

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION TOWN COUNCIL MEETING FOR
THE TOWN OF MT. VERNON
MARCH 14, 2023**

Mayor Eric Peoples called to order the meeting for the Town of Mount Vernon, Alabama, March 14, 2023, at 4:00 PM at Town Hall located at 1565 Boyles Avenue, Mount Vernon, Alabama.

Meeting commenced at 4:30 pm

Present: Members of the Town Council: Mayor Eric L. Peoples, Derico Austin, B. Charlene Coleman, Marcellious Jones, Councilman James May. Jacqueline A. Niles, Town Clerk, Chief Duncan Herrington, and residents.

Roll Call: Mayor Eric L. Peoples – Present
Councilwoman B. Charlene Coleman – Present
Councilman William Grant, Jr. – Absent
Councilman Derico Austin – Present
Councilwoman Marcellious Jones - Present
Councilman James May- Present

Jacqueline A. Niles served as recording clerk for the meeting.

Attorney Jay Ross with Adams & Reese was present for the meeting.

Approval of the February 28, 2023, workshop meeting minutes, town workshop meeting minutes.

Motion by Councilman May and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the February 28, 2023, workshop meeting minutes, town workshop meeting minutes.

No discussion

Councilwoman Coleman	yea	Councilwoman Jones	yea
Councilman Grant	absent	Councilman May	yea
Councilman Austin	yea	Mayor Peoples	yea

Motion carried.

Approval of the February 28, 2023, regular scheduled meeting minutes.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilman May to approve the February 28, 2023, regular scheduled meeting minutes.

No discussion

Councilwoman Coleman	yea	Councilwoman Jones	yea
Councilman Grant	absent	Councilman May	yea
Councilman Austin	yea	Mayor Peoples	yea

Motion carried.

Approval of bills to be paid **\$47,926.62.**

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve bills to be paid in the amount of \$47,926.62.

No discussion

Councilwoman Coleman	yea	Councilwoman Jones	yea
Councilman Grant	absent	Councilman May	yea
Councilman Austin	yea	Mayor Peoples	yea

Motion carried.

Request to approve salary, number of students, and hours for CHS Summer Internship.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve CHS Summer Internship.

- 5 Students
- \$10 per hour
- Not to exceed 30 hours per student per week

Roll Call

Councilwoman Coleman	yes	Councilwoman Jones	no
Councilman Grant	absent	Councilman May	yes
Councilman Austin	yes	Mayor Peoples	yes

Motion carried.

Request of Councilwoman Coleman to set \$5,000 budget for event planning committee.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the request of Councilwoman Coleman to set \$5,000 budget for event planning committee for the year.

Councilwoman Coleman	yea	Councilwoman Jones	yea
Councilman Grant	absent	Councilman May	yea
Councilman Austin	yea	Mayor Peoples	yea

Motion carried.

Request of Councilwoman Coleman to set August 22 as Ivan Lopez Day.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve the request of Councilwoman Coleman to set August 22 as Ivan Lopez Day.

No discussion

Roll Call

Councilwoman Coleman	yes	Councilwoman Jones	yes
Councilman Grant	absent	Councilman May	yes
Councilman Austin	yes	Mayor Peoples	yes

Motion carried.

Request to put bids out for roof replacement throughout town.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve the request to put bids out for roof replacement throughout town.

No discussion

Councilwoman Coleman	yea	Councilwoman Jones	yea
Councilman Grant	absent	Councilman May	yea
Councilman Austin	yea	Mayor Peoples	yea

Motion carried.

Request of Mayor People to raise police officer starting pay scale to \$18.35 per hour.

Motion by Councilman May and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve the request of Mayor Peoples to raise police officer starting pay scale to \$18.35 per hour.

- Please refer to attachment from MCPB

No discussion

Councilwoman Coleman	yea	Councilwoman Jones	yea
Councilman Grant	absent	Councilman May	yea
Councilman Austin	yea	Mayor Peoples	yea

Motion carried.

Request of Town Clerk for merit raise.

Motion by Councilman May and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve the request of the Town Clerk for Merit Raise.

- Mayor Peoples stated 10% merit raise

No discussion

Councilwoman Coleman	yea	Councilwoman Jones	yea
Councilman Grant	absent	Councilman May	yea
Councilman Austin	yea	Mayor Peoples	yea

Motion carried.

Approval of call out pay to the Fire department in the amount of \$1,510.00.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilman May to approve the request of the Fire Department for call out pay in the amount of \$1,510.00.

- November 2022 - \$530
- December 2022 - \$980

No discussion

Councilwoman Coleman	yea	Councilwoman Jones	yea
Councilman Grant	absent	Councilman May	yea
Councilman Austin	yea	Mayor Peoples	yea

Motion carried.

Request to purchase computer, printer, and software for Library Coordinator not to exceed \$1,500.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the request of the Library Coordinator to purchase computer, printer, and software not to exceed \$1,500. (Money will be drawn from Library Account)

No discussion

Councilwoman Coleman	yea	Councilwoman Jones	yea
Councilman Grant	absent	Councilman May	yea
Councilman Austin	yea	Mayor Peoples	yea

Motion carried.

A request was made to adjourn.

Motion by Councilman May and seconded by Councilman Austin to adjourn.

No discussion

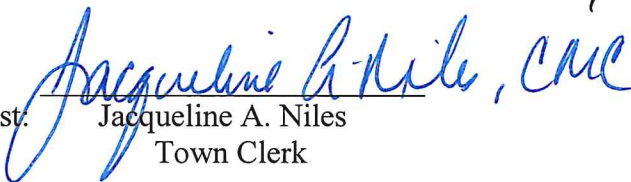
Councilwoman Coleman	yea	Councilwoman Jones	yea
Councilman Grant	absent	Councilman May	yea
Councilman Austin	yea	Mayor Peoples	yea

Motion carried.

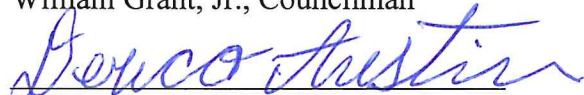
Meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm.

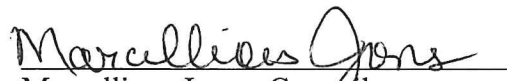
Approved this 28th day of March 2023


APPROVED 
Mayor Eric L. Peoples

Attest: 
Jacqueline A. Niles
Town Clerk


B. Charlene Coleman, Councilwoman

William Grant, Jr., Councilman

Derico Austin, Councilman


Marcellious Jones, Councilwoman


Councilman James May, Councilman