

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2018, 6:30 PM**

Mayor Douglas Jeffrey IV called the Regular Meeting of the Vernon City Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. on October 23, 2018 at City Hall, and a quorum was declared present.

Present: Mayor Douglas Jeffrey IV

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

Staff Present: City Manager Martin Mangum, City Attorney Jonathan Whitsitt, Police Chief Randy Agan, Fire Chief JJ Oznick, Public Works Director Darell Kennon, Community Development Director David Pilcher, Utility Clerk Elizabeth Agan, Finance Officer Dee Boatenghamer, Animal Control Officer Lance Bryant, Municipal Judge Lori Adams, Street Superintendent David Templeton, Officer Noah Hernandez, K-9 Officer Quinton Hodges, and K-9 Jak,

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

1. Call To Order

- A. Declaration of Quorum – Mayor Jeffrey declared a quorum
- B. Invocation- Commissioner Gosline led the group in the Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Gosline led the group in the pledge to the United States Flag and to the Texas Flag

2. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Ferguson moved to approve the consent agenda.

- A. Approve Minutes: Attached are Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, September 25th, 2018.
- B. Approval of Department reports including Finance Investment Report, Payroll and Benefit Expense

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Ferguson's motion was seconded by Commissioner Aydelott and passed with a unanimous vote.

3. Proclamations and Presentations:

None

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.)

None

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5. Hear presentation by Chief Randy Agan on the new K-9 Program for the City of Vernon

Chief Randy Agan introduced Jak to the commission. He briefed the commission about several drug seizures that have taken place due to Jak working for the city since the city implemented the program. Chief Agan introduced the K-9 Officer, Quinton Hall and Officer Noah Hernandez, who supervises the K-9 Program. The Officers then did a demonstration of Jak's obedience skills along with an attack demonstration by Jak utilizing the bite arm on subjects, Commissioners Don Aydelott and Pam Gosline. Lance Bryant, Animal Control Officer, then donned the full-body suit and demonstrated a take down on a fleeing subject by Jak. Chief Agan thanked the Commission for agreeing to purchase the K-9 and for implementing the program.

6. Discuss, consider and take possible action on a request from the Boys and Girls Club for the city to abandon some city-owned right of way on Yamparika between Deaf Smith and Lamar Streets.

City Manager, Martin Mangum explained that the Boys and Girls Club wanted to expand their building along Yamparika out to a courtyard wall that is currently built on the site. It was mentioned by Mangum that the building encroaches onto Yamparika Street right-of-way and at least one other side as well. Sara Hernandez explained the planned expansion as well as the need to expand the roof line of the existing building due to an inadequate overhang of the roof on the Yamparika side would require an expansion of the building or overhand to correct. Motion was made by Justin Marsh to abandon the right-of-way along Yamparika Street out to the courtyard wall to correct the encroachment. The motion was seconded by Commission Gosline. After discussion it was decided that the Boys and Girls Club would order a dig test on Lamar Street and the city would take no action at this point until it was decided if any additional action is needed on any other side of the building other than the Yamparika side due to any other encroachment. No action was taken.

7. Discuss, consider and take possible action on the approval of Tax Property sales by Texas Community Group on 1819 Violet, 830 Wilbarger, 1110 Harrison, 1329 Deaf Smith, 2527 Mesquite, 3211 Wichita, 3215 Wichita, 1415 Houston, and 3114 Wheatley, 2407 Olive 1410 Paradise.

City Manager Martin Mangum explained that the city has a contract with Texas Community Group to sell properties that have been struck off to the taxing entities. Mr. Mangum explained that Texas Community Group had taken bids on the 11 properties and needed the taxing entities approval of the sales to get them back on the tax rolls. A motion was made by Commissioner Justin Marsh to accept the bids on the subject properties. A second to the motion was made by Commissioner Pam Gosline. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Discuss, consider and take possible action on a request from the Christmas Committee to close Pease Street between Main and Cumberland on December 8, 2018 from 8 am to 5 pm for Christmas lights events.

