

CITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

City Council Work Session at 5:30pm followed by Regular Council Meeting at 7:00pm.
AUGUST 10, 2026

1. WORK SESSION:

1.1. Call to order.

Mayor Galaviz called the work session to order at 5:30pm.

1.2. Discuss potential tax rates for 2026-2027 budget.

1.3. Discuss proposed Library donation in current budget and future budgets.

1.4. Discussion regarding any regular agenda items.

1.5. Discuss the Water/Sewer Rate Study.

1.6. Discussion regarding medical, dental and vision rates for fiscal year 2026-2027.

1.7. Adjourn.

Mayor Galaviz adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.

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

Mayor Galaviz called the meeting to order at 05:30 PM, City Attorney Halla gave the Invocation, and all led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag. Councilmembers present: Alejandro Galaviz, Tony Bovinich, Michelle Hamm, Alicia Rosales, and Raymond Jackman. Councilmember absent: Teresa Hoffman. Staff present: James Hawthorne, City Attorney, Callie Driggars, Melissa Westen, Chief McGinty, Chief Hargrove, Becky Wilkins, Scott Williams, Oscar Ortiz, and Ron Hearn.

3. 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.

4. Citizen Public Comment Period:

Anyone wishing to speak on an item not listed on the agenda may do so during this section. Please turn in a speaker card to the City Secretary. Each speaker has five minutes. By law, the Council cannot deliberate or take action on non-agenda

items. The Council may listen, ask brief clarifying questions, provide factual responses, or explain existing policy.

No public speakers.

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 meeting minutes for regular meeting on July 27, 2026.

I make a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Moved by: Raymond Jackman

Seconded by: Alicia Rosales

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

6. Presentation and Proclamations:

6.1. Presentation by Chamber of Commerce and the City of Venus for Certification of Appreciation to Whatapotty.

The Chamber of Commerce and City of Venus presented a certificate of appreciation to Whatapotty.

7. Public Hearings and Action Items:

7.1. Conduct a Public Hearing on the annexation of 155.111 acres out of the Radford Berry Survey, Abstract 26, Johnson County, Texas; 202 E Highway 67, Venus, Texas 76084.

Open Public Hearing: At 7:39pm.

No speakers.

Close Public Hearing: At 7:52pm

7.2. Discuss and consider an Ordinance annexing 155.111 acres out of the Radford Berry Survey, Abstract 26, Johnson County, Texas; 202 E Highway 67, Venus, Texas 76084.

I make a motion to approve Ordinance annexing 155.111 acres out of the Radford Berry Survey, Abstract 26, Johnson County, Texas.

Moved by: Michelle Hamm

Seconded by: Tony Bovinich

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

- 7.3. Discuss and consider an Ordinance annexing the roadway located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Venus particularly described in Exhibit A, Exhibit B and Exhibit C into the corporate limits of the City of Venus, Texas and extending the boundary limits of said city to include the described property within the city limits.

I make a motion to approve 7.3 as presented.

Moved by: Alicia Rosales

Seconded by: Michelle Hamm

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

- 7.4. Conduct a Public Hearing for initial zoning to AG (Agricultural) District. Being 155.111 acres out of the Radford Berry Survey, Abstract 26, Johnson County, Texas; 202 E Highway 67, Venus, Texas 76084.

Open Public Hearing: At 7:58pm.

No speakers,

Close Public Hearing: At 7:59pm.

- 7.5. Discuss and consider an Ordinance authorizing initial zoning to AG (Agricultural) District located at 202 E Highway 67, Venus, Texas 76084.

I make a motion to approve 7.5 as stated.

Moved by: Alicia Rosales

Seconded by: Raymond Jackman

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

8. Discussion and Consideration Items:

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).

- 8.1. Discuss and consider adopting an Ordinance amending Chapter 36, Boards, Commissions and Committees, by repealing and replacing section 36-24(a), Qualifications of members and section 36-51(b) Venus Community Service Development Corporation (Type B), Section 36-57(c) Board of Adjustment, and section 36-55(a) Same- Organization and membership. (Mayor)

No action taken.

- 8.2. Discuss and consider an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 36 "Boards and Commissions and Committees", Article II "Rules and Procedures", Section 36-24 "Qualifications of members" by adding subsection (d) prohibiting relatives from serving on the same board,

commission or committee. (Mayor)

I make a motion to approve Ordinance amending Chapter 36

Moved by: Tony Bovinich

Seconded by: Michelle Hamm

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

- 8.3. Discuss and consider abolishing the Planning and Zoning Commission.
(Mayor)

I make a motion to abolish the Planning and Zoning Commission for now.

Moved by: Michelle Hamm

Seconded by: Raymond Jackman

For: Michelle Hamm, Raymond Jackman, and Tony Bovinich.

