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CITY OF MOUNT VERNON }

The City Council met in a workshop session on Monday, July 22, 2019, at City Hall.

Present: Teresia Wims – Mayor
 Jason Burton – Mayor Pro Tem
 Steve Hammons – Councilman
 Michael Long – Councilman
 Chock Yates - Councilman
 Tina Rose – City Administrator
 Kathy Lovier – City Secretary

Visitors: Lillie Bush-Reves, Leah Thomas, and Ricky Jones
Absent: Stephanie Hyman-Councilwoman

Mayor Wims called the special and workshop meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

The 2019-2020 budget was discussed by the present council members. Madam Administrator reminded the Council at the August 12th council meeting the tax rate will be set and on August 14th the proposed budget will be filed in the City Secretary’s office. After much discussion regarding the hotel/motel tax fund the council agreed to fund every group the same amount received in the 2018/2019 budget and additional funding for disc golf new tournament (\$6,600 for both), The Alamo Mission (\$2,500) and the Franklin County Youth Baseball Assoc (\$5,000). Further discussion was to balance the \$29,003 deficit from reserves, this will allow all capital items requested to be funded.

There being no further business, Councilman Hammons made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Yates seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Teresia Wims – Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Lovier - City Secretary

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CITY OF MOUNT VERNON }

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 8, 2019 in City Hall.

Present: Teresia Wims - Mayor
Jason Burton – Mayor Pro Tem
Stephanie Hyman - Councilwoman
Michael Long – Councilman
Chock Yates – Councilman
Steve Hammons – Councilman
Tina Rose – City Administrator
Kathy Lovier – City Secretary

Visitors: Taylor Nye, Chris Blytson, Joseph Duncan, Robert S Long, Kate Prather, Pat Wright, Gail Reed, Jacqueline Miller, Linda Hammond, Terri Siddens, M. Krause, Cole Huizinga, Lillie Reves, Carolyn Teague, Ricky Jones, Leah Thomas, Diane Newsom, Sandra Dunn, Jeremy Cox, Diana Prather and B F Hicks

Absent: all present

Mayor Wims called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Wims asked a prayer of guidance over the meeting and lead the pledges.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Burton was made and seconded by Councilman Long to approve the June 10, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes, June 24, 2019 Budget Workshop Meeting minutes, and the June, 2019 financial reports. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

In citizen participation no one spoke.

PUBLIC HEARING

The regular session was closed at 6:04 p.m. and the public hearing was opened.

The purpose of this public hearing is to hear evidence for or against changing the name of Lois Lane. The new proposed street name is Clinton Lane. No one spoke for or against changing the name of Lois Lane.

The public hearing was closed and the regular session was re-opened at 6:06 p.m.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Item number VI. – A. Councilman Yates made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-10 to change the name of Lois Lane to Clinton Lane. Seconded by Councilwoman Hyman and passed unanimously.

Item number VI.-B. Councilwoman Hyman made a motion to approve Tour de Cypress application for a three year alcohol on public property permit. Seconded by Councilman Long and passed unanimously.

Item number VI.-C. Councilwoman Hyman made a motion to table Resolution 19-07 Prohibiting the carrying of a handgun into City Council, City Board or Commission meetings . Seconded by Councilman Burton and passed 4-0 with Councilman Hammons abstaining.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

HOT Fund Applicants appeared and spoke with Council to make their plea for funding. Representatives from Arts Alliance, Historical Association, Genealogical Society, Main Street, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce and Youth Baseball Association.

Administrator Rose advised that the budget workshop will be July 22,

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Administrator Rose advised that Sanitation Solutions has sold to Waste Connection and our current contract will be honored, the manhole at the Housing Authority has been replaced, the trees in Little Creek Park are basically cleaned up and we will be planting new trees, there was a small fire at the Animal Shelter but it has been repaired, the electrical pole on the plaza will be moved to the north side of the square while doing the sidewalk project, the island around the stop sign at Main and Kaufman Streets has been completed, more completed projects are 200' of water line was replaced on W. Rutherford Street, 900' of sewer line replaced on Olive Street along with manholes, and she has spoken with all business owners on the north side of square and this project will begin in September or October, 2019, Water Plant Sludge lagoon grant is about to begin, Yates Street chip sealing, the "Chlorine Burn" for the Water Treatment Plant will be in August, the joint Council and EDC meeting has been moved to September and the 2019-2020 Budget process is in full swing.

Cole Huizinga reported for EDC. Mr. Huizinga reported that at the last meeting two public hearings were held for funding of projects for Steve-O's and the City of Mt. Vernon sidewalk project on the north side of the square. Both projects were funded. The next meeting will be July 11, 2019 the board will be discussing some funding for the Marketing Consortium, Sweet Home Texas Eatery will be present to make a presentation to the board as well as the hotel group. At a future date the Board will be having a training day with City Attorney, Stan Lowry.

Carolyn Teague reported for Main Street. Farmer's Market will be this Saturday the 13th, Sweet Home Texas Eatery will be joining the downtown area at the Watermelon Mills Building, the Rutherford Drug Building will soon be a retail shop and the building next door will be opening in September as Joy Street Academy for children ages 2 through 5, they will be open 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. daily. She reported that the Wine

Festival planning process is well underway and the dinner is scheduled for October 5th and the Market is scheduled for October 19th. Websites are being completed to reflect this information. The marketing group will be completing some brief commercials regarding events, dining and the downtown area, to be released soon.

Mayor Wims reported that the City employees completed hospitality training and she would like to see this done every other year.

Councilman Hammons asked City Administrator Rose to require events to show proof of liability insurance on their application. She advised she would make changes to the application.

There being no further business, Councilwoman Hyman made a motion to adjourn and Mayor Pro Tem Burton seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Teresia Wims – Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Lovier - City Secretary