

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 20, 2015**

Mayor Joe Rogers called the Special Meeting of the Vernon City Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Forum Room of Wilbarger Auditorium, and a quorum was declared present.

Present: Mayor Joe Rogers

Commissioners: Travis Taylor and Pat Bryant.

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Kade Long, Police Chief Tom Wilson, Public Works Director Darell Kennon, Finance Director Anne Garmon, Community Development Director Monica Wilkinson, and City Secretary Linda Byers.

Mayor Rogers convened the Community Development Resource Forum.

Participants included Cecil Chandler, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development; Janie Havel, Office of Governor Greg Abbott; Jennifer Foster, Office of Senator Charles Perry; Jennifer Bogel, Office of State Representative Drew Springer; Becky Dempsey, Texas Department of Agriculture; Langdon Reagan, Texas Agrilife Extension Service; Joe Cos, Nortex Regional Planning Commission; Lynda Cannedy and Dan Leslie, Midwestern State University Small Business Development Center; Dr. Gary Harkey and Shana Drury, Vernon College; and Brandon Riggins, Rolling Plains Management Corporation.

Each representative spoke about the resources offered by their organization. There were a number of citizens present who asked questions. Discussions followed concerning the population and income guidelines to qualify for grants and loans from the different agencies and the fact that there are very few pure grants available – most are low interest loans that require matching funds.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.



Joe Rogers
Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda Byers
City Secretary