Against: Alicia Rosales.

Motion carried Yes 3, No 1, Abstained 0.

- 8.4. Discuss and consider an appointment to Place 4 on the Planning and Zoning Commission. (Mayor Pro Tem, Hamm)

No action taken.

- 8.5. Discuss and consider an appointment for Place 4 on the Venus Community Service Development Corporation. (Mayor Pro Tem, Hamm)

I make a motion to appoint Michelle Crane.

Moved by: Michelle Hamm

Seconded by: Tony Bovinich

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

- 8.6. Discuss and consider an appointment to Place 3 on the Venus Community Service Development Corporation. (Councilmember Rosales)
Motion failed or lack of second.

Mayor Galviz recessed the meeting at 8:20pm for 10 minutes.

Mayor Galaviz reconvened at 8:30pm.

- 8.7. Discuss and consider an appointment to Place 3 on the Planning and zoning Commission. (Councilmember Rosales)

No action taken.

- 8.8. Discussion regarding the landscaping Ordinance for the City of Venus.

No action taken.

- 8.9. Discuss and consider entering into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Johnson County for the housing of Class C Misdemeanor Prisoners. (Chief McGinty)

I make a motion to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Johnson County for housing of Class C misdemeanor prisoners.

Moved by: Michelle Hamm

Seconded by: Raymond Jackman

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

- 8.10. Discuss and consider an Amendment to the Communications System Agreement with Johnson County. (Chief McGinty)

I make a motion to approve the amendment to the communications system agreement with Johnson county.

Moved by: Michelle Hamm

Seconded by: Tony Bovinich

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

- 8.11. Discuss and consider a Resolution supporting legislation requiring County Elections Administrators to offer annual election services contracts to municipalities for May elections; supporting the integrity, consistency, and professional administration of municipal elections. (Driggars)

I make a motion to approve the Resolution as stated.

Moved by: Michelle Hamm

Seconded by: Raymond Jackman

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

- 8.12. Discuss and consider an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of the City of Venus, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2026 to Issue Up to \$16,750,000 to Fund Water and Sewer System Improvement Projects; Levying an Annual Ad Valorem Tax and Providing for the Security for and Payment of Said Certificates; and Enacting Other Provisions Relating to the Subject. (Wilkins)

I make a motion to approve Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of the City of Venus, Texas combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation, series 2026 to issue up to \$16,750,000 to fund water and sewer system improvement projects.

Moved by: Raymond Jackman

Seconded by: Michelle Hamm

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

- 8.13. Discuss and consider an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Up to \$7,000,000 of City of Venus, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds,

Taxable Series 2026; Levying an Annual Ad Valorem Tax and Providing for the Security for and Payment of Said Bonds; Providing an Effective Date; and Enacting Other Provisions Relating to the Subject. (Wilkins)

I make a motion to approve an Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$7,000,000 of City of Venus, Texas general obligation refunding bonds, taxable series 2026; levying an annual Ad Valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said bonds; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.

Moved by: Tony Bovinich

Seconded by: Michelle Hamm

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

8.14. Discuss and consider authorizing the Fire Chief to sell Tanker 72. (Hargrove)

I make a motion to authorize the Fire Chief to sell Tanker 72 in an amount not lower than \$235,000.

Moved by: Alicia Rosales

Seconded by: Tony Bovinich

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

8.15. Discuss and consider the Water and Sewer Purposed Rate Increase. (Williams)

I make a motion to approve water and sewer rates using scenario #2.

Moved by: Michelle Hamm

Seconded by: Tony Bovinich

For: Michelle Hamm, Tony Bovinich and Raymond Jackman.

Against: Alicia Rosales.

Motion carried Yes 3, No 1, Abstained 0.

9. 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 and Section 551.074- Personnel Matters. Mayor adjourned into Executive Session at 8:53pm and reconvened into Open Session at 10:07pm.

9.1. 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.

9.2. Discuss negotiation of WWTP lease for Brahman Ranch with AUC and possible options for handling the claimed past due amounts.

9.3. Any action to be taken from Executive Session

I make a motion to authorize the Finance Director to pay AUC for the lease of a package plant an amount not to exceed \$88,500.

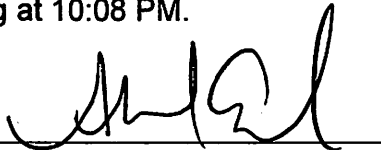
Moved by: Michelle Hamm

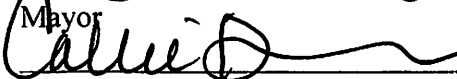
Seconded by: Raymond Jackman

For: Unanimous. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

10. Adjournment:

Mayor Galaviz adjourned the meeting at 10:08 PM.



Mayor


City Secretary