

CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
APRIL 14, 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, Mrs. Prazak gave the Invocation, and all lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag.

Councilmembers present: Alejandro Galaviz, Teresa Hoffman, Tony Bovinich, Sheryl Kiser, Michelle Hamm and Drew Wilson.

Staff present: Josh Jones, City Attorney, Callie Green, Melissa Westen, Chief Groom, Chief Allen, Scott Williams and Becky Wilkins.

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.

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.

4. Presentation and Proclamations:

4.1. National Fentanyl Awareness Day

Mayor presented Proclamation.

Sheryl Kiser- 401 Meadow Ridge - Speaking as a citizen to be the voice of the voiceless. Thanked all first responders.

4.2. National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Mayor presented the Proclamation.

4.3. Presentation for Johnson County Day that was recognized at the Texas Capitol. (Councilmember Hamm)

Councilmember Hamm presented.

5. 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.

5.1. Approval of a Resolution to Ratify Updated HR Policy.

Motion to remove 5.1 from consent.

Moved by: Tony Bovinich

Seconded by: Drew Wilson

For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Motion to approve 5.1.

Moved by: Tony Bovinich

Seconded by: Drew Wilson

For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0-0.

5.2. Consider a Resolution Approving a Municipal Maintenance Agreement between the City and the State of Texas for the maintenance, control, supervision and regulation of certain state highways and/or portions of state highways in the City of Venus, Texas.

5.3. Ratifying bills and monthly financial report for the month of January 2025.

5.4. Ratifying bills and monthly financial report for the month of February 2025.

5.5. Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Ellis County Emergency Services District No. 2 for Providing Emergency Services.

5.6. Approval of meeting minutes of the regular meeting called on March 10, 2025.

5.7. Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Johnson County for the reconstruction of a section of CR109.

5.8. Consider approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Venus, authorizing the execution of a loan agreement from the State Infrastructure Bank; Authorizing the City Administrator to act on behalf of the City of Venus in all matters relating to the loan agreement.

Motion to approve the rest of the consent agenda.

Moved by: Drew Wilson

Seconded by: Sheryl Kiser

For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0-0.

6. Public Hearings and Action Items:

None.

7. Discussion and Consideration Items:

7.1. Discuss and consider the approval of a vendor/consultant for Strategic Planning Services.

I make a motion to approve.

Moved by: Drew Wilson

Seconded by: Tony Bovinich

For: Unanimous. Motion Carried 5-0-0.

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:

Mayor Galaviz recessed into Executive Session at 7:15pm.

Mayor reconvened into open session at 8:56pm.

8.1. Section 551.074-Personnel Matters.

Discussion regarding the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, resignation, or dismissal of a city officer or employee, unless such officer or employee requests a public hearing to wit: City Secretary.

I make a motion to direct the Mayor to sign the evaluation on behalf of the Council and two step or 6% increase whichever is greater.

Moved by: Drew Wilson

Seconded by: Tony Bovinich

For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0-0.

8.2. Section 551.071(2) Consultation with Attorney.

Seek legal advice regarding the relationship of City Administrator with department heads, including but not limited to: Police Department, as it relates to compliance with relevant laws and best practices, focusing on areas like authority, communication, and potential conflicts.

No action taken.

9. Items for Future Agendas:

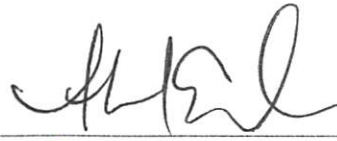
Councilmember Wilson- Repost the credit card statements on consent agenda and discuss parking on the square.

Councilmember Hamm - Is seeing an increase of stray dogs and wants to discuss an animal shelter and resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Bovinich- Wants to discuss the things that have been previously put on future agendas; for example the table top activity for emergency disasters.

10. Adjournment:

Mayor Galaviz adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "MEL", written above a horizontal line.

Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Callie Green", written above a horizontal line.

City Secretary