

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

Mayor Joe Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Vernon City Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall, and a quorum was declared present.

Present: Mayor Joe Rogers

Commissioners: Guy Spears, Ruben Hinojosa, and Britt Ferguson. Travis Taylor was not in attendance.

Staff Present: City Manager Joe Pence, Public Works Director Darell Kennon, City Attorney Jonathan Whitsitt, Police Chief Tom Wilson, Fire Chief J.J. Oznick, Finance Director Garmon, Community Development Director David Pilcher, Zoning Official Monica Wilkinson, Municipal Judge Lori O. Adams, Retiring City Secretary Linda Byers, and incoming City Secretary Christy Bradshaw.

Commissioner Ferguson led the group in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Molly Baldwin: Commended Commission for tackling derelict buildings. Baldwin was also concerned with Provision 6 Charter amendment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Hinojosa made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

- A. Approve Minutes: Attached are Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017; Minutes of a Special City Commission Meeting held on Thursday, January 26, 2017; Minutes of a Special City Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017; Minutes of a Special City Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 and Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on Monday, January 23, 2017.
- B. Approve Ordinance No. 1700 Adding Section 46-3; Cross-Connection Control Program to Chapter 43 – Plumbing Code, of the City of Vernon Code of Ordinances.
- C. Approve Purchase of Storage Containers for Training Purposes with Grant Funds Totaling \$10,400.
- D. Approve Financial Investment Report, Vouchers, and Payroll & Benefit Expense. January 1, 2017 – January 31, 2017.

Commissioner Spears seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

4. Consider and Approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1701 Closing a six foot (6') x thirty six foot (36') portion of the Twenty (20') Foot Alley Adjacent to and South of 2304 Nabors.

ORDINANCE NO. 1701

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING LACK OF PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR A PORTION OF A 20 FOOT ALLEY IN THE 2300 BLOCK OF NABORS STREET; VACATING AND ABANDONING SAID PORTION OF THE 20 FOOT ALLEY IN THE 2300 BLOCK OF NABORS STREET; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALING, SEPARABILITY, RECORDING AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After a brief explanation from Zoning Official Monica Wilkinson, Commissioner Spears made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 1701. Commissioner Hinojosa seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

5. Consider and Approve Second Reading of Resolution No. 1009 Authorizing the Business Development Corporation of Vernon Participation of Financial Assistance in the Wilbarger County / Rolling Plains Management's Wilbarger County Preschool Program Expansion Project in the Amount of \$60,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 1009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF VERNON PARTICIPATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE WILBARGER COUNTY / ROLLING PLAINS MANAGEMENT'S WILBARGER COUNTY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM EXPANSION PROJECT.

Commissioner Spears made the motion to approve Second Reading of Resolution No. 1009. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

6. Consider and Approve Ordinance No. 1703 Amending Sanitation Rates as Provided by Consumer Price Index as documented in the Progressive Waste Franchise Agreement.

Commissioner Hinojosa made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 1703 Amending Sanitation Rates. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. #1703

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 26-35 AND OF ARTICLE II, COLLECTION AND REMOVAL SERVICES OF CHAPTER 26 – GARBAGE AND TRASH OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VERNON; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING SECTION; A SAVINGS SECTION; A RECORDING SECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7. Consider and Approve Resolution No. 1007 Approving Financial Policy for 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 1007

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF VERNON, TEXAS, THAT AUTHORIZES THE CITY OF VERNON FINANCIAL POLICY AND PROVIDING FOR RECORDING AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Finance Director Anne Garmon presented briefly relating to this resolution. After some discussion, Commissioner Spears made the motion to approve Resolution No. 1007 Approving Financial Policy for 2017 including the extra language of 60 days or 16.66% notifying of the public by the Finance Director. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

8. Discuss Fire Department Yearly Report. Fire Chief J.J. Oznick presented the Fire Department report to the Commissioners and was available for questions. Commissioner Spears asked about the possibility of a 20 year retirement being an incentive to keep Fire Fighters.
9. Consider and Approve Contract for Demolition of Structures at 2602 Luna Street, 3110 Main Street, 2719 Maiden Street, and 1620 Turner Street at a Cost of \$14,350.

