

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
September 19, 2017**

Mayor Joe Rogers called the Special Meeting of the Vernon City Commission to order at 6:30PM at City Hall, and a quorum was declared.

Present: Mayor Joe Rogers

Commissioners: Guy Spears, Ruben Hinojosa, Don Aydelott. Britt Ferguson was absent from this meeting.

Staff Present: City Manager Martin Mangum, Acting Police Chief Peter Hall, Fire Chief J.J. Oznick, Finance Director Anne Garmon, Public Works Director Darell Kennon, Community Development Director David Pilcher, and City Secretary Christy Bradshaw.

Mayor Rogers led the group in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

1. Public Hearing on City of Vernon Proposed 2017/2018 Annual Budget:
Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 6:30PM. There being no input from the public the hearing was closed at 6:31PM.
2. Discuss, Consider, and Approve (Disapprove) Ordinance Number 1710: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, for the City of Vernon; Appropriating Money for the Various Funds and Establishing an Official Classification Plan For All Positions.

(Record Vote)

Commissioner Spears –“What are we going to do with that million dollars?”

Mayor Rogers, Commissioner Hinojosa and Commissioner Aydelott joined in debate and conversation relating to “capital funding” needs. As the discussion continued, the question arose as to whether it would take a vote to create a vote with the million dollars or took a vote to create the Electric Trust Fund initially. No one in attendance at the meeting knew the answer to that question. Then Mayor Rogers made a phone call to former Lady Commissioner Spears to ask her if the creation of the Electric Trust fund had gone to the voters. Mrs. Commissioner Spears said “yes, it went to the voters”, and added that’s why she got voted out.

After confirmation of the election to create the Electric Trust, and much discussion, Commissioner Spears moved to approve Budget Ordinance No. 1710. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Ferguson.

Record vote: Ferguson-aye, Aydelott-aye, Rogers-aye, Hinojosa-aye, Spears-aye. None voted no. With a unanimous vote the budget Ordinance 1710 was passed.

3. Discuss, Consider, and Approve (Disapprove) Ordinance Number 1711: Ordinance Approving the 2017 Tax Roll; Levying Ad Valorem Taxes on all Taxable Properties in the City of Vernon, Texas; Providing for the Mailing of Statements; Fixing the Due Date and Time For Payment Thereof, and Providing For the Collection of Taxes.

Commissioner Spears moved to approve Ordinance No. 1711. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Aydelott, which passed with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Hinojosa thanked everyone for all their hard work.

4. Discuss, Consider, and Approve (Disapprove) the expenditure of \$18,631.84 for replacement of a Submersible Pump for the Waste Water Treatment Plant which was needed in an emergency situation.

Commissioner Spears moved to approve the expenditure of \$18,631.84 for the replacement of a Submersible Pump. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Aydelott, which passed by unanimous vote.

5. Discuss, Consider, and Approve Appointment of Two Board Members to the Vernon Business Development Corporation

Commissioner Spears moved to approve the Reappointment of George Daigle and Grady Stowe to the Vernon Business Development Corporation. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Aydelott, which passed by unanimous vote.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51PM.

SIGNED:

Joe Rogers
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christy Cavness Bradshaw, TRMC
City Secretary