

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
March 27, 2018**

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: Britt Ferguson, Ruben Hinojosa, and Guy Spears were in attendance. Commissioner Aydelott was not in attendance during this meeting.

Staff Present: City Manager Martin Mangum, Public Works Director Darell Kennon, Police Chief Randy Agan, PD Master Sargent Wayne Hodges, Fire Chief JJ Oznick, Community Development Director David Pilcher, City Attorney Jon Whitsitt, City Secretary Christy Cavness Bradshaw, Administrative Assistant Dee Boatenhamer, Utility Clerk Vicky Lee, Utility Clerk Elizabeth Agan, Dispatch Supervisor Sharon Stolle, and Code Enforcement Department member Michael Crabtree.

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

2. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Minutes: Attached are Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, and the Finance Committee Meeting January 27.
- B. Approve Financial Investment Report, Vouchers, and Payroll & Benefit Expense. February 1, 2018 – February 28, 2018.

Commissioner Hinojosa moved to approve. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Ferguson and passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Proclamations and Presentations

- a) **Proclamation Designating Fair Housing Month for the month of April**
Mayor Rodgers, Ruben Hinojosa, Guy Spears, Brit Ferguson read the proclamation aloud.
- b) **Presentation of “Life Saving” award to two Officers.**
Police Chief Randy Agan presented awards to Wendell Smith and Ben Gurrero.
The Officers were honored for saving the life of an individual who was found hanging (by the neck) in a closet of the residence.

4. Public Comment

Hear Citizen Comments with a Limitation of Five Minutes.

(Citizens Wishing to Comment Must Complete the Provided Form and Hand it to the City Secretary Before the Start of the Meeting.)

There were no Citizen comments during this meeting

5. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action regarding accepting the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year audit presented by Michael D. Edgin with Edgin, Parkman, Fleming and Fleming, LLC.

Mike Edgin with Edgin, Parkman, Fleming and Fleming, LLC. presented to the Commission relating to the fiscal year 2016/2017 audit for the City of Vernon. Edgin stated that over all this was a very good audit, noting that the General Fund has been growing over the past three years. There was a positive change of over 900k in the General Fund, in total the actual increase was about 923K.

The annual report..."it's a good one", according to Mike Edgin. "Very good year for the City."

Commissioner Spears moved to accept the audit. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Ferguson and passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on acceptance of a \$360 donation from the Vernon Lions Club.

Commissioner Spears moved to accept the donation. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa and passed by a unanimous vote.

7. Discussion Consideration and Possible action on entering into a contract with Texas Communities Group, LLC for the collection of delinquent taxes for the City of Vernon.

City Manager Martin Mangum presented a brief summary relating to this agreement. The benefit of this process is properties would return to the tax role.

Commissioner Spears moved to approve. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Ferguson and passed by a unanimous vote.

8. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on Resolution Number 1018 Authorizing signatories for contractual documents and documents requesting funds for the 2017 TCDP Block Grant, Contract Number 7217471.

Commissioner Spears moved to approve Resolution 1018. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa and passed by a unanimous vote.

9. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on Resolution 1019 calling a Public Hearing to determine whether certain improvements described therein are each dangerous structures and a public nuisance. There would be 15 properties including.

Commissioner Spears moved to approve Resolution 1019. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa and passed by a unanimous vote.

10. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on approval of closing down the streets around Lyday Park on March 31, 2018 from 10 am to 6 pm.

Commissioner Spears moved to approve the street closure. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Ferguson and passed by a unanimous vote.

11. Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on the hiring of an engineering firm for wastewater projects for the city.

Digital Recording on file

Public Works Director Darell Kennon presented to the Commission briefly explaining that the immediate projects would be influent and then SCADA.

Commissioner Spears moved to approve the hiring of engineering firm Jacob and Martin LLC. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa and passed by a unanimous vote.

12. Discuss, consider and take possible action on Resolution 1021 authorizing continued participation with the ATMOS Energy Steering Committee and authorizing payment of two cents per capita. City Manager Mangum briefly presented to the commission explaining that this Resolution is meant to add the City of Vernon back into the steering committee. Commissioner Spears moved to approve Resolution 1021. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa and passed by a unanimous vote.

13. Adjourn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM.

SIGNED:

Joe Rogers
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christy Cavness Bradshaw, TRMC
City Secretary