City Manager Martin Mangum explained to the Commission that the Christmas Committee wanted Pease Street closed between Main and Cumberland on December 8, 2018 from 8 am to 5 pm for a traveling museum to be set up on the street. Motion was made by Commissioner Pam Gosline and seconded by Justin Marsh to approve the closure. The vote was unanimous.

9. Discuss, consider and take possible action on a request for the Lighted Christmas Parade on December 8, 2018.

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City Manager Mangum explained that the Christmas Parade Committee was requesting that the city grant them permission for a parade to be held on December 8, 2018 with the same parade route as the previous year. Motion was made by Commissioner Aydelott and Seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the request for the parade and approve the parade route. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Discuss, consider and take possible action on the appointment of a board member on the Vernon Housing Authority Board.

City Manager explained that at the last meeting the City Commission did not fill the board place previously held by Linda Kennedy, who moved outside the city limits. Mr. Mangum explained there were two people who submitted applications showing interest. Those applicants were Sylvia Hinojosa and Reverend Norris Thomas. Commissioner Gosline made the motion to appoint Reverend Norris Thomas to the board and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Aydelott. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Jeffrey congratulated Reverend Thomas.

11. Discuss, consider and take possible action on the appointment of Dr. Randall Schaffner as Health Authority of the City of Vernon.

City Manager explained that the appointment of Dr. Schaffner's appointment as Health Authority of the city had expired. Mr. Mangum explained that Dr. Schaffner was willing to serve again, if appointed. Motion was made by Commissioner Justin Marsh to appoint Dr. Schaffner for another two year term. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aydelott. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Hear Presentation from Chief J.J. Oznick about applying for a 5% grant for a brush fire truck.

City Manager explained that the item on the agenda had a typographical error in the posting of it and that the grant being proposed was a 95% grant, but there would be no action taken on the item as it was on the agenda for information only. Chief Oznick said that the federal government allocated money for grants for brush trucks. He informed if he was successful in obtaining a grant that our match would be approximately \$6,700.

13. Discuss, consider, and take possible action on the purchase of a street sweeper from Buy Board.

Director Darell Kennon explained to the City Commission that we had budgeted money to replace the thirteen year old street sweeper that the city was currently using. He further explained that the budgeted amount was \$195,000. He explained that David Templeton had gotten two bids on the unit to compare apples to apples. They looked at functionality, price, and accessibility of service on the units as well as the warranty. They recommended purchasing the unit made by Elgin Broom Badger. Commissioner Marsh asked how long the warranty lasted on the unit. Director Kennon said it had a one year warranty on some things with a three year warranty on chassis, five year warranty on the drive train, and 2 year warranty on the Kubota auxiliary motor. Commissioner Marsh asked about the license of the operator. Director Kennon explained that it did not require a CDL. The Commission went outside for a brief demonstration. Motion was made by Commissioner Aydelott and seconded by Gosline to purchase the Elgin Broom Badger for \$195,621. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pam Gosline made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to the pertinent articles of the Local Government Code. The motion was seconded by Don Aydelott and the vote was unanimous to go into Executive Session.

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At 7:18 PM, the City Commission went into Executive Session on items 14, 15, and 16

14. Executive Session Pursuant to Article 551.071 of the Local Government Code – Pending Litigation.
15. Executive Session Pursuant to Article 551.074- discussing certain personnel matters, meet deliberate, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, City Secretary, and Main Street/Tourism Director.

Commissioner Don Aydelott made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:51 PM and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Gosline. The vote was unanimous.

The City Commission reconvened the regular City Commission meeting. Mayor Jeffrey informed the crowd that no action was taken as a result of the Executive Session. He explained that there were many applicants for the positions of City Secretary and Tourism/Main Street Director and that the City Manager would make calls the following day and make the announcements on who was hired.

16. Adjourn – Commissioner Gosline made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Douglas Jeffrey IV
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marty Mangum City Manager