

CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
FEBRUARY 10, 2025

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Pledge to Texas Flag:

Mayor Galaviz called the meeting to order at 06:30 PM, City Attorney Halla gave the Invocation, and all lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag. Councilmembers present: Alejandro Galaviz, Tony Bovinich, Sheryl Kiser, Michelle Hamm and Drew Wilson. Teresa Hoffman was absent.
Staff present: Josh Jones, City Attorney, Callie Green, Melissa Westen, Chief Groom, Chief Allen, Kyle Sugg, Becky Wilkins and Oscar Ortiz.

2. Announcements from Mayor:

Cell phones are to be placed on vibrate/silent only. No conversation or comment from the audience is permitted unless specifically called upon by the Mayor. Please remain respectfully quiet.
Also, Councilwomen Hoffman is not in attendance with us tonight due to the birth of her second grandbaby.

3. Citizen Public Comment Period:

Thank you for your participation in tonight's Public Comments Session. This segment is a crucial component of our local government meetings, where each speaker is allotted 4 minutes. While the City Council and I consider all input, the Texas Open Meetings Act mandates that this be a time for us to listen rather than engage in dialogue. Rest assured, our City Administrator and City Secretary are diligently recording notes should any actions be necessary. When you are ready, you may begin, and your time will start.
No public comments.

4. Consent Agenda:

All matters listed under consent agenda have been previously discussed, require little or no deliberation, or are routine by the council. If discussion is desired, then an item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately. Otherwise, approval of the consent agenda authorizes the City Administrator to implement each item in accordance with staff's recommendation.

4.1. Approval of meeting minutes for regular called meeting on January 13, 2025.

4.2. Ratifying bills and monthly financial report for the month of December 2024.

4.3. Fire Marshal's 2024 Racial Profiling Report

4.4. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Ellis County for rehabilitation to East County Road 109.

I make a motion to remove item 4.4 from consent agenda to discussion.

Moved by: Tony Bovinich

Seconded by: Sheryl Kiser

For: Unanimous. Motion Carried 4-0-0.

I make a motion to approve item 4.4.

Moved by: Tony Bovinich

Seconded by: Drew Wilson

For: Unanimous. Motion Carried 4-0-0.

4.5. A Resolution adding TexSTAR Investment Pool as an Authorized Investment and approval of application in the TexSTAR program.

4.6. Venus Police Department 2024 Racial Profiling Report

4.7. Approval of Agreement for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Administration Services.

4.8. Quarterly Investment Report

4.9. Consider an Ordinance authorizing the release from the City of Venus' Extra Territorial Jurisdiction of the property addressed as 744 W U. S. Highway 67 (Lot 1 & Lot 2, Block 1, the Adel Addition), which consists of an approximately 4.252 acre tract of land, known as property ID 126.4401.00010, and ordering the changing of the City of Venus' Extra Territorial Jurisdiction boundary map in accordance with said change.

4.10. Consider an Ordinance authorizing the release from the City of Venus' Extra Territorial Jurisdiction of the property addressed as 2079 C. R. 214, which consists of an approximately 11.90 acre tract of land, known as property ID 126.0134.00085, and ordering the changing of the City of Venus' Extra Territorial Jurisdiction boundary map.

I make a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Moved by: Tony Bovinich

Seconded by: Drew Wilson

For: Unanimous. Motion Carried 4-0-0.

5. Presentation and Proclamations:

None.

6. Public Hearings and Action Items:

None.

7. Discussion and Consideration Items:

7.1. Discuss and Consider an Amendment to the Exclusive Franchise Agreement with Frontier Waste Solutions for the Collection, Hauling, Recycling and Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste, Construction and Demolition Waste, and Recyclable Materials in the City of Venus, TX.

I make a motion to an amendment to the Exclusive Franchise Agreement with Frontier Waste Solutions.

Moved by: Drew Wilson

Seconded by: Tony Bovinich

For: Unanimous. Motion Carried 4-0-0.

8. Executive Session:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.001, ET SEQ. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: Sec. 551.071- Private Consultation with City Attorney

8.1. Discussion regarding a resolution authorizing the use of eminent domain to condemn property rights in fee simple for land owned by the City of approximately 104.95 acres (4,571,447.76 sq. ft.) and generally located at 920 CR 110, and authorizing the initiation and filing of eminent domain proceedings for the public purpose of construction of a water tower and determining the necessity, public purpose, and public of same, as well as for any other public purposes permitted by law.

Recess into Executive Session at 6:46 P.M.

Reconvene into Open Session at 7:39 P.M.

No action taken.

9. Items for Future Agendas:

None.

10. Adjournment:

Mayor Galaviz adjourned the meeting at 07:39 PM.



Mayor


City Secretary