

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION TOWN COUNCIL MEETING FOR
THE TOWN OF MT. VERNON
APRIL 9, 2024**

Mayor Eric L. Peoples called to order the meeting for the Town of Mount Vernon, Alabama, April 9, 2024, at 4:00 PM at Town Hall located at 1565 Boyles Avenue, Mount Vernon, Alabama.

Meeting commenced at 4:04 pm

Present: Members of the Town Council: Eric L. Peoples, Derico Austin, Marcellious Jones, James May, Interim Chief Brazier, and Jacqueline A. Niles, Town Clerk

Roll Call: Mayor Eric L. Peoples – Present
Councilwoman B. Charlene Coleman – Absent
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 was present for the meeting.

Approval of the March 26, 2024, workshop meeting minutes, town workshop meeting minutes.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve the March 26, 2024, workshop meeting minutes, town workshop meeting minutes.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Approval of the March 26, 2024, regular scheduled meeting minutes.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by councilman Austin to approve the March 26, 2024, regular scheduled meeting minutes.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Approval of bills to be paid in the amount of \$60,102.58.

Motion by Councilman May and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve bills to be paid in the amount of \$60,102.58.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

A request was made to purchase 4 desk chairs.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the request to purchase 4 desk chairs not to exceed \$400 per chair. (3 Clerk's office and 1 dispatch)

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Request to issue payment in the amount of \$2,036.90 to Evans & Company.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve the request to issue payment to Evans & Company in the amount of \$2,036.90 for privacy screen fence around football field.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

A proposed standby generator industrial maintenance service agreement was presented to the Council.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the proposed standby generator industrial maintenance service agreement.

Discussion

Councilwoman Jones – This is for
Mayor Peoples – all generators will be covered
Shedrick Varner – We have a total of three

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

Motion carried.

Request to table correspondence from Mobile County Commission regarding 2024 Pay As You Go.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Austin to table the correspondence from Mobile County Commission regarding 2024 Pay As You Go.

Discussion

Councilwoman Jones – Why are we tabling
Mayor Peoples – We need pictures drawn out and markings to present to the county

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

Motion carried.

Proposed Civic Plus hosting subscription by presented to the Council.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve the Civic Plus subscription for annual hosting.

Discussion

Councilwoman Jones – Will we let the resident know
Ms. Niles – it will be added to the website and posted at town hall

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

Motion carried.

A proposed ordinance for the Abatement of Nuisances was presented to the Council.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Austin to adopt the proposed ordinance for the Abatement of Nuisances.

No discussion

Roll Call

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

Motion carried.

A proposed ordinance regarding the abatement of unsafe buildings and structural nuisances was presented to Council Members.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Austin to adopt the proposed ordinance regarding the abatement of unsafe buildings and structural nuisances in The Town of Mount Vernon.

No discussion

Roll Call

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

Motion carried.

Request was made to set \$4,000 budget for Fourth of July firework show.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by councilwoman Jones to approve the request to set \$4,000 budget for Fourth of July firework show on June 29.

No discussion

Councilwoman Coleman	absent	Councilwoman Jones	yea
Councilman Grant	absent	Councilman May	yea

Councilman Austin yea Mayor Peoples yea

Motion carried.

Request was made to set \$4,000 budget for New Years firework show.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve the request to set \$4,000 budget for New Years firework show.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

A request was made to increase call out pay.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to increase the call out pay for Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department to \$15 per call.

No discussion

Councilwoman Coleman	absent	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 Councilwoman Jones to adjourn.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm.

Approved on the 23rd day of April 2024.

APPROVED Eric L Peoples
Mayor Eric L. Peoples

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