



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

Monday, March 27, 2023 – 5:30 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

1,092

Mayor Hyman called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and announced a quorum present.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Councilman Harold Cason and Councilwoman Rebecca Bailey

VISITORS

Jack Carlson, Ed Ahrens, Colson Ahrens, Craig Cunningham, Demetra Bell-Runnels, Shiloh Childress, Ryan Moore, Colin Clasby and Mark Sachse

Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston lead the invocation and Mayor Hyman lead the pledges.

No one spoke in Citizen Participation.

Discussion Items and Mayor/Council/City Administrator Reports

Ed Ahrens Pickleball Court at city park- r. Ahrens spoke of the enjoyability of the game, it expands generations, equipment needed is limited, lines painted on the tennis court should be painted a different color for less confusion, net is portable, two courts could be on one tennis court. Mr. Ahrens is willing to help the maintenance department work on the painting etc. as he already has a template.

Project One Roofing – evaluation of city hall roofing and substructure <https://www.projectoneroofing.com/>
Ryan Moore and Shiloh Childress explained what our current roof and roof structure need to secure the roof. They presented what Euroshield roofing material (made from tires) versus shingles would costs. Extremely informative presentation. Bid was submitted for lifetime roof as well as thirty year shingles.

Holmes Murphy & Associates presentation for Health and Welfare Consulting Services
Demetra Bell Runnels, Client Executive presented the Council with information regarding the services this company provides for elevation of employee benefits while saving the City funds.

Craig Cunningham - DA Davidson - Municipal Finance 101 Presentation

<https://dadavidson.com/WHAT-WE-DO/Fixed-Income-Capital-Markets/Our-Professionals/Fixed-Income-Capital-Markets-Profiles/ArticleID/2740/Craig-Cunningham>

Mr. Cunningham presented the Council with basic information on how to fund projects and an in depth breakdown of what each of the City accounts consist of and should consist of.

Items to be Considered:

1. Consider and Act upon approval of Interlocal Agreement with Franklin County for Cooperative Work on City of Mount Vernon Roadways.

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

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

2. Consider and Act upon approval of contract with Holmes, Murphy and Associates.

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

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

3. Consider and Act upon approval of Ordinance 2023-04 amending open fires.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roberson to remove the permit and inspection process and added that the residents may burn between dawn and dusk any day of the week, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston, Councilwoman Roberson, Councilwoman Keys

Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston at 7:40 p.m., Seconded by Councilwoman Roberson.

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