

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2013**

Mayor Jeff Bearden called the Regular Meeting of the Vernon City Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, and a quorum was declared present with Commissioners Jimmie Dennis and Russell Brownlow absent.

Present: Mayor Jeff Bearden

Commissioners: Travis Taylor and Pat Bryant.

Staff Present: City Manager Mitch Grant, City Prosecutor Jonathan Whittsett, Police Chief Tom Wilson, Fire Chief Kent Smead, Public Works Director Bob Cochran, Community Development Director Monica Wilkinson, Finance Director Anne Garmon, Main Street Director Dan Kelleher, Municipal Judge Lori Adams, and City Secretary Linda Byers.

Commissioner Bryant led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags, followed by the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Taylor moved the following items under the Consent Agenda are approved:

- A. Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, November 26, 2013, and minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday, November 25, 2013.
- B. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1624 regarding sale of tax property at 2429 Eagle Street.
- C. Application for Edward Byrnes Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) through the State of Texas.
- D. Financial Investment Report for the month of November, 2013 with interest earned totaling \$2,665.22 and vouchers from November 1, 2013 – November 30, 2013 in the amount of \$519,651.05 and Payroll & Benefits costs totaling \$493,401.80.

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

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT

There was no one present to make a report.

MAIN STREET BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Bearden explained that Maurice Rosalez, Misty Tyra and Roger Townsend are eligible for reappointment to the Main Street Board. All have agreed to serve another term. Nominations were submitted by Mayor Bearden in accordance with the City Board Appointment Procedure.

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to approve the Main Street Board appointments.

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

MAIN STREET CONTRACT RENEWAL

Main Street Director Kelleher explained the City report to the Texas Main Street Program that is in the agenda packet. The Main Street contract renewal is for another three years.

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to approve the Main Street Contract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 954

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VERNON ADOPTING THE VERNON COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN AND COMMITTING TO TAKE ACTION, AS APPROPRIATE, AND TO WORK WITH OTHER ENTITIES TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS LISTED THEREIN.

Mayor Bearden explained that this Resolution is in support of the Community Development Plan, and a similar resolution was adopted by the Wilbarger County Commissioners at the Special Meeting on December 16. This will be a guide for working with other entities and a basis to get started. Thanks were offered to Community Development Director Monica Wilkinson for her expertise in developing the plan.

Commissioner Bryant made the motion to approve Resolution No. 954.

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

RESOLUTION 955

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF VERNON, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR HOME FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING MITCH GRANT, CITY MANAGER TO ACT AS THE CITY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM.

City Manager Grant explained that the City made application for this grant a year ago and had to withdraw because of administrative rules. The HOME program will be for a \$522,000 grant to allow for total reconstruction of homes that meet the criteria, with as much as \$85,000 per recipient. There will be no out of pocket expenses for the City and no match funds required.

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to approve Resolution No. 955 making application for the HOME grant.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to enter Executive Session at 6:49 p.m. under Government Code Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation.

Commissioner Bryant seconded that motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Bryant made the motion to resume regular session at 7:17 p.m.

Commissioner Taylor seconded that motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no action following Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

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



Jeff Bearden
Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda Byers
City Secretary