

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2019 6:30 PM**

Mayor Douglas Jeffrey IV called the Regular Meeting of the Vernon City Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. on August 27, 2019 at City Hall, and a quorum was declared present.

Mayor Douglas Jeffrey IV

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

Staff Present: City Manager Martin Mangum, City Attorney Jonathan Whitsitt, Fire Chief J.J. Oznick, Public Works Director Darell Kennon, Community Development Director David Pilcher, Finance Officer Dee Boatenhamer, City Secretary Marsha Jo Stone

1. Call To Order

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

2. Public Hearing on Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate of .56471 per \$100 valuation

Mayor Jeffrey called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:31 pm and asked for Public Comment.

No Public Comment was made.

Mayor Jeffrey declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:32 pm

3. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Aydelott moved to approve the consent agenda.

- A. Approval Minutes: Attached are Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 and Special Meeting held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019
- B. Approval of Finance Investment Report, Vouchers, Payroll and Benefit Expense for July 1, 2019 – July 31, 2019
- C. Approval of Department reports including Finance Report and other departmental reports July 1, 2019 – July 31, 2019.

Commissioner Marsh seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

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

Commissioner Gosline stated "I want to thank the Police Department for keeping the public informed on what is going on. I also want to thank the Street Department for their work tearing down houses. I really appreciate all you do."

5. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action on request from Molly Jeffrey to close Olive Street from Main Street to Cumberland on September 28, 2019 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for an event at the Loft.

Commissioner Ferguson made the motion to close Olive Street from Main Street to Cumberland on September 28, 2019 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for an event at the Loft

Commissioner Marsh seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote. 4 – Yes (Ferguson, Aydelott, Gosline, Marsh) 1 – Abstain (Jeffrey)

6. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action on request from Brandon Shiplet to close streets Pease to Main and Cumberland to Wilbarger on October 12, 2019 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm for a Human Society event

Commissioner Aydelott made the motion to close streets Pease to Main and Cumberland to Wilbarger on October 12, 2019 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm for a Human Society event

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

7. Update from Community Development on condemned properties: 2115 Indian, 719 Wilbarger, 2501 Dean

Community Development Director David Pilcher advised extension had been given to the properties and the extension is up. He presented current photos of each property. Pilcher advised no progress had been made at 2115 Indian. Commissioners agreed to proceed with condemnation procedures.

Pilcher advised that Wanda Waggoner at 2501 Dean had put a roof on the house and cleaned the property. Commissioners agreed to place the property on the next regular meeting to rescind the condemnation.

Pilcher advised 719 Wilbarger had been condemned but no improvements have been made. The owner was present and stated she needed a little more time to make repairs. She requested six months extension and would be moving a business into the building. Commissioners advised they needed to see action by the next regular meeting.

8. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to approve sale of tax properties: Parcel 1700001, 911 Wanderer to Rigo & Maribel Granados for \$211.99, Parcel 4345001, 1304 Bismarck to Marcio Carvalho for \$2,000.00, Parcel 5358801, 2710 Maiden to Zachary Bodine for \$75.00, Parcel 6911001, 800 Wichita to Joe Palacios for \$500.00.

Commissioner Marsh made the motion to approve sale of tax properties: Parcel 1700001, 911 Wanderer to Rigo & Maribel Granados for \$211.99, Parcel 4345001, 1304 Bismarck to Marcio Carvalho for \$2,000.00, Parcel 5358801, 2710 Maiden to Zachary Bodine for \$75.00, Parcel 6911001, 800 Wichita to Joe Palacios for \$500.00.

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

9. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on Reappointment of BDC Board members

Commissioner Gosline made the motion to reappoint board members Terry Spears, Anne Spears and Lisa Herber to the Vernon Business Development Board for a term of two years.

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

10. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on appointment of Rita Martin and Jennifer Baldwin to the Vernon Housing Authority Board of Directors

Commissioner Aydelott made the motion to appoint of Rita Martin and Jennifer Baldwin to the Vernon Housing Authority Board of Directors for a term of two years.

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

11. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on Ordinance Number 1746 approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the Company's 2019 Rate Review Mechanism filing

ORDINANCE NO. 1746

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VERNON, TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE ("ACSC") AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2019 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; APPROVING AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT ESTABLISHING A BENCHMARK FOR PENSIONS AND RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS; APPROVING AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT REGARDING AMORTIZATION OF REGULATORY LIABILITY; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE ACSC'S REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY AND THE ACSC'S LEGAL COUNSEL

Commissioner Aydelott made the motion to approve Ordinance Number 1746 approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the Company's 2019 Rate Review Mechanism filing.

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

12. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Vernon and the Texas Military Department and its Cyber Mission Forces.

Commissioner Marsh made the motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Vernon and the Texas Military Department and its Cyber Mission Forces

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

12. Discussion, Consideration and Take Possible Action on the purchase of valve insertion equipment and valves

Public Works Director Darell Kennon advised the Commission had approved funds to purchase equipment that will insert valves in a water line while the line is still under pressure. This equipment will be utilized where broken valves are located and where no valves exist. He presented the Commission with four sealed bids received on August 20, 2019 and the results of those bids.

Kennon recommended the purchase of the Hydra-Stop valve insertion equipment along with the five assorted valves in the amount of \$85,009.00.

Commissioner Gosline made the motion to approve the purchase of the Hydra-Stop valve insertion equipment along with the five assorted valves in the amount of \$85,009.00.

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

13. Adjourn – Commissioner Gosline made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm.

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

Douglas Jeffrey IV
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marsha Jo Stone, City Secretary