



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, April 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

1,073

Mayor Hyman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced a quorum 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: Annetta Hamilton, Josh Daily, Jeremy Cox, Tiffany Aguilar, Lillie Bush, Juleigh Lappin, Scott Ragsdale, Trent Rehnquist, Gene Keener

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

Consent Agenda

Items on the Consent Agenda are approved by a single action of the Council, with such approval applicable to all items appearing on the Consent Agenda. A Council Member may request any item to be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item.

1. Minutes 3/14/2022
March 2022 financial report
Arbor Day Resolution 4/29/2022

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

City Administrator Rose reported Enterprise Fleet had provided dinner for Council.

Citizen Participation (3 minutes)

Julie Ragsdale (CR 2050 Mt. Vernon) spoke regarding the volunteer fire department and her dislike of the way the Council has made decisions regarding the bylaws and stripping her father of his title as Chief. She further stated the Council's actions as being the reason for all volunteers stepping down.

Presentation

Josh Daily - Franklin County Fire Department stats and information for hybrid Fire Dept. Mr. Daily gave statistic and information on how to make the transition into a combined fire department.

2. Hybrid FD information

Items to be Considered:

3. Consider and Act upon Resolution 22-10 Center Point Energy rate increase.

Motion made by Councilman Cason, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston.

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

4. Consider and Act upon approval of Interlocal Agreement with Franklin County Tax Assessor Collector for tax collection

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

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

5. Consider and Act upon Franklin County Appraisal District adopted 2022-2023 budget.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson, Seconded by Councilman Cason.

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

6. Consider and Act upon Resolution 22-11 submitting a Hazard Mitigation Grant Application to the Texas Division of Emergency Management and authorizing personnel to act as the City's Executive Officers and authorized representatives in all matter pertaining to the City's participation in the DR-4485 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson, 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

Water, Sewer, Streets, Park, Sidewalks, Grants (City Admin)

City Administrator Rose spoke regarding TxDOT will be beginning a speed study on SH37, the scholarship winners have been selected for the City and EDC - they will be announced at the MVIDS banquet in May, the Zubi family (owners of Dukes) have purchase land behind the businesses located on the south service road and

will be pursuing an apartment complex, the Industrial Foundation Board are entering contracts to purchase land south of MVIDS for a housing project, the sewer plant belt press that we tested is \$490k and Tina, Kathy and Annetta will be servicing coffee for the Tour de Cypress on Saturday, April 16th.

Main Street

Annetta Hamilton reported approximately 340 people entered the gates for the wine tasting and several hundred others were just attending the booths, shops and restaurants around the downtown area at the Wine Festival on April 2, 2022. Annetta and Kathy helped with the Community Events Committee on April 9, 2022 with Easter in the park. It also was a well attended and successful event.

EDC meeting moved to 4/21/2022

7. Zoning ordinance regarding parking-Trent Rehnquist approached the council with his dislike of having to bring this matter to the council. He referred to the council having given a variance to the past owners of the funeral. He further stated he did not have a copy of the variance nor could he find a copy of it. Mayor Hyman reported that staff had no knowledge of this variance either. Dr Rehnquist wants council to enforce codes as written.

Ms. Aguilar (owner of Mt Vernon Memorial Funeral Home) stated that she has just become the owner and that she was not aware of the issues with Dr Rehnquist and the previous owners. Ms. Aguilar said that she was in the process of trying to make a solution but she did just take over. She further assure the Council that is not her intent to be at odds with her neighbor.

Executive Session: Mayor Hyman closed the regular session at 7:37 p.m. and opened the 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: City Administrator and Mt Vernon Fire Department

Reconvene: Mayor Hyman closed the Executive Session at 9:27 p.m. and re-opened the Regular Session: No Action was needed to be taken.

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey at 9:27 p.m. to close the meeting, Seconded by Councilwoman Roberson. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

Brad Hyman – Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Lovier – City Secretary