

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 22, 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, Britt Ferguson, and Don Adyelott.

Staff Present: City Manager Martin Mangum, Public Works Director Darell Kennon, City Attorney Jonathan Whitsitt, Police Chief Tom Wilson, Police Lt. Peter Hall, Fire Chief J.J. Oznick, Finance Director Anne Garmon, Community Development Director David Pilcher, Accounts Payable Clerk Dee Boatenhamer, and City Secretary Christy Cavness Bradshaw.

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

Proclamations

Mayor Joe Rogers read aloud a Proclamation recognizing September 4th 2017 as VISD Choir Appreciation Day in the City of Vernon.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Hinojosa moved to approve the consent agenda.

2. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Minutes: Attached are Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, and of the Special Meeting held on July 31, 2017
- B. Approve Financial Investment Report, Vouchers, and Payroll & Benefit Expense. July 1, 2017 – July 31, 2017.

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING: As approved on July 25, 2017 and called for in Resolution 1011: Public Hearing to determine whether certain improvements described herein are each dangerous structures and a public nuisance A) 1022 Turner St. B) 1020 Houston St. C) 2428 Dean St.

Mayor Rogers opened the Public Hearing at 6:34PM. Justina Bodine and Mr. Henry Sims (Sims being the last of original 42 members of the Masonic Lodge) spoke relating to 1020 Houston/Bodvine St. Mrs. Curtistine Dickerson spoke on behalf of 2428 Dean, advising that the taxes were paid and up to date the Friday preceding this meeting. There being no further comments or public input, Mayor Rogers closed the Public Hearing at 6:46PM.

4. Discuss, Consider and Approve Resolution 1012: A resolution declaring that certain improvements described herein are a public nuisance requiring taking down and removal of such improvements.

After some discussion, the Commission agreed to allow 6 (six) months prior to demolition of 2428 Dean St. Mrs. Dickerson would be notified by the city prior to any action on the property.

Commissioner Spears moved to approve 1012 condemning 1022 Turner, and 2428 Dean but, omitting 1020 Houston St. Commissioner Hinojosa seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

5. Discuss, Consider and Award the bid to demolish 1304 Strahan and 1608 Houston Street at a cost of \$12039.00.

This item was postponed until the next meeting to be held on August 31st.

6. Discuss, Consider and Approve the Reappointment of Housing Authority Board Members to another two year term ending 09/30/2019 (Rita Martin, and William Noble).

Commissioner Aydelott moved to approve. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

7. Discuss, Consider and Approve (or Disapprove) a request from Ted Henderson for the city to repair damage done to a common wall between C and N Flowers and the building removed west of it.

This item was postponed until the next council regular commission meeting to be held on September 26th.

8. Budget Work Shop Session relating to FY 2017-2018 Budget.

City Manager Marty Mangum advised the Commission that he had separated the Ambulance revenue as requested.

9. 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.)

- Molly Baldwin: It is important to improve the look of downtown Vernon. Ms. Baldwin also mentioned water line replacement and wastewater.
- Chano Martinez: Construction, just wants his street fixed; standing water in the road in front of his house; sealing roads...not running blades on the road. Grass needs to be bladed. And it needs a little slope yet. Commission advised that his street was on the list to be repaired after October.

10. Executive Session: Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney regarding possible pending litigation.

The Commission recessed regular to convene into executive session at 7:34PM.
Commission adjourned executive session and reconvened regular session at 8:17PM.

11. Executive Session: Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code – Deliberation Regarding Real Property.
12. Discuss, Consider and take any action necessary relating to any Executive Session Item.
No action was taken as a result of, during, or after executive session.
13. Adjourn.
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:17PM

Joe Rogers
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christy Cavness Bradshaw, TRMC
City Secretary