

CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
NOVEMBER 10, 2025

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

Mayor Galaviz called the meeting to order at 06:32 PM, Ms. Helen Kerwin gave the Invocation, and all led 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: City Attorney, Callie Green, Melissa Westen, Chief Groom, Chief Hargrove, Becky Wilkins, Scott Williams, several from the Fire Department and Police Department.

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.

" I have a few community announcements before we begin the meeting tonight. First, Venus Market at 203 S Walnut Street has their Angel Tree up. If you'd like to help, stop by the market. Gifts should be returned to the market by December 10th. The Market is also collecting items for their Thanksgiving Food Drive. If you're out shopping this week, consider picking up an extra item or two and dropping it off at Venus Market. Saturday, November 15th, Venus Market will be hosting a chili cook-off and casino night from 6 to 11 pm. Sign up by November 14th. First and second place winners will take home trophies — and, of course, bragging rights. Casino Night entry tickets will include tasting tickets, and the Chamber will be providing all the fixings. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Venus ISD angel tree and shopping with a hero programs. Tomorrow, Venus Middle School will host a Veterans Day breakfast and program at 8:30 am. Venus High School will follow with their own Veterans Day lunch program at 11:00 am. And before we wrap up, I want to take a moment to speak about Veterans Day. When you think about it, the freedom we enjoy — to live, to speak, to gather in meetings like this — exists because of the men and women who answered the call of service. Many didn't ask for recognition; they simply did what needed to be done. We're fortunate to have so many veterans right here in Venus — people who wore the uniform proudly and continue to serve our community today as first responders, teachers, city employees, business owners, and neighbors who quietly lend a hand whenever it's needed. To each of you, and to your families who stood beside you through deployments, long nights, and years of uncertainty — thank you. Your courage and dedication remind us what true service looks like. The City of Venus will always honor and support our veterans — not just on

Veterans Day, but every day. You have our gratitude, our respect, and our promise that your service will never be forgotten.

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.

1. Texas State Representative, Helen Kerwin spoke regarding the 89th legislative session takeaways.

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 October 27, 2025.

I make a motion to approve.

Moved by: Tony Bovinich

Seconded by: Drew Wilson

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

5. Presentation and Proclamations:

5.1. Presentation of 10-year Service Award to Lt. Jonathon Yates.
Chief Groom presented.

6. Public Hearings and Action Items:

None.

7. Discussion and Consideration Items:

7.1. Discuss and consider taking possible action to purchase a new engine, water tanker and two staff vehicles, including the upfitting cost for all apparatus utilizing the 2020 bond and pre-bid government contract or a Buy Board.
(Hargrove)

I make a motion to approve the allocation through Resolution to purchase

equipment as discussed in the proposal by the Fire Department.

Moved by: Tony Bovinich

Seconded by: Drew Wilson

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

- 7.2. Discuss and consider a Resolution approving the City of Venus official newspaper of record. (Green)

I make a motion to approve Resolution approving the City of Venus official newspaper of record.

Moved by: Drew Wilson

Seconded by: Sheryl Kiser

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

- 7.3. Discuss and reconsider an Ordinance to repeal Chapter 34 "Zoning", Article I, "In General", Section 34-13, "Planning and Zoning Commission" by adding subsection 34-13(b)(1)(i), to allow for alternates to the Planning and Zoning Commission. (Mayor)

No action was taken. Will bring back Ordinance at the next Council meeting.

- 7.4. Discuss and consider the development of a plan to replace/hire a new City Administrator for the City of Venus, and to provide direction to staff regarding the same. (Mayor Pro Tem/Hoffman)

Discussion only. No action was taken.

- 7.5. Discuss the possibility of hiring and/or appointing an Interim City Administrator. (Mayor Pro Tem/Hoffman)

This item is coming back before the Council at the December 8, 2025, meeting. No action was taken. Discussion only.

- 7.6. Discuss and consider amending current city policies to include the Employee Handbook and the employee grievance procedure. (Mayor Pro Tem/Hoffman)

Discussion only. No action was taken.

- 7.7. Discuss and consider providing a timeline to council on street projects listed under the bond project for repair, and when these repairs will begin. (Williams)

Public Works Director, Williams presented. No action was taken.

- 7.8. Discuss and consider Engineering for Pump Station and Ground Storage Tank. (Williams)

I make a motion to approve a Resolution to expend bond funds for water

storage and pump station.

Moved by: Tony Bovinich

Seconded by: Drew Wilson

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 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: SECTION 551.071(2)- Consultation with Attorney. Mayor moved items 7.4 and 7.5 into Executive Session. Recessed into closed Executive Session at 7:47 pm. Reconvened into Open Session at 8:22 pm.

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. Any action to be taken on Executive Session:

I make a motion to authorize City Attorney to execute an agreed motion to dismiss in the case of City of Venus V Saldana Properties, L.P..

Moved by: Tony Bovinich

Seconded by: Teresa Hoffman

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

9. Adjournment:

Mayor Galaviz adjourned the meeting at 08:57 PM.



Mayor


City Secretary