Community Development Director David Pilcher presented to the Commission relating to this item and the bids for demolition. After a short discussion, Commissioner Spears made the motion to approve Contract for Demolition of Structures at 2602 Luna Street, 3110 Main Street, 2719 Maiden Street, and 1620 Turner, with Ballard provided he can get certified, if not then go with Mote. Street Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

10. Consider and Approve Cost of Asbestos Abatement at 700 Texas Street and Discuss Demolition of Building.
Due to the need for bids, this item was "tabled" until the March meeting Ferguson, 2nd Spears.
11. Approve Use of Excess Insurance Reimbursement for Police Department In-Car Camera and Installation in the amount of \$4,395.

Commissioner Spears made the motion to approve Use of Excess Insurance Reimbursement for Police Department In-Car Camera and Installation in the amount of \$4,395. Commissioner Hinojosa seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

12. Consider and Approve Use of Excess Insurance Reimbursement for Construction of Concrete Pads for Donated Metal Covers at Lyday Park.

Darrell Kennon Public Works Director presented to the Commissioners. After a short discussion, Commissioner Spears made the motion to approve use of excess insurance reimbursement for Construction of Concrete Pads for Donated Metal Covers at Lyday Park. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion, which passed by a 2-0 vote. Hinojosa abstained from voting.

13. Consider and Approve Use of Excess Insurance Reimbursement for Refurbishment of East Vernon Entrance Sign.

Darrell presented this subject, after a brief discussion, Commissioner Hinojosa made the motion to approve use of excess insurance reimbursement for Refurbishment of East Vernon Entrance Sign. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

14. Consider and Approve a Main Street Advisory Board Recommendation for a Historic Rehabilitation Grant for the Wilbarger County Historical Museum in the Amount of \$10,631.25.

Mr. Preston Curry presented to the Commission. Commissioner Hinojosa made the motion to approve a Main Street Advisory Board Recommendation for a Historic Rehabilitation Grant for the Wilbarger County Historical Museum in the Amount of \$10,631.25. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion, which passed with a no vote from Spears.

15. Consider and Approve Nomination of a Representative to the Regional Water Planning Group – Area B.

Commissioner Ferguson made the motion to approve the Nomination of a Representative to the Regional Water Planning Group – Area B. Commissioner Hinojosa seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

16. Consider and Approve Reappointment of Bob Beazley, Tisha Moore and Charles McArthur to Two-Year Terms on Planning and Zoning Commission.

Zoning Official Monica Wilkinson presented to the Commission relating to vacancies and nominations. Commissioner Spears made the motion to approve the Reappointment of Bob Beazley, Tisha Moore and Charles McArthur to Two-Year Terms on Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

17. Consider and Approve Reappointment of Ashley Kieschnick and Don Aydelott to Two Year Terms on the Board of Adjustment.

Commissioner Spears made the motion to approve the Reappointment of Ashley Kieschnick and Don Aydelott to Two Year Terms on the Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

18. Executive Session – Government Code, Title 5, Chapter 551- Section 551.072 – Deliberation Concerning Real Property - Land.

19. Consider and Approve Action Regarding Executive Session.

Commissioner Ferguson made the motion to direct staff as discussed. Commissioner Hinojosa seconded the motion, which passed by a 3 to 0 vote. Mayor Rogers, Commissioner Hinojosa, and Ferguson voted, Commissioner Spears did not vote.

In a separate action, Commissioner Ferguson made the motion to direct staff to solicit bids for Winston Farm Lease. Commissioner Hinojosa seconded the motion, which passed by a 3-0 vote. Mayor Rogers, Commissioner Hinojosa, and Ferguson voted, Commissioner Spears did not vote.

Adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Joe Rogers
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christy Cavness Bradshaw, TRMC
City Secretary