

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2019**

Mayor Douglas Jeffrey IV called the Regular Meeting of the Vernon City Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. on October 22, 2019 at City Hall, and a quorum was declared present.

Mayor Douglas Jeffrey IV

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

Staff Present: City Manager Martin Mangum, Finance Director Dee Boatenhamer, Fire Chief J.J. Oznick, Police Chief Randy Agan, Community Development Director Monica Wilkinson, Code Enforcement Officer David Pilcher, Municipal Court Judge Lori Adams, Public Works Director Darell Kennon, City Secretary Marsha Jo Stone

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 of the Minutes of the Regular City Commission meeting held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019.
 - B. Approval of the Finance Investment Report, Vouchers, Payroll and Benefit Expense for September 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019
 - C. Approval of other Department Reports

3. Public Comment

Hear Citizen Comments with a limitation of five minutes

None

4. Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Jeffrey read the proclamation and declared October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

5. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on the closing of Olive Street from Main Street to Cumberland Street on November 2, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for an event at the Loft

Commissioner Marsh made the motion to approve the closing of Olive Street from Main Street to Cumberland Street on November 2, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for an event at the Loft.

Commissioner Aydelott seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action to Approve the sale of tax properties: Parcel 2033001, 1300 Antelope to LaShawnda Florez and Lorenzo Jimenez for \$475.00, Parcel 955001, 2915

Sullivan to John Wright for \$526.00, Parcel 2638001, 1013 Houston to Brian McArthur for \$100.00, Parcel 9656001, 2410 Dawson to Justice Ndhlovu for \$215.00, Parcel 3353001, 2410 Dawson to Justice Ndhlovu for \$215.00, Parcel 1765001, 2907 Luna to Joe Palacios for \$50.00, Parcel 6796001, 900 Wanderer to Joe Palacios for \$200.00, Parcel 964880010, 2328 Maiden to Joe Palacios for \$50.00, Parcel 5366001, 2929 Bowie to Joe Palacios for \$50.00, Parcel 1459001, 1421 Violet to Joe Palacios for \$200.00, Parcel 323001, 3719 Kelly to Joe Palacios for \$100.00, Parcel 6216001, 3101 Wheatley to Joe Palacios for \$50.00, Parcel 8701001, 2431 Joe Palacios for \$50.00, Parcel 3345001, 2426 Wanderer to Joe Palacios for \$50.00

Commissioner Gosline made the motion to approve the sale of tax properties as read.

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

7. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on Approval of Ordinance Number 1748 Amending Ordinance Number 1087 by updating building and trade permit fees

Community Development Director presented the Commission with a proposition concerning building and trade permit fees due to HB 852.

Commissioner Aydelott made the motion to approve Ordinance Number 1748 Amending Ordinance Number 1087 by updating building and trade permit fees

Commissioner Gosline seconded the motion, which passed by majority vote. 4 Yes (Ferguson, Aydelott, Gosline, Marsh) 1 No (Jeffrey)

8. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on request from Rogers Abstract on the forgiveness of delinquent taxes on 2625 Sunset Drive, Vernon Texas due to a discrepancy in the delinquent tax statement furnished to the buyers during closing.

This item was pulled from the agenda per City Manager Mangum

9. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on renewal of a School Resource Officer for the 2019/2020 School Year

City Manager Mangum presented an agreement with Vernon Independent School District for the renewal of a School Resource Officer. VISD pays 70 percent of the salary and fringe benefits. Mangum advised the only change would be an additional clause to state if the officer is off due to vacation during the school year or out sick, the City would put another officer on duty and any overtime would be reimbursed by VISD.

Commissioner Marsh made the motion to approve the contract renewal of a School Resource Officer for the 2019/2020 School Year.

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

10. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on designated parking for Leap of Faith

This item was pulled from the agenda per City Manager Mangum

11. Discuss and Consideration of possible changes to Ordinance allowing for the operation of Off Highway Vehicles in the City of Vernon

Community Development Director Wilkinson advised "HB 1548 defines Off Highway Vehicles as all-terrain vehicle, recreational off highway vehicle or utility vehicle. This bill would allow off highway vehicles to be on city streets like golf carts if the City chooses. The requirements are they must be equipped with a brake system, muffler system, spark arrester, headlight and taillight. If the vehicle does not have a roll bar the riders must wear a helmet and goggles. The operator must have insurance, be a licensed driver and wear seatbelts. The vehicle must have a license plate issued by Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. The posted speed limit on the roadways of not more than 35 miles per hour."

Commissioner agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting agenda for further review

12. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on Approval of Ordinance Number 1749 amending the Personnel Policy of the City of Vernon and establishing a concealed weapons policy allowing City employees to carry concealed weapons while on duty or on City property

Commissioner Aydelott made the motion to approve Ordinance Number 1749 amending the Personnel Policy of the City of Vernon and establishing a concealed weapons policy allowing City employees to carry concealed weapons while on duty or on City property

Motion failed for lack of second

Mayor Jeffrey advised this item will be on the next Regular meeting and would like Commissioners to speak to employees concerning this matter.

13. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action to approve purchase of Animal Control vehicle for the Police Department

Commissioner Aydelott made the motion to approve the bid from Vernon Auto Group of \$24,012.40 for a pickup for Animal Control

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

14. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action to approve purchase of three patrol vehicles for the Police Department.

Commissioner Aydelott made the motion to approve the bid from Big Bear Police Vehicles, LLC of \$64,484.98 for three patrol vehicles

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

15. Executive Session – Pursuant to Article 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney

Commissioner Aydelott made the motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m.

The City Commission adjourned from Executive Session at 8:13 p.m.

Digital Recording on file

16. Adjourn

Commissioner Gosline made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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

Douglas Jeffrey IV Mayor

ATTEST:

Marsha Jo Stone, City Secretary