

CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
MAY 12, 2025

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

Mayor Galaviz called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm , City Attorney 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, Becky Wilkins, Oscar Ortiz, Scott Williams, .

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 5 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.
None.

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 meeting on April 14, 2025.

4.2. Approving Quarterly Investment Report

4.3. Approve Quarterly Report for Patriot Estates Public Improvement District

4.4. Approve Project Order from Kimley Horn for the Master Water Plan

- 4.5. Ratifying bills for January and February
- 4.6. Ratifying bills and monthly financial report for the month of March, 2025.
- 4.7. Approve Interlocal Agreement with Ellis County Tax Office for Blue Stem PID collections.
- 4.8. Approve Quarterly Report for Brahman Ranch Public Improvement District
I make a motion to approve the consent agenda.
Moved by: Drew Wilson
Seconded by: Tony Bovinich
For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0-0.

5. Presentation and Proclamations:

- 5.1. Mayor to issue Certificates of Election to the newly elected members: Mayor - Alejandro Galaviz, Councilmember Place 1-Teresa Hoffman and Councilmember Place 2- Tony Bovinich.
- 5.2. Statement of elected City Council members disclaiming any payment, offer, promise to pay, contribution, or promise to contribute any money or thing of value, or promise of any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election or as a reward to secure appointment or conformation.
- 5.3. Administer Oath of Office to the newly elected City Councilmembers.
The City Secretary administers the Oath of Office to the newly elected Mayor and City Council Members Places 1 and 2.

Councilmember Place 2, Tony Bovinich addressed the council and staff with, "As I reflect on my now 29 months of service on this council. It has truly been an honor for me to serve on this Council. I am very proud of our city, and I am very much looking forward to all of the upcoming developments and initiatives designed to make our city a better place to live and work. Over this time, I have had the privilege and honor of working alongside dedicated individuals, but specifically, while serving on this Council; Rita Bishop, Jessica Kuykendall, and Geronimo Hernandez. Thank you, Mr. Wilson for encouraging me to take on this role and for your partnership in service. Mayor, I am proud of our relationship and friendship that we have developed over these months. I am humbled and, again, it has been an honor to serve together. Mrs. Hoffman, it has been my pleasure getting to know you during our time together on this Council and I look forward to our continued service over the next two years. As always, I brought a stack of pens for you, just in case. Congratulations on your upcoming retirement, making over 30 years of distinguished service as a teacher- an incredible milestone. Thank you for your service as a teacher. I want to thank all of our exceptional city staff, and specifically: our City Secretary Callie Green, Police Chief James Groom, Fire

Chief Richard Allen, City Attorney Michael Halla and Human Resource Director Melissa Westen. I want to give a shout-out to Melissa Trammell, our Court Administrator. As some of you may know, Melissa Trammell and I go way back to when we worked at the City of Midlothian together, some 24 years ago. Chief Allen, congratulations on your retirement in July. I deeply appreciate all the guidance and help that I have received along the way and I appreciate the patient responses to the hundreds of questions I have asked as I have done my best to learn this position of service and city leadership. My message has always been simple: To leave it better than I found it, but more importantly, my motto has been: make a difference, anywhere, somehow. That continues to guide me in every decision I make. I also want to thank those of you who have supported me, offered trusted guidance, shared your honest opinions, and even given me constructive criticism. Your input has made me better and has helped shape the direction we are taking. Thank you to my wonderful girlfriend, BJ, for your support and being here for me. I am honored to continue to serve on this Council. I am proud of the team work and the professionalism that we have all strived to achieve. Thank you all and may God bless the City of Venus. May God bless our City employees, and may God bless our First Responders and those who serve this great State and Nation in the service of others."

6. Public Hearings and Action Items:

None.

7. Discussion and Consideration Items:

7.1. Discuss and consider appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

I make a motion to nominate Shelly Clower to Planning and Zoning Place 2.

Moved by: Tony Bovinich

Seconded by: Sheryl Kiser

For: Unanimous. Motion carried. Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

I make a motion to leave Place 3 on the Planning and Zoning vacant.

Moved by: Sheryl Kiser

Seconded by: Tony Bovinich

For: Unanimous. Motion carried. Yes 3, No 2, Abstained 0.

I make a motion to nominate Michael Dodd to Planning and Zoning Place 4.

Moved by: Michelle Hamm

Seconded by: Tony Bovinich

For: Unanimous. Motion carried. Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

I make a motion to nominate Thomas Bosquez to Planning and Zoning Place 5.

Moved by: Drew Wilson

Seconded by: Sheryl Kiser

For: Unanimous. Motion carried. Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

I make a motion to nominate Stacey Robar to Planning and Zoning Place 6.

Moved by: Tony Bovinich

Seconded by: Sheryl Kiser

For: Unanimous. Motion carried. Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

I make a motion to leave Place 7 on the Planning and Zoning vacant.

Moved by: Michelle Hamm

Seconded by: Sheryl Kiser

For: Unanimous. Motion carried. Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

7.2. Discuss and consider appointments to the Venus Community Service Development Corporation.

I make a motion to nominate Katie Drambareneau to Venus Community Service Development Corporation Place 2.

Moved by: Tony Bovinich

Seconded by: Drew Wilson

For: Unanimous. Motion carried. Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

I make a motion to leave Place 4 on the Venus Community Service Development Corporation vacant.

Moved by: Michelle Hamm

Seconded by: Sheryl Kiser

For: Unanimous. Motion carried. Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

I make a motion to nominate Joe Russell to the Venus Community Service Development Corporation Place 6.

Moved by: Sheryl Kiser

Seconded by: Teresa Hoffman

For: Unanimous. Motion carried. Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

7.3. Discuss and consider the election of Mayor Pro Tem.

I make a motion to appoint Tony Bovinich as Mayor Pro Tem.

Moved by: Teresa Hoffman

Seconded by: Sheryl Kiser

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

8. Executive Session:

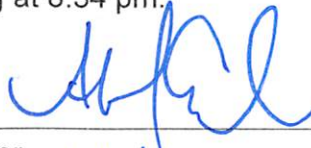
IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.001, ET SEQ. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: 551.074- Personnel Matters

8.1. 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 Administrator.

No action was taken in the above-listed Executive Session.

9. Adjournment:

Mayor Galaviz adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.



Mayor


City Secretary