

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION TOWN COUNCIL MEETING FOR  
THE TOWN OF MT. VERNON  
AUGUST 22, 2023**

Mayor Eric Peoples called to order the meeting for the Town of Mount Vernon, Alabama, August 22, 2023, at 4:00 PM at Town Hall located at 1565 Boyles Avenue, Mount Vernon, Alabama.

Meeting commenced at 4:03 pm

Present: Members of the Town Council: Mayor Eric L. Peoples, B. Charlene Coleman, Derico Austin, 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 and Bean Kears with Adams & Reese were present for the meeting.

Approval of the August 8, 2023, workshop meeting minutes, town workshop meeting minutes.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve the August 8, 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 August 8, 2023, regular scheduled meeting minutes.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the August 8, 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

Approval of August 15, 2023, special called council meeting minutes.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve the August 15, 2023, special called council 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 in the amount of \$18,729.31.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve bills to be paid in the amount of \$18,729.31.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

A proposed resolution declaring emergency affecting the public health, welfare and safety and authorizing the purchase of a fire engine truck was presented.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the proposed resolution declaring emergency affecting the public health, welfare and safety and authorizing the purchase of a fire truck.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Resolution #2023-8-23 was adopted.

A request was made by Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Department to purchase a fire engine truck.

Motion by Councilman May and seconded by Councilman May to approve the request of Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Department to purchase a fire engine truck.

Discussion

- Size of truck (gallons)
- Is vehicle still available

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

Motion carried.

SARPC training was presented to Council Members.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to authorize representatives to attend SARPC workshop. (\$35.00 per participant).

Discussion

- Who will be attending
- Coleman withdrew interest
- Suggest Perkins and Niles attend
- Deadline for registration is August 30
- Those interested are to advise Town Clerk

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

Motion carried.

Request of Police Department purchase 7 patrol latent print kits.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the request of the police department to purchase 7 patrol latent print kits.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Request to issue payment to Morrow Water Technologies, Inc. for removal of pump in the amount of \$7,433.13.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the request to issue payment to Morrow Water Technologies, Inc. for removal of pump in the amount of \$7,433.13.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Request to open account with Morrow Water Technologies, Inc. for pump repair/replacement.

Motion by councilman May and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the request to open account with Morrow Water Technologies, Inc. for pump repair/replacement.

Discussion

- This will allow us to keep the job open
- Is there a cap on the amount
- Invoices will be presented to the council for payment

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 4:32 pm.

Councilman Austin    yea  
Councilman Grant    absent  
Councilman May        yea

Councilwoman Coleman    yea  
Councilwoman Jones        yea  
Mayor Peoples                yea

Motion carried.

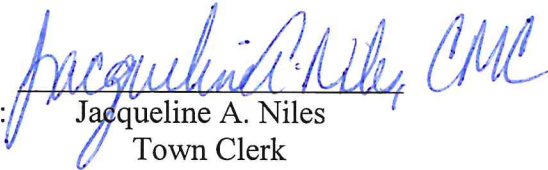
The meeting adjourned at 3:46 PM.

Approved on this 12th day of September 2023.

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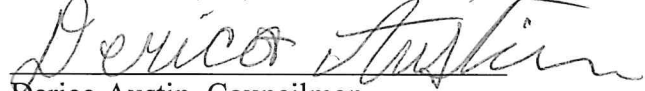
  
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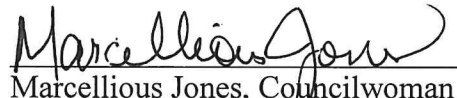
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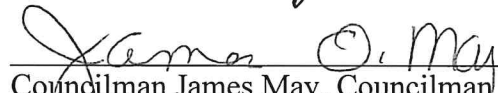
  
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