



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, July 11, 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

1,077

Mayor Hyman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced a quorum present.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Huddleston

VISITORS: see attached.

City Secretary Lovier lead the invocation and Mayor Hyman lead the pledges.

Consent Agenda

Minutes 6-13-2022 and Minutes 6-27-2022
June 2022 financial report

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve the consent agenda as presented, Seconded by Councilwoman Roberson.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

Report on Items of Community Interest

Mayor Hyman reported Tom Ramsay passed this last week and Daughter of the American Revolution sent a thank you card for the City's participation in the Flag Day event.

No one spoke in citizen participation.

Items to be Considered:

Consider and Act upon approval of awarding contract for solid waste removal.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson to approve Sanitation Solutions contract with the amendment of waiving the 15% Franchise fee, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

HOT FUND APPLICATIONS 2022

A representative from all applicants with the exception of the Franklin County Baseball Assoc presented their requests to the Council. No decisions were made at this time. Council thanked everyone for being present and making their presentations.

Mayor Hyman proposed taking \$1M from EDC funds to cover the costs of water tower repair, belt press for the WWTP and infrastructure improvement needs. He further stated that the Council will be working to prioritize the phases of all repairs needing to be made and reported that selling the corner of the City Lake on FM115 and FM21 or developing it or even a lifetime lease may be an option as a way of producing some extra income to help with the financial needs.

Mayor Hyman aske Lanny Buck with KSA Engineers to speak to the priority list. Mr. Buck stated he does see the WWTP as being the first priority . With the improvements we should be able to have approximately a 40% room for growth with the upgrades. He also reminded the Council that the ARPA funds will be repairing the lift stations, in this project they will be leaving the current wet wells and this will help to stretch that budget a bit.

Administrator Rose passed out a flow chart of what the new water/sewer rates may look like as well as changes to the budget from the workshop in June. She reported that health insurance is going up but the retirement will be going down, that about evens each other out.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey at 7:40 p.m. to close the meeting, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.
Voting Yea: Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

Brad Hyman – Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Lovier – City Secretary