

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2017**

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

Present: Mayor Joe Rogers

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

Staff Present: Interim City Manager and Public Works Director Darell Kennon, City Attorney Jonathan Whitsitt, Police Chief Tom Wilson, Fire Chief J.J. Oznick, Finance Director Anne Garmon and City Secretary Linda Byers.

City Attorney Whitsitt led the group in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

ORDINANCE NO. 1702

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING AN ELECTION BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF VERNON, TEXAS ON THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY, BEING THE 6TH DAY OF MAY, 2017 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF VERNON, TEXAS.

City Attorney Whitsitt explained changes to the wording of Charter Amendment No. 6, which was changed from the first reading by adding "with the advice and consent of the city commission" instead of "which appointments shall be subject to approval by the city commission".

Commissioner Spears made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 1702 ordering a Special Election to amend the Charter for the City of Vernon, Texas with the improved language "advice and consent" for Charter Amendment No. 6.

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

CHARTER ELECTION INFORMATION SHEET

City Attorney Whitsitt explained that the changes discussed at the February 7, 2017 Special City Commission meeting were added to this version of the information sheet as well as the changes to amendment six.

Commissioner Hinojosa made the motion to approve the Charter Election Information Sheet which outlines the proposed changes to the City Charter.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF VERNON PARTICIPATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE WILBARGER COUNTY / ROLLING PLAINS MANAGEMENT'S WILBARGER COUNTY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM EXPANSION PROJECT.

Wilbarger County Judge Greg Tyra explained that this project would create eight to eleven new jobs and serve an additional thirty-five children that are currently on the waiting list. This will also create storage for the Sharp Lines busses and prevent vandalism of those vehicles.

Business Development Corporation Secretary Jan Bonner also noted that this is a three phase project. This phase one is for infrastructure. Wilbarger County will contribute funds for phase two and Rolling Plains Management Corporation will complete phase three by completing the interior of the building. Funds are currently in the Business Development Corporation budget. State law requires that this resolution be read twice.

Commissioner Spears made the motion to approve Resolution No. 1009 authorizing the Business Development Corporation of Vernon participation of financial assistance in the Wilbarger County / Rolling Plains Management's Wilbarger County Preschool Program expansion project in the amount of \$60,000.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

DELIBERATION CONCERNING PERSONNEL – INTERIM CITY MANAGER

There was no motion to enter Executive Session – Government Code, Title 5, Chapter 551-Section 551.074 – Deliberation Concerning Personnel - Appointment of Interim City Manager.

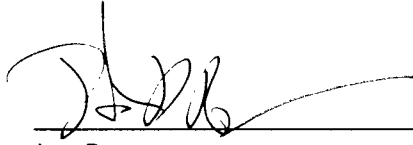
APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CITY MANAGER

Commissioner Hinojosa made the motion to approve appointment of Joe Pence as Interim City Manager effective February 27, 2017.

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

ADJOURN

Commissioner Spears made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m.



Joe Rogers
Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda Byers
City Secretary