



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, February 13, 2023 – 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

1,089

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
City Administrator Craig Lindholm
City Secretary Kathy Lovier
Councilwoman Sherelyn Roberson
Councilman Harold Cason
Councilwoman Rebecca Bailey
Councilwoman Mary Keys

VISITORS: see attached

Councilwoman Rebecca Bailey lead the invocation and Mayor Hyman lead the pledges.

1. Minutes 1/9/23 and Workshop Minutes 1/23/2023
December 2022 and January 2023 financial reports

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

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

Items of Community Interest: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston noted that the work on the manhole and line repair for Pecan Street down to Leftwich Street is under way.

Citizen Participation:

B F Hicks to present information regarding lithium ion battery facility in Franklin County. David Truesdale, Tom Austin, Joel Dihle and BF Hicks all expressed concern for allowing solar panel farms and a lithium battery facility within Franklin County. Each reported on a different topic such as the lithium batteries, property values, damage to roadways, and wildlife. Mr. Hicks summed up by asking the Council members to speak with the County Commissioners to express concerns. Mr. Hicks' group is only asking for a moratorium of approximately six months to do research for more information.

Public Hearing

The purpose of this hearing is to hear evidence for or against a request made by Charles Maull seeking permission to have access to and to stay three consecutive days at a time at 202 Logan's Pointe Drive, which is a child safety zone, while being a registered sex offender.

Mayor Hyman closed the Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing.

Charles Maull spoke in favor of his request, stating that he has asked forgiveness and paid his debt. He is asking to be able to stay three days at a time as the rental contract allows.

Lt. Leah Thomas spoke against the request. She informed the Council that a registered sex offender is required to be at least 1,000 ft from a location where children meet, Mr. Maull's back door is less than 50 ft. and his crime was against a child. She further explained Logan's Pointe apartments is a child safety zone.

Mayor Hyman closed the Public Hearing and 6:38 p.m. and re-opened the Regular Session.

Items to be Considered:

3. Consider and Act upon approval of request made by Charles Maull to have access to and to stay for three consecutive days at a time at 202 Logan's Pointe Drive, Mt. Vernon, TX 75457, which is a child safety zone and while being a registered sex offender.

This item died for a lack of a motion.

4. Consider and Act upon approval of Resolution 23-03 Calling the 2023 Election.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

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

5. Consider and act upon approval of KSA Task order No. 101719 Water Treatment Plant CT Study.

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 Contract No. CDV21-0099 with Traylor and Associates for TxCDBG grant management services for Carthel and Arrington Street project

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

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

7. Consider and act upon approval of permitting Mt Vernon Rotary Club permission to serve alcohol to Tour de Cypress participants for 2023 and 2024 events.

Motion made by Councilman Cason, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

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

8. Consider and act upon amending Resolution 22-04 I Can See You grant costs to the City, due to pricing increases.

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

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

9. Consider and Act upon approval of Resolution 23-04 authorizing MVPD to proceed with evidence locker grant application.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, 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 Resolution 23-05 authorizing MVPD to proceed with Flock Camera grant application.

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

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

11. Consider and Act upon approval of Resolution 23-06 authorizing MVPD to proceed with IISC LPR grant application.

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys, Seconded by Councilwoman Roberson.

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

12. Consider and act upon approval of Election Agreement with MVIDS and FCWD.

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

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

13. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 23-07 authorizing KSA Engineers Task Order 100128 to submit on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon an application for the Texas Water Development Board Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for financial assistance to improve Phase I of the City's water system improvements.

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

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

14. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 23-08 authorizing KSA Engineers Task Orders 100129A and 100129B to submit on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon an application for the Texas Water Development Board Clean Water State Revolving Fund for financial assistance to improve Phase I of the City's waste water system improvements.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, 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

15. Water Leak Policy

Council wants to put this on the workshop agenda 2/27/23.

16. Tree/Limb clean up information

Council is giving staff permission to pick the company to remove the limbs and get notice out the public.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston at 7:08 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