



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, March 14, 2022 – 6:00 PM

109 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas 75457

Our mission: to provide effective and fiscally responsible municipal services in a manner which promotes our high standard of community life.

Vision Statement Mount Vernon is a caring community committed to excellence and quality of life, aspiring to be the community of choice for ourselves, our children, and future generations – beautiful, clean, vibrant, and safe. We will strive to preserve our heritage, our friendly hometown atmosphere, and celebrate the diversity of all our citizens.

MINUTES

1,072

The meeting was called to order with a quorum is present.

PRESENT

Mayor Brad Hyman
Mayor Pro Tem Mark Huddleston
Councilwoman Sherelyn Roberson
Councilman Harold Cason
Councilwoman Rebecca Bailey
Councilwoman Mary Keys
City Administrator Tina Rose
City Secretary Kathy Lovier

VISITORS

Chuck & Nancy Roy, Sue Machetta, Josh Daily, Richard Barrett, Darrell Barrett and son, Colin Clasby, Lillie Bush-Reves, Scott Ragsdale, Bob McFarland, and Annola Gay Matthews

Councilwoman Roberson lead the invocation and Mayor Hyman lead the pledges.

1. Minutes 2/14/2022 and 3/8/22
February, 2022 Financial report

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

Report on Items of Community Interest

Chuck Roy spoke to the opening of the Mt Vernon News. Mr. Roy and his team hope to be open by May 5, 2022 in the downtown area.

Mayor Hyman reported a joint workshop was held with the Council, EDC and Industrial Foundation boards on March 8, 2022. The facilitator of the meeting was Martin Sanchez the EDC Consultant. The meeting was to reestablish or replace the strategic plan and comprehensive plan.

Citizen Participation
No one spoke.

Public Hearing

The purpose of this hearing is to hear evidence for or against a request made by Franklin County Industrial Foundation, President Bob McFarland, to rezone ten acres from Intensive Industrial (II) to Local Retail (LR) at their property located on the North Access Road, (west of LOVE'S Truck Stop) in Mt. Vernon, Texas.

The purpose of this hearing is to hear evidence for or against the use of American Rescue Plan Act funding..

Bob McFarland, FCIF President, spoke in support of rezoning the property to Local Retail.

No one spoke for or against the use of the American Rescue Plan Act funding.

Mayor Hyman closed the Public Hearing at 6:27 p.m. and re-opened the Regular Session.

Items to be Considered:

2. Consider and Act upon approval of Ordinance 2022-01 rezoning Franklin County Industrial Foundation property on the North Access Road.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey, Seconded by Councilwoman Roberson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

3. Consider and act upon approval of Interlocal Agreement with Franklin County to share costs for Mitigation Plan

Josh Daily, Franklin County, spoke to this item. The County is asking the City to share the costs of this plan being written. The City and the County will share equal costs of \$5,000.00 each.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Seconded by Councilwoman Roberson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

4. Consider and Act upon approval of the use of the funding of the American Rescue Plan Act.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

5. Consider and Act upon approval of Resolution 22-08 awarding Traylor and Associates for administrative services in conjunction with the submittal of and application for funding through the 2022 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for DR-4485 COVID-19 Pandemic to provide application preparation, project administration, and project-related management services.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

6. Consider and Act upon approval of Resolution 22-09 awarding KSA Engineers for engineering services in conjunction with the submittal of an application for funding through the 2022 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for DR-4485 COVID_19 Pandemic to provide application preparation and project implementation.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Seconded by Councilwoman Roberson.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

7. Consider and Act upon Ordinance 2022-04 Canceling the Election

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Seconded by Councilman Cason.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

8. Consider and Act upon amendment of section 2.13 of the Personnel Policies for the City of Mt Vernon

Motion made by Councilman Cason, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

9. Consider and Act upon approval LOWES contract with EDC to purchase land behind the LOWES Distribution Center.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

10. Consider and Act upon approval of setting three goals for 2022 for the City of Mt Vernon
i.e. Securing financing for infrastructure projects

The three goals agreed upon by the Council are:

1. Securing financing for infrastructure projects
2. Mt. Vernon Lake park. Have a plan in place to utilize the property.
3. Signage and marketing. Entrance signs on SH37 and I30

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

Executive Session:

Personnel matters pursuant to *Texas Government Code*, §551.074, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal or resignation of a public officer: Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Department Personnel Structure

Reconvene

Reconvene into Open Session to Consider Matters Discussed in Closed Session (If Any)

Councilwoman Roberson asked if the Code Compliance could ask for the skeleton on the M L Edwards be removed. People don't like it still being up in March.

City Administrator Rose reported at the end of April or beginning of May the streets behind the Methodist Church will be worked on, including seal coating. Redbird, Elberta and Robin Way will also be seal coated. The Maintenance Department has received their new sewer machine and we sold ours to MVIDS. Enterprise has picked up three of the older vehicles to sell, a new landscaper has been selected for working on the plaza, the RFP for trash service is being worked on, a quote is being turned in to repair the tennis court, Lillie Bush-Reves will be the host of the hospitality room for the Wine event, she will be making contact with everyone to arrange finger foods being brought in, SH37 side walk project is stalled due to not being able to get needed supplies.

Annetta Hamilton has been hired to be the Main Street Director and EDC Secretary, she will begin work April 1, 2022.

The Main Street Food and Wine and Art Festival will be April 2, 2022 on the square.

The Regular Session was closed and Council went into Executive Session at 7:21 p.m.

The Executive Session was closed at 8:22 p.m. and Regular Session was re-opened.

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys to rescind the Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department By-laws., Seconded by Councilwoman Roberson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

11. Vision Statement ideas

Mayor Hyman challenged the Council and Staff to bring ideas for a short and catchy vision statement

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson to close the meeting at 8:25 p.m., Seconded by Councilman Cason.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

Brad Hyman – Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Lovier – City Secretary