

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF VERNON
MAY 13, 2021
5:31 PM**

**PRESENT – MAYOR: Candice Hodges; COUNCIL MEMBERS: Joey Brock,
Gwendolyn March, Laura Brewer, Chad Jackson, Rebecca Baxley; CITY CLERK:
Tracy Walker; PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Jason Rhoton**

Invocation – by Tracy Walker

Pledge of allegiance – recited by all

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 5:31 PM BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT REBECCA BAXLEY

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Employee request/handbook review** Public Works Director Jason Rhoton is requesting to cash out 72.25 hours of vacation time; due to no written rule in the employee's handbook on this request, the request must be approved by the Council. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Gwendolyn March to approve the request with a second by Joey Brock, motion passes with all in favor.
- 2. Street and Water/Sewer Department budgets** a copy of the budget along with the projected budget was given to each council member for review to help to determine if there was room for raises and to hire additional employees for the Street Dept. After a detailed discussion, this item will be discussed further at the Workshop slated for June 7, 2021 for further review. Yet we will be advertising for temporary full-time and temporary part-time employees in the meantime.
- 3. School's request to renovate the Track/Tennis Courts** Ms. Laurie Simmons addresses the Council about possibly letting the school seek to refurbish the tennis courts behind City Hall and maybe add 4 more tennis courts at no cost to the City. She advised that she already has Mitchell Paving offering to donate pavement if the project is approved by the School Board. Therefore, giving the school's tennis team a place to hold practice and matches. Ms. Simmons also advised that she may be able to

have the paving company repave or repair the track at the same time they are building new courts. After hearing the positive feedback from Council, Ms. Simmons advised she will move forward with the proposal to seek funding for the improvements.

4. **Awning at Old Band Room** after a brief discussion on the dangers of the awning falling and hurting someone, all agreed to move forward in getting estimates to both remove the awning and the old Band Room.

ADJOURNMENT with no further business to discuss, Chad Jackson made a motion to adjourn which received a second from Joey Brock; the meeting was adjourned at 6:02PM.

NOTE: THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO DISCUSS THE LISTED ITEMS ONLY.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ANYONE WHO DESIRES TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL MUST SIGN IN WITH THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING STARTING AND PROVIDE THE TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION. (TIME LIMIT OF FIVE (5) MINUTES)
- NO VERBATIM RECORD BY A CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER IS MADE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS. ACCORDINGLY, ANY PERSON WHO MAY SEEK TO APPEAL ANY DECISION INVOLVING THE MATTERS NOTICED HEREIN WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE AT THESE PROCEEDINGS UPON WHICH ANY APPEAL IS BASED (SEE SECTION 286.0105, FLORIDA STATUTES SUBMIT ALL REQUESTS VIA EMAIL TO CLERK@VERNONFL.COM).
- IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND SECTION 286.26, FLORIDA STATUTES, PERSONS NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK OFFICE AT 850-535-2444 FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THIS PROCEEDING.

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