

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION TOWN COUNCIL MEETING FOR
THE TOWN OF MT. VERNON
JUNE 13, 2023**

Mayor Eric Peoples called to order the meeting for the Town of Mount Vernon, Alabama, June 13, 2023, at 4:00 PM at Town Hall located at 1565 Boyles Avenue, Mount Vernon, Alabama.

Meeting commenced at 4:22 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 May 23, 2023, workshop meeting minutes, town workshop meeting minutes.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve the May 23, 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 May 23, 2023, regular scheduled meeting minutes.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the May 23, 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 \$78,403.73.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve bills to be paid in the amount of \$78,403.73.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Request to ratify bills that were paid in the amount \$43,551.54.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve the request to ratify bills that were paid in the amount \$43,551.54.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Approval of 2023 annual drinking water quality report.

Moton by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the 2023 annual drinking water quality report.

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 for Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$880.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Jones approve the April 2023 call out pay to Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$880.

No Discussion

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

Motion carried.

A proposed agreement with Mediacom was presented.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and second by Councilwoman Coleman to approve franchise agreement with Mediacom.

No Discussion

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

Motion carried.

A proposed agreement with OHC was presented.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the proposed agreement with OHC for testing and first report of injury.

No Discussion

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

Motion carried.

Bid #22-08 and #22-09 were presented.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to reject bid #2202-08 and #2202-09 and seek quotes.

#2022-08	Library Roof Replacement
#2202-09	Old Depot Roof Replacement

No Discussion

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

Motion carried.

Request to accept proposal from M.L. Eubanks.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to accept proposal from M.L. Eubanks in the amount of \$4,500 for structural damage at Mount Vernon Senior Citizens facility.

No Discussion

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

Motion carried.

Proposed resolution extending professional grant consulting and management services with Grant Management, LLC was presented.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the proposed resolution extending professional grant consulting and management services with Grant Management, LLC.

No Discussion

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

Motion carried.

Update part time police contract hourly rate.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to update part time contract police officer hourly rate from \$14.00 per hour to \$16.00 per hour.

Discussion

Mayor Peoples: No take home car for newly hired part time police officers

Attorney Ross: will update the contract and make necessary changes.

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

Motion carried.

Concerns regarding take-home cars were presented to the Council.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman May requesting all current part time employees to park city cars at town hall effective August 1, 2023, and no part time police officers be granted a take home car.

Discussion

Councilman May: This was already in place.

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 Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to adjourn.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm.

Approved this 27th day of June 2023.

APPROVED: Eric L Peoples
Mayor Eric L. Peoples

Attest: Jacqueline A. Niles, CMC
Jacqueline A. Niles
Town Clerk

B. Charlene Coleman
B. Charlene Coleman, Councilwoman

William Grant, Jr., Councilman
Derico Austin
Derico Austin, Councilman

Marcellious Jones
Marcellious Jones, Councilwoman

James O. May
Councilman James May, Councilman