

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR SCHEDULED
COUNCIL MEETING
FOR THE
THE TOWN OF MT. VERNON
OCTOBER 10, 2023
4:00 P.M.**

Mt. Vernon Town Hall Regular Scheduled Council meeting was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 4:25 pm, it was called to order by the Mayor Pro Tem, James May. Mr. May stated that due to the late start, we would forgo the invocation and pledge.

Roll Call: Tena F. Dillard, Town Clerk, CMC

___ Eric Peoples, Mayor	absent
___ B. Charlene Coleman, Councilwoman	present
___ William Grant, Jr., Councilman	absent
___ Derico Austin, Councilman	present
___ Marcellious Jones, Councilwoman	present
___ James May, Councilman	present

Tena F. Dillard served as recording clerk for the meeting.

Attorney Ben Kearns with Adams and Reese was present for the meeting.

Approval of the September 26, 2023 workshop meeting minutes; motioned by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve the minutes as written.

No Discussion

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

Motion carried.

Approval of the September 26, 2023, regular scheduled meeting minutes; motioned by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman.

No Discussion

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

Motion carried.

The Grant writer Stacey McKean presented the two resolutions for approval; JAG and Gomesa.

Old Business: The Attorney recommended that we place the GOMESA resolution under old business, it had been discussed in previous meetings.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: Councilwoman Marcellious Jones
Councilwoman Jones had no new report due to the time.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilwoman Charlene Coleman
Councilwoman Coleman spoke with the Public Works Supervisor, reporting that the new water well should start up in two weeks.

POLICE/FIRE: Councilman James May
Councilman May

STREETS & ROADS: Councilman May reminded all council members that they were to work together to cover streets and roads.

LIBRARY/SR CITIZENS/PARKS/RECREATION: Councilman Derico Austin
No report at this time.

BUSINESS, ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Motioned by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilwoman Jones, to approve paying bills in the amount of \$24,921.52. No discussion.
All voted yea, no opposes, motion is carried.

Motioned by Councilman May and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the agreement with the State of Alabama regarding the LIHWAP. No discussion.
All voted yea, no opposed, motion is carried.

Motioned by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve increase of contract police officers to \$17.00 per hour.

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

One oppose, motion is carried.

Motioned by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve payments to Morrow Water Technologies, Inc., for well pump repair and installation.

All voted yea, no opposes, motion is carried.

Motioned by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to table the proposal for tree service until the next meeting, October 24, 2023.

All voted yea, no opposed, motion is carried.

Motioned by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to award the proposal for the well motor starter.

All voted yea, no opposed, motion is carried.

Motioned by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to the Proposed Vehicle Service Order Form.

All voted yea, no opposed, motion is carried.

Motioned by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the JAG Grant resolution.

All voted yea, no opposed, motion is carried.

Motioned by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilman May to approve the motor repairs on Tahoe 14-02 at a cost of \$4600.00 with Tommy Williams.

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

One oppose, motion is carried.

Attorney Comments:

None.

Public Comments:

None

Request to Adjourn

Motion by Councilman Austin to adjourn; Seconded by Councilman May.
Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

APPROVED: James O. May
James O. May, Mayor Pro Tem

Tena F. Dillard
Attest: Tena F. Dillard,
Assistant Town Clerk, CMC

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