promoting donations for the park.

Mayor Jeffrey thanked Ms. Johnson for her work on this project and to go ahead with fundraisers.

9. Discuss, consider and take possible action on the approval of an annual financial plan for the City of Vernon.

City Manager Mangum explained the annual financial plan for the City of Vernon. He advised the City must keep ninety days cash supply available.

Commissioner Adyelott made the motion to approve an annual financial plan for the City of Vernon.

Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

10. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action on amending Ordinance Number 1699: An Ordinance of the City of Vernon amending Chapter 42, Peddlers, solicitors, and beggars of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Vernon, Texas

City Manager Mangum explained that Itinerant Vendors can set up for three consecutive days for more than four times per year and another provision states three consecutive days twelve times per year. He stated this is very confusing for the vendors. The reason this is being discussed is to possibly change this to allow food vendors more time.

Commissioner Marsh advised he was all for the food vendors additional time.

Cody Bell, Food Truck Owner addressed the Commission and suggested a possible annual fee for food vendors.

Mayor Jeffrey advised this be brought back next month with possible changes to the Ordinance.

11. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action on the approval of tax resale deeds on 1027 Wheeler, 1113 Wood, 2129 Mesquite, 1308 Houston, 1304 Lamar, 2210 Dawson, 2228 Olive all in Vernon, Texas

Commissioner Adyelott made the motion to approve the tax resale deeds as presented.

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Commissioner Gosline seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

12. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action on awarding a contract for the rejuvenation of the secondary clarifier at the City of Vernon Wastewater Treatment Plant

Darell Kennon, Public Works Director reported the Commission had previously budgeted \$800,000 to rejuvenate the secondary clarifier. We solicited bids with our engineer Jacob and Martin and received six bids. The low bid was \$591,000.00 from JS Harin. Jacob and Martin recommended accepting the bid.

Commissioner Gosline made the motion to accept the bid from JS Harin at \$591,000.00.

Commissioner Adyelott seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

13. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action on a request by John Long for the use of the alley East of the Super 8 Motel for parking for a potential restaurant or bar.

City Manager Mangum advised AEP and AT&T both expressed concerned with being able to get to their infrastructures and requested the City does not approve this request.

Died for lack of motion.

14. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on allowing domestic partners to be added to the City's health insurance plan.

City Manager Mangum advised one employee had approached the City concerning allowing domestic partners to be added to the health insurance plan. We contacted the insurance company and the City can allow this.

Commissioner Marsh made the motion to deny domestic partners to be added to the City's health insurance plan.

Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Commissioner Marsh and seconded by Commissioner Aydelott to enter into Executive Session at 8:00 pm.

15. Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.072 – Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchanges, lease or value of Real Property – action may be taken in open meeting if necessary
16. Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney concerning possible pending litigation
17. Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters (1) To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee (2) To hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee – City Manager

Commissioner Gosline made the motion to exit Executive Session at 8:47 pm

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Commissioner Adyelott seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

The City Commission reconvened the Regular City Commission meeting at 8:47 pm.

18. Adjourn – Commissioner Adyelott made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm.

Douglas Jeffrey IV
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marsha Jo Stone, City Secretary