

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 23, 2020**

Mayor Pam Gosline called the Regular Meeting of the Vernon City Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. on June 23, 2020 at City Hall, and a quorum was declared present.

Mayor: Pam Gosline

Commissioners: Don Aydelott, Britt Ferguson, Justin Marsh

Staff Present: City Manager Martin Mangum, City Attorney Jon Whitsitt, Tourism Director Amanda Lehman, Finance Director Dee Boatenhamer, City Secretary Marsha Jo Stone, Police Chief Randy Agan, Community Development Director Monica Wilkinson, Code Enforcement David Pilcher

1. Call To Order

- A. Declaration of Quorum – Mayor Gosline 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:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Commission meeting held on Regular Meeting held on May 26, 2020.
- B. Approval of the Finance Investment Report, Vouchers, Payroll and Benefit Expense for May 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020.
- C. Approval of other Department Reports

Commissioner Aydelott moved to approve the consent agenda.

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

3. Public Comment – Adolph Nuncio requested information concerning East side street repairs. City Manager Mangum responded they were waiting on the contractor.

Mayor Gosline advised future meetings will begin at 6:00 pm

4. Public Hearing

Mayor Gosline opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 pm

No Comment

Mayor Gosline closed the Public Hearing at 6:33 pm

Ferguson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote

- 5. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on Resolution Number 1049 Declaring that certain improvements described herein are Public Nuisances, and requiring the taking down and removal of such improvements

RESOLUTION NO. 1049

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

WHEREAS, Heretofore on the 26th day of May, 2020, this Commission by resolution called a public hearing for the 23rd day of June, 2020, for the purpose of determining whether certain improvements are each dangerous structures and a public nuisance; and,

WHEREAS, this Commission finds that all notices required by the Vernon Municipal Codes have been complied with and that notice of this hearing has been duly given as directed by the Commission; and,

WHEREAS, this Commission has listened to the evidence and arguments presented by all persons who appeared before it; and,

WHEREAS, this Commission finds that the notice of the Code Enforcement Director to make the structure safe either by repair or demolition and removal has not been complied with:

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF VERNON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. This Commission hereby finds and determines that each of the improvements, buildings and structures described below are dangerous structures, are structurally unsafe, constitute a fire hazard and are dangerous to human life, and their continued use will constitute a hazard to the safety, health and public welfare and each are hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

SECTION 2. The Owner, agent or occupant of the dangerous structures described in this section are hereby ordered to take down and remove the same from the premises within ten (10) days from the date a copy of this resolution is served or mailed to said owner, agent or occupant. The improvements, buildings and address thereof, the legal description of same, and the owners of same are as follows:

<u>IMPROVEMENTS AND STREET ADDRESS</u>	<u>LEGAL DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>OWNER & ADDRESS</u>
1. 3029 Mesquite St. Tax I.D. 967	All of the W ½ Blk 126 South Add.	Larry Haynes Est. No Address

SECTION 3. If the owner, agent or occupant of the dangerous structures shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with this resolution as herein directed, then the Code Enforcement Director is hereby directed to proceed with the demolition of the various buildings described in this resolution, and he may prosecute the owner, agent or occupant of the building as a violator of the provision of the southern Building Code and the Vernon Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 4. The Code Enforcement Director is further directed to determine the cost of such demolition and to levy such assessments against the real estate as may be provided by law.

SECTION 5. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public as required by law.

SECTION 6. This resolution shall not be recorded in length in the minutes of the City Commission, but shall be filed for permanent record in the office of the City Secretary.

