



## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

**Monday, May 09, 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.*

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### MINUTES

**1,074**

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

#### PRESENT

Mayor Brad Hyman  
Councilwoman Shereelyn 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

Blake Powell, Lanny Buck, Colin Clasby, Ricky Jones, Leah Thomas

Mayor Hyman lead the pledges and Councilwoman Roberson lead with invocation

#### 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 4/11/2022  
April 2022 financials  
Historic Preservation Month Proclamation  
Boards 2022  
Utilities bad debt to collection agency

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

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

## Report on Items of Community Interest

Administrator Rose advised the need to conserve water tomorrow, the influent valve at the Water Treatment Plant.

No one spoke in citizen participation.

## **SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

Swear in re-elected Mayor Hyman and Council members Roberson, Cason and Keys.

2. Consider and Act upon approval of Resolution 22-11 to retain Robert Dransfield with Norton, Rose and Fulbright and L. Stanton Lowry with Boyle & Lowry, as the City's municipal bond counsel.

Motion made by Councilman Cason, Seconded by Councilwoman Roberson.

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

3. Consider and Act upon Agreement/Contract to retain Nick Bulaich of Hilltop Securities as the City's financial advisor.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

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

4. Consider and Act upon financing options for upgrades to the City's public infrastructure.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson to postpone this item to a future meeting when more information has been gathered. Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

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

5. Consider and Act upon Resolution 22-12 Submitting a Hazard Mitigation Grant Application to the Texas Division of Emergency Management and authorize personnel to act as the City's Executive Officers and authorized representatives in all matters pertaining to the City's Participation in the DR-4485 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

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

## **Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports**

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

Council/EDC workshop

Sheriff Jones reported on the speed study performed by TxDOT, the results are not what we had hoped for in having the speed on SH37 S reduced. As a result of the meeting with TxDOT we were able to get the STEP Grant map area increased and the police department will not begin working SH37 within the city limits to get the speeders under control. TxDOT will be placing a traffic light at the north service road intersection with Rutherford Street.

Mayor Hyman will be contact Duke's to encourage them to place a stop sign on their property for those exiting onto the south service road.

City Administrator reported she will start advertising for solid waste contracts in the newspaper with a deadline of July 1st, to be able to include in the 2022-2023 budget. Redbird, Elberta and Robin Way will all be seal coated in

the next few days. HOME Program applications are still being accepted and one application has been approved. Administrator Rose and City Secretary Lovier will be attending TML Health training in Gilmer on Thursday.

Colin Clasby reported the FD has 15 members, four are certified, two are being recertified, two are currently in the academy to be certified, and two are EMTs. The FD is voluntarily commissioned by TCFP and will operate fully under their guidelines moving forward. Continuing education reports will now be sent through TCFP.

Mayor Hyman reported he would like to see a workshop with Council, EDC, and Stan Lowry on May 23, 2022 our regular workshop day if possible if not available he wants it set up in June.

**Executive Session:** Mayor Hyman closed the Regular Session at 7:09 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

**Reconvene:** Mayor Hyman closed the Executive Session and re-opened the Regular Session at 8:08 p.m. Reconvene into Open Session to Consider Matters Discussed in Closed Session (If Any)

No Action needs to be taken at this time.

#### **Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting**

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys to close the meeting at 8:09 p.m., Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Voting Yea: Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilwoman Keys

#### **Notes to the Agenda:**

Items marked with an \* are consent items considered to be non-controversial and will be voted on in one motion unless a council member asks for separate discussion.

The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in this Agenda except for discussion-only items.

The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session under Sections 551.071/551.074 – of the Texas Open Meetings Act concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact the City Secretary at 903-537-2252 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

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**Brad Hyman – Mayor**

#### **ATTEST:**

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**Kathy Lovier – City Secretary**