



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, August 08, 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

1,079

Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order. There was a quorum present.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Mayor Brad Hyman

VISITORS

Lanny Buck
Leah Thomas
Ricky Jones

Mayor Pro Tem lead the pledges

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes 7/11/2022 and Workshop Minutes 7/25/2022
July 2022 financial report

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

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

Report on Items of Community Interest

Councilwoman Roberson reported the streets in her subdivision are being repaired.

No one spoke in citizen participation.

Public Hearing

The purpose of this hearing is to hear evidence for or against a budget amendment to the 2021/2022 budget in the amount up to \$35,000.00 for the additional water treatment plant rehab.

Mayor Pro Tem closed the Regular Session and opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. No one spoke for or against the budget amendment. Mayor Pro Tem closed the Public Hearing and re-opened the Regular Session at 6:06 p.m.

Items to be Considered:

2. Consider and Act upon approval of Ordinance 2022-06 Mt Vernon Fire Department Mitigation Rates. Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

2. Consider and Act upon approval of amending 2021-2022 budget in the amount of \$35,000.00. Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson, Seconded by Councilman Cason. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

4. Consider and Act upon approval of proposed tax rate of up to \$0.63283 for the 2022 tax year. Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson to approve the proposed tax rate at \$0.58044, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

Mayor Pro Tem reported Mayor asked him to report water minimum rate needs to be raised \$2 but he was unsure if additional rates would be raised and the \$15.50 storm water will need to remain on the bills for now. Councilwoman Keys asked for clarification regarding Hazard Mitigation match in the budget, Administrator Rose reported we have not yet been approved for this but we need to plan for it in the event we do get approval. We could also be approved for some and not all which would adjust the amount budgeted. Administrator Rose reported the amount for dispatcher has to be raised from \$112k to \$118. Discussion with Sheriff Jones regarding owning one vehicle so the vehicle he asked for can be removed from the proposed budget lowering it by \$55k. Mayor Pro Tem also brought up \$40 for lights in the park, everyone agreed that could be taken out and looked at another time. Councilwoman Keys wants an expense line item put in the budget for court costs and not to leave it as in income only.

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson at 7:00 p.m. to close the meeting, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

Brad Hyman – Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Lovier – City Secretary