SECTION 7. This resolution shall be in full force immediately upon passage by the City Commission.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2020

S: _____
Pam Gosline, Mayor

ATTEST:

S: _____
Marsha Jo Stone, City Secretary

Commissioner Ferguson made the motion to approve Resolution Number 1049 Declaring that certain improvements described here are Public Nuisances, and requiring the taking down and removal of such improvements

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

6. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action to Approve Sale of tax property: Parcel 8650001, 1212 Bismarck Street to Chris White for \$50.00

Commissioner Aydelott made the motion to approve sale of tax property: Parcel 8650001, 1212 Bismarck Street to Chris White for \$50.00

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

7. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on approval of a request from the Vernon Street Machine Classic Association, Inc. to hold the 31st Annual Summers Last Blast Celebration and grant permission for the various events of the celebration including closing certain streets and intersections

Commissioner Ferguson made the motion to a request from the Vernon Street Machine Classic Association, Inc. to hold the 31st Annual Summers Last Blast Celebration and grant permission for the various events of the celebration including closing certain streets and intersections

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

8. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on a request from Amanda Lehman for permission to close Pease Street for the Main Street Car Show from Main to Mesquite and Cumberland from Pease to Wilbarger on August 6, 2020 from 7:30 pm

Commissioner Ferguson made the motion to grant permission to close Pease Street for the Main Street Car Show from Main to Mesquite and Cumberland from Pease to Wilbarger on August 6, 2020 from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm

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

9. Hear presentation and Take Possible Action on a planned concert to be held on August 8, 2020, during Summers Last Blast from 7:30 pm until midnight by Jay Young of the Rusty Spur

Commissioner Ferguson made the motion to approve a planned concert to be held on August 8, 2020, during Summers Last Blast from 7:30 pm until midnight by Jay Young of the Rusty Spur

Commissioner Marsh seconded the motion, which passed – Yes (Ferguson, Marsh, Gosline) Abstain (Aydelott).

10. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on two unaffiliated directors of ERCOT, re-election of an unaffiliated Director, and amendments to the ERCOT Bylaws

Commissioner Aydelott made the motion to cast FOR votes for Raymond Hepper and Sally Talberg as unaffiliated Directors and Terry Bulger for re-election as an unaffiliated Director and a vote FOR proposed amendments to the ERCOT Bylaws

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

11. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on retaining Edgin, Parkman, Fleming and Fleming, PC to conduct the City of Vernon's 2019-2020 Audit

Commissioner Marsh made the motion to retain Edgin, Parkman, Fleming and Fleming, PC to conduct the City of Vernon's 2019-2020 Audit

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

12. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on appointment of an Alternate Board Member to the Rolling Plains Management Corporation

Commissioner Ferguson made the motion to appoint City Manager, Marty Mangum as an Alternate Board Member to the Rolling Plains Management Corporation

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

13. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on a Proxy/Alternate Designation for the City of Vernon Representative to the Nortex Regional Planning Commission

Commissioner Aydelott made the motion to appoint City Manager, Marty Mangum as Proxy/Alternate Designation for the City of Vernon Representative to the Nortex Regional Planning Commission

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

14. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on the purchase of a Folder/Inserter for the Utility Billing Department

Commissioner Aydelott made the motion to approve the purchase of a Folder/Inserter for the Utility Billing Department at a cost of \$13,815.00

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

15. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on the acceptance of a grant from the Priddy Foundation for partial funding of the construction of a splash pad

Commissioner Aydelott made the motion to **decline** the acceptance of a grant from the Priddy Foundation in the amount of \$40,000 for partial funding of the construction of a splash pad

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

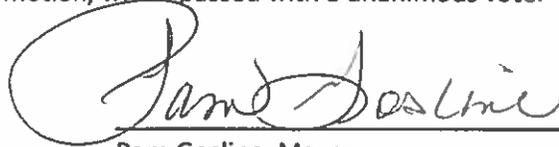
15. Budget Work Session

City Manager gave an overview of the 2020-2021 budget, projections of revenue with the possibility of revenue loss due to COVID-19 and lower interest rates.

16. **Adjourn**

Commissioner Aydelott made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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



Pam Gosline, Mayor

ATTEST:



Marsha Jo Stone, City Secretary

