



City Council

Monday, September 22, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Regular Council Meeting
210 S. Walnut Street
Venus, Texas 76084

AGENDA

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

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.

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 September 8, 2025.

4.2. Ratifying bills and monthly financial report for July 2025

4.3. Ratifying bills and monthly financial report for August 2025

4.4. Texas Department of Transportation ROW Transfer to City

4.5. Consider an Ordinance amending the 2024-2025 Budget.

5. Presentation and Proclamations:

5.1. Proclamation declaring September 26, 2025 as Human Resource Professional Day.

5.2. Badge Pinning Ceremony - Promotion of Sergeant Justin Cole

6. Public Hearings and Action Items:

- 6.1. Conduct Public Hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Budget.

Open Public Hearing:

Close Public Hearing:

Discuss and consider an Ordinance approving the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; providing budgetary appropriations for the various operating funds of the City; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

- 6.2. Conduct Public Hearing on Proposed No New Revenue Tax Rate of \$0.766485.

Open Public Hearing:

Close Public Hearing:

Discuss and consider an Ordinance levying an Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to provide revenues for current expenses, providing due and delinquent dates, penalties and interest; repealing all Ordinances in conflict; directing the Tax Assessor-Collector to assess, account for, and distribute the property taxes as herein levied.

7. Discussion and Consideration Items:

- 7.1. Discussion and consideration of the formation of a Parks & Community Relations Board. (Jones)
- 7.2. Discuss and consider authorization to sell Rescue 72 for no less than \$225,000.00 to secure initial funding toward the purchase of a new fire engine. (Hargrove)
- 7.3. Discuss and Consider a change to Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) employee contribution rate from 7% to 8% deduction from gross pay. (Westen)

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: SECTION 551.071-Consultation with Attorney

- 8.1. City of Venus v Saldana Properties, L.P. Cause No. CC-E20210005 pending in County Court at Law #1, Johnson County, Texas.
- 8.2. Discussion regarding a review from the Bowman Group for consulting services for a comprehensive investigation and assessment of City Hall operations, policies, and practices, including recommendations to enhance efficiency and transparency.

9. Adjournment:

The City Council reserves the right to meet in Executive Session closed to the public at any time in the course of this meeting to discuss matters listed on the agenda, pursuant to authorization by the Texas Open Meetings Act TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, Chapter 551.071 (Private consultation with attorney for the city), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel

matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), 551.087 (economic development), 418.183 (homeland security).

This is to certify that a copy of this Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, 700 W. Hwy 67 Venus, Texas and at a place readily accessible to the public at all times and to the City's website www.cityofvenus.org, on Monday, September 15, 2025 on or before 5:30 pm.

Callie Green, TRMC

City Secretary

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