



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, June 12, 2023 – 6:00 PM

109 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas 75457

MINUTES

1,095

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 Mary Keys
Councilwoman Rebecca Bailey
City Administrator Craig Lindholm
City Secretary Kathy Lovier

ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Huddleston

VISITORS: Lillie Bush-Reves, Cory Taylor, Mike Rambin, Gary Morrow, Colin Clasby, Kevin Anthony, Roger Gekiere

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

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes 5/8/23 Workshop Notes 5/22/23
May 2023 financial report
Flag Day Proclamation

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

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

Report on Items of Community Interest

Mayor Hyman reported that East Texas Food Bank will need volunteers at the Catholic Church parking lot each third Wednesday to pass out food boxes. Contact City Hall if you are willing to volunteer, he also asked the newspaper to get out this information.

Citizen Participation

No one spoke in citizen participation.

Items to be Considered:

2. Consider and Act upon appointment of Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson to re-appoint Mark Huddleston, Seconded by Councilman Cason. Voting Yea: Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey

3. Consider and Act upon approval of Committee Appointments as presented for 2023.

Motion made by Councilwoman Keys, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

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

4. Consider and Act upon approval of amendments to Employee Policy Handbook.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson, Seconded by Councilwoman Bailey.

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

5. Consider and Act upon approval of amending Ordinance 2023-06 Food and Food Establishments adding parameters for temporary food permits.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bailey, Seconded by Councilman Cason.

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

6. Consider and act upon approval of Resolution 23-12 designating signatories for TxCDBG Grant CDV21-0099.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson, Seconded by Councilman Cason.

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

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

Water, Sewer, Streets, Park, Sidewalks, Grants, next workshop discussions, city wide clean up
2023-2024 Budget

Administrator Lindholm advised the Council we had aerator issues at the wastewater plant over the past couple of week but the crew had pieced two together to make one good one so, three are up and running. The fourth will be getting repaired as quickly as possible.

City wide clean-up, after discussion with Council and recommendation of Administrator will be cut back to twice yearly, in the spring and fall. The hours of operation will be one Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and every week day afternoon 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for one week. Also, more advertising of the first Wednesday bulk trash pick-up was requested.

Administrator Lindholm reported briefly on the presented budget, it is very growth aggressive and at least two department budgets will become more developed. Mr. Lindholm is looking at expanding Animal Control to include Code Compliance, this would be partially funded by the County, the fire department will be expanding to a few full-time employees. The proposed budget includes all capitol requests and some may be weeded out as we go along. All revenues in the budget are based on current budget numbers because we do not have tax rate information as of yet. City Administrator further reported that the employees are the City's infrastructure and need to be compensated for the amount of work they accomplish, we will be losing them to other employers. Medical and dental insurance costs have increase approximately \$2000 per employee but the consultant will be going out for bid to manage to get the costs down.

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson to close the meeting at 6:30 p.m., Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.
Councilwoman Roberson, Councilman Cason, Councilwoman Keys, Councilwoman Bailey

Brad Hyman – Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Lovier – City Secretary