

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
August 28, 2018**

Mayor Douglas Jeffrey IV 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 Douglas Jeffrey IV

Commissioners: Britt Ferguson, Don Adyelott, Pam Gosline, Justin Marsh.

Staff Present: City Manager Martin Mangum, City Attorney Jonathan Whitsitt, Police Chief Randy Agan, Community Development Director David Pilcher, Tourism Director Clint McCormick, Utility Clerk Elizabeth Agan, Finance Officer Dee Boatenhamer, and City Secretary Christy Cavness Bradshaw.

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

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

2. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Minutes: Attached are Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, July 24th, 2018 and the Special Commission Meeting held on August 14th, 2018.
- B. Approval of Department reports including Finance Investment Report, Payroll and Benefit July 1, 2018 – July 31, 2018

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

3. Proclamations and Presentations:

A Proclamation recognizing the 2017-2018 Lady Lions Softball team and accomplishments Mayor Jeffrey read the proclamation aloud. Following the presentation, time was taken for pictures.

4. Public Comment

Chano Martinez: Thank you to for getting the street done. Mr. Martinez stated that he was proud of the (city's) decision to hire the folks who fixed the street in front of his home. Offered to donate a second opinion any time the city has a project like this.

5. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Resolution Number 1029; a resolution accepting a grant contract Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) from the Texas Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$275,000.00; Accepting the offer of Nortex Regional Planning Commission to provide Application and Administrative services for said grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 contingent upon the award of the grant.

City Manager Mangum advised that this resolution is authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with TCDB and Nortex.

Commissioner Marsh moved to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Aydelott and passed with a unanimous vote.

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6. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement/Contract with the Nortex Regional Planning Commission (RPC) for Application and Administrative services between the Texas Community Development Program and the City of Vernon
City Manager Mangum advised that with this agreement, NORTEX would be the administrators of the grant should it be awarded.
Commissioner Aydelott moved to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. Commissioner Marsh seconded the motion which was passed with a unanimous vote.
7. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Ordinance No. 1733: An Ordinance of the City of Vernon relating to the Hotel Occupancy Tax and penalties for violation.

ORDINANCE NO 1733

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 50-50, PENALTY FOR VIOLATION, IN ARTICLE III, TAXATION AND LICENSES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VERNON, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY, REPEALING, A SAVINGS CLAUSE, RECORDING AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Mangum advised the City Commission that this Ordinance would allow for a penalty of %15 to be imposed in the event that a business were delinquent in paying their Hotel Occupancy Tax.

Commissioner Ferguson moved to approve the ordinance. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Aydelott and passed with a unanimous vote.

8. Discussion, consideration, and possible action relating to a request by Vernon Parts Sports Bar for temporary closure of Street on October 20, 2018 from 7:00PM to October 21, 2018 at 1:00AM, the closing will include Cumberland from Paradise to Wilbarger and Marshall from Main to the east intersection of Cumberland
Commissioner Gosline moved to approve the temporary street closure with the music stopping at midnight. Commissioner Marsh seconded the motion approve with music stopping at midnight as well. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
9. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding options for use of the lot located at 1716 Pease Street
City Manager Mangum advised that the taxing entities have all agreed to sign off on donating this location to the City. Commissioners Gosline and Aydelott volunteered to be involved in/head the committee.
Commissioner Marsh moved to appoint Commissioners Aydelott and Gosline to the ("Pease Street Park Committee") committee (to consist of no more than 7 people in total). That motion was seconded Commissioner Ferguson and passed by unanimous vote.
10. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the postponing demolition or rescinding the condemnation order for 719 Wilbarger St
Community Development Director David Pilcher presented to the commission relating to this property. Pilcher advised that this property had been condemned however, the current owner was not aware of the building having been condemned and had begun making renovations and wanted to keep the building. The current owner plans to have a business there once the renovations are complete.

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After much discussion the commission agreed that it was a good idea that the demolition be postponed.

Commissioner Ferguson moved to postpone the demolition of the building for one year, reviewing it at that time. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Gosline and passed with a unanimous vote.

11. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding approval of a Main Street Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the City of Vernon for the old City Hall Roof at 1830 Main St
Commissioner Aydelott move to approve. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Ferguson. Commissioner Aydelott explained that the replacing of the roof is being done in order to preserve the building. "It is better to repair it than tear it down." The motion passed by unanimous vote.
12. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding approval of a Main Street Grant in the amount of \$8,325.00 to Sue Anne Streit for a roof on 1700 Main Street
Commissioner Ferguson moved to approve. That motion was seconded by commissioner Aydelott and passed by unanimous vote.
13. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding approval of a Main Street Grant in the amount of \$6000.00 to Sue Anne Streit for a façade on 1700 Main Street
Having had the wrong address on this item, the Commission could not take action and postponed this until September 4th, 2018 special meeting.
No action was taken at this meeting on this specific item.
14. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding approval of a Main Street Grant in the amount of \$1994.25 to Erin Dobbins for facade, awning, and signage for 1605 Main Street
Commissioner Marsh moved to approve this Main Street Grant in the amount of \$1994.25. A comment was made as to the legality of having an awning on a building on Main. Mayor Jeffrey wanted to have the approval contingent upon verification of the legality and directed staff to check into that prior issuing the funds for the project. Commissioner Marsh moved to approve with contingencies and that motion was seconded by Commissioner Gosline. The second motion passed with a unanimous vote.
City Manager Mangum, Code Enforcement Monica Wilkinson, and City Secretary Bradshaw all researched and concluded that placing an awning at this location is not illegal, and since it is a TXDOT right of way, they would have the final word in allowing the improvement. The contractor had already been given the "green light" by TXDOT for this project.

The Commission recessed from the Regular Session to convene the Executive Session at 7:14PM.

15. Executive Session Pursuant to Article 551.071 of the Local Government Code – possible Pending litigation
16. Executive Session Pursuant to Article 551.074 of the Local Government Code- Personnel Matters
The Commission reconvened Regular Session at 7:22PM.
17. Take action on Executive Session item(s)
No action taken during or after executive session.

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18. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22PM.

Douglas Jeffrey IV
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christy Cavness Bradshaw, TRMC
City Secretary