

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
December 19, 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: Britt Ferguson, Don Aydelott, Ruben Hinojosa, and Guy Spears were in attendance.

Staff Present: City Manager Martin Mangum, Public Works Director Darell Kennon, City Attorney Jonathan Whitsitt, Police Lieutenant Peter Hall, Fire Chief JJ Oznick, Finance Director Anne Garmon, Community Development Director David Pilcher, Community Development Monica Wilkinson, Municipal Court Judge Lori Adams, and Administrative Assistant Dee Boatenhamer.

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

2. 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.)

No Public Comments were presented during this time.

3. **PROCLAMATIONS:**

A. **Recognition honoring former Vernon Fire Chief Charles Stewart for his 42 years of service to the City of Vernon**

Mayor Joe Rogers read a proclamation recognizing former Vernon Fire Chief for his 42 years of service. Mrs. Stewart received the framed proclamation.

Commissioner Spears moved to approve the consent agenda.

4. Consent Agenda:

A. Approve Minutes: Attached are Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held on Tuesday November 28, 2017.

B. Approve Financial Investment Report, Vouchers, and Payroll & Benefit Expense.
November 1, 2017 – November 30, 2017.

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

5. **Public Hearing** on the possible extension of the curfew hours for minors (proposed ordinance No. 1717) Mayor Rogers opened the PH at 6:35PM and, there being no comments, he closed the hearing at 6:36PM

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After allowing for all public input, Mayor Rogers closed the public hearing at 6:36PM.

6. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on approving Ordinance Number 1717 – Ordinance extending section 36-11 curfew hours for minors.

No action was taken during this meeting as a second public hearing was required. The item was postponed to the next regular commission meeting.

7. **Public Hearing** on the request for a Special Use Permit for a Halfway House to be located 3821 Wilbarger, Vernon, Texas. (Ordinance 1718)

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 6:37PM.

Gib Baskerville spoke in favor of the permit for “Hope Center Ministries”. Of specific note was that there was no opposition during the three previous Planning and Zoning Commission meetings.

Molley Baldwin spoke in favor.

Sarah Hernandez (boys and girls club) spoke in support of this permit.

Pam Gosline spoke in favor of this permit.

Man in a jacket? Spoke in favor of granting this permit.

Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church spoke in favor of this permit.

Gary Grace spoke in favor of this permit for “Hope Center Ministries”.

Dr. Wolfe spoke in favor of this permit as long as they are supervised, since it not a “judicial” facility.

Charles McArthur spoke in favor of this permit.

*Participants would be drug tested once a week.

After allowing for all public input, Mayor Rogers closed the public hearing at 7:10PM.

8. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action regarding Ordinance 1718 regarding a Specific Use Permit to permit a halfway house to be located at 3821 Wilbarger, Vernon, Texas.

Mayor Rogers opened the item for discussion. Commissioner Hinojosa moved to approve. However the motion died for lack of second.

9. **Public Hearing** on a Zoning Change for a Fiber Optics Building to be owned by Santa Rosa Communications to be located at 4510 Paradise, Vernon, Texas. (Ordinance Number 1719)

City Manager Martin Mangum advised that this item had been withdrawn.

10. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on Ordinance Number 1719 regarding a Zoning Change Request from Santa Rosa Communications, LTD to change 4510 Paradise, Vernon, Texas from R-2 Single Family Residential (R-2) to C-F Community Facilities.

As with the Public Hearing in item 12, this item was also withdrawn.

11. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on the awarding of a contract for the purchase of salt for fiscal year 2017-2018.

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Commissioner Spears moved to approve. That motion was seconded by Hinojosa and the Contract was awarded to Cargill Salt by unanimous vote.

12. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on the purchase of a street striping paint sprayer.

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

13. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on the purchase of police cars for the Police Department.

Police Chief Randy Agan addressed the commission relating to this item. Three Patrol units in question are being considered at this time. Commissioner Spears moved to approve. That motion was seconded by Aydelott and passed by unanimous vote.

14. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on the acquisition of taser units for the Police Department.

RA again addressed the commission relating to item 14, stating that they did not have enough for all officers.

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

15. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on Approving three grants approved by the Main Street Advisory Board under the Main Street Historic Rehabilitation Grant Program for the property of 1701 Marshall for bringing plumbing and electrical up to code and facade rehabilitation.

Commissioner Aydelott recused himself from involvement with this item. Commissioner Spears moved to approve. That motion was seconded by Ferguson and was passed by unanimous vote.

16. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on a replacement for Meg Heatly on the Main Street Advisory Board

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

17. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on Police Policies on Civil Standby, Code of Conduct, Bias Based Policing, and Written Directives System.

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

18. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action on purchasing up to \$2,000 worth of trees for the cemetery from a private donation.

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

19. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible action regarding entering into a contract with Moore Truelove, Pharris, Meyers and Marsh, PLLC for accounting services.

Commissioner Aydelott moved to approve. That motion was seconded by Spears and then passed by unanimous vote.

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20. Adjourn.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

SIGNED:

Joe Rogers
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christy Cavness Bradshaw, TRMC
City Secretary