

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2016**

Mayor Joe Rogers called the Special Meeting of the Vernon City Commission to order at 12:00 p.m. in City Hall, and a quorum was declared present.

Present: Mayor Joe Rogers

Commissioners: Guy Spears, Ruben Hinojosa, Travis Taylor, and Britt Ferguson

Staff Present: City Manager Joseph Jarosek, Municipal Prosecutor Jonathan Whitsitt, Police Chief Tom Wilson, Fire Chief J.J. Oznick, Finance Director Anne Garmon, Community Development Director Monica Wilkinson, Public Works Director Darell Kennon, Tourism and Main Street Director Brandy McIntyre, Municipal Judge Lori Adams and City Secretary Linda Byers.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**DELIBERATION CONCERNING PERSONNEL - CITY MANAGER EVALUATION**

Commissioner Spears made the motion to enter Executive Session – Deliberation Concerning Personnel - Government Code, Title 5, Chapter 551 – Section 551.074 – City Manager Evaluation at 12:01 pm.

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

**RESUME REGULAR SESSION**

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to resume regular session at 12:09 pm.

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

**ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Spears made the motion to approve a severance/settlement agreement between the City of Vernon and the City Manager, pending the resignation of the City Manager and execution of a severance/settlement agreement by the City Manager and pending drafting of the severance agreement by the legal department.

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

City Manager Joe Jarosek offered his resignation pending execution of a suitable severance/settlement agreement, which I understand will be drafted by early next week, I hereby offer my resignation.

Commissioner Spears made the motion that they accept the resignation of the City Manager, pending his execution of a suitable severance/settlement agreement.

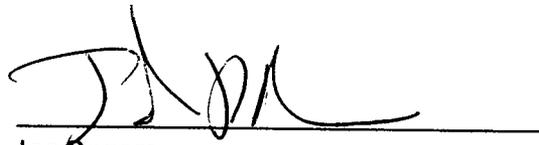
Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion. Commissioner Hinojosa emphatically voiced his support of City Manager Jarosek, praising his competency. As a citizen he criticized the Mayor and called for his resignation. Commissioner Taylor said that it was a sad and embarrassing day for the city.

With no other discussion, the motion passed by a vote of four votes aye and one vote nay, with Commissioner Hinojosa voting against.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Spears made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.



Joe Rogers  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda Byers  
City Secretary