



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, June 13, 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

1,075

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

PRESENT

Mayor Brad Hyman
Mayor Pro Tem Mark Huddleston
Councilwoman Sherelyn Roberson
Councilwoman Mary Keys
City Administrator Tina Rose
City Secretary Kathy Lovier

ABSENT

Councilman Harold Cason
Councilwoman Rebecca Bailey

VISITORS: see attached

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

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes 5/9/2022
May 2022 financial report

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson, Seconded by Councilwoman Keys.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilwoman Keys

Report on Items of Community Interest

Officer Tim Martin received a letter from a thankful citizen. Officer Martin assisted some elderly folks with a bad tire. They were very thankful and appreciative.

Councilwoman Roberson announced the community coat closet will be open soon at the grade school cafeteria.

No one spoke in Citizen Participation.

Public Hearing Mayor Hyman closed the Regular Session at 6:04 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing.

The purpose of this hearing is to hear evidence for or against a request made by B F Hicks, owner, to rezone from Residential Three (R3) to Outdoor Commercial (OC) at his property located at 420 Holbrook Street in Mt. Vernon, Texas.

B F Hicks spoke in favor of the rezoning and explained that Lauren Lewis and Audrey Norman will be opening a native plant nursery.

Lauren Lewis spoke in favor of the rezoning as well and explained that native nurseries are rare so she feels it will draw people from out of town and eventually the business will expand into pottery as well.

Mayor Hyman closed the Regular Session at 6:10 p.m. and re-opened the Regular Session.

Items to be Considered:

2. Consider and Act upon approval of Ordinance 2022-05 rezoning the property located at 420 Holbrook Street from Residential Three (R3) to Outdoor Commercial (OC).

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilwoman Keys

Bond Council report

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85071327569?pwd=UTRIYnVCbXJJdS96NTdLY2MrQmlYdz09>

Meeting ID: 850 7132 7569 Passcode: 409721

Nick Buliach spoke with Council to explain some different options as a way to pay for the \$14M repairs and to remove the \$15.50 fee from the current water bill. Ultimately water rates will have to be raised and property taxes.

3. Consider and Act upon Interlocal Agreement with ATCOG in connection with planning and groundwork of grants related to Texas Dept of Agriculture (TDA) and/or Dept of Commerce (EDA).

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilwoman Keys

Executive Session: Mayor Hyman closed the Regular Session at 6:13 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: Economic Development Corporation Board

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

4. Consider and Act upon approval of amendment to EDC Application Policies.

This item died for a lack of a motion.

5. Consider and Act upon approval of Resolution 22-02 EDC incentive contract with Robin Wallace d/b/a Sheers Gift and Salon.

No action can be taken because the EDC policies were not amended.

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

City Administrator Rose reported the water tower located near the train trestle is ready to go to advertising stage for the work. This will cost \$400k, there is no money budgeted for this project. Mayor Hyman explained that EDC funds can be used for these type of projects and should be put the in the 2023-2024 EDC Budget.

KSA Engineers will be working on an impact fee study to include water, sewer and street impacts for the entire city.

TX P&W has denied our grant request, they are working with larger cities currently on ATV parks.

6/27/22 will be a budget workshop, each department head will be in attendance to discuss their budget requests.

HOT Funds applications are due 7/1/22 and applicants will be at the 7/11 council meeting to discuss their requests.

TML will be here on 6/27/22 to honor the City for being a loyal customer for 40 years.

6/20/22 the City offices will be closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.

Main Street Report - Annetta Hamilton reported Historical Preservation project with Mrs. Harper's Texas History class regarding local history, THC are working on a sign design for the Historical Assoc, She has met with businesses in the MS district and will continue to do so, Farmer's Market is growing weekly and people are attending from other cities, there will be an event in October but they are trying to work out the details right now, there will be a Flag Day Ceremony by the Daughters of the Revolution at the courthouse 6/14/22 and she explained to the Council what the MS district is.

EDC Report - President Sachse reported there will be a business appreciation luncheon 6/14 at First National Bank of East Texas and invited the Council to attend and he has just signed the closing paperwork for the LOWES Distribution Center property, the sale is final.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston at 7:27 p.m. to close the meeting, Seconded by Councilwoman Roberson. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilwoman Keys

Brad Hyman – Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Lovier – City Secretary