

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION TOWN COUNCIL MEETING FOR  
THE TOWN OF MT. VERNON  
JUNE 25, 2024**

Mayor Peoples called to order the meeting for the Town of Mount Vernon, Alabama, June 25, 2024, at 4:00 PM at Town Hall located at 1565 Boyles Avenue, Mount Vernon, Alabama.

Meeting commenced at 4:11 pm

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

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 Sorrell was present for the meeting.

Approval of June 11, 2024, workshop and council meeting minutes.

Motion by Councilman Austin seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve the June 11, 2024, workshop and 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 \$21,362.73.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$21,362.73.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Request to approve sign on incentive for police officers.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve the police officer sign on incentive.

Discussion

Councilwoman Jones – I was late during the discussion can it be tabled.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried.

Request to purchase two patrol vehicles for the police department.

Motion by Councilman May and seconded by Councilman Austing to approve the request to purchase two vehicles for the police department.

Discussion

Councilwoman Coleman – How many and should be change vehicles.

Mayor Peoples – Two

Niles – Money will come from Bus/Van Grant once finalized.

Councilman May – We are trying to approve the spending once the Grant has been finalized.

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

Motion carried.

Request to adopt cash bond handling policy.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman May to approve the request to adopt a cash bond handling policy to allow Jailer/Dispatchers to take cash bonds in form of money orders during non-business hours.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Request to set Finance Committee Meeting.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman for Mayor Peoples to set Finance Committee Meeting to discuss cross the board raises and review on the July 23, 2024, council meeting.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Request to hire Police Seargent.

Motion by Councilman May and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve the request to promote Newman Brazier to Police Seargent.

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/install equipment in Durango to be used by the police department.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve the request to purchase/install equipment in Durango to be used by the police department.

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 contracts for police department.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the contracts for the police department.

Melda Tipp – Part Time Jailer/Dispatcher (\$12.37 per hour)

Marlon Brown – Part Time Police Officer (\$18.35 per hour)

Discussion

Mayor Peoples – Both contracts will be part time.

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

Motion carried.

Request of Mayor Peoples to extend interns and hold banquet.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the request of Mayor Peoples to extend interns for two weeks and hold end of program banquet.

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 Councilwoman Jones seconded Councilman Austin to adjourn.


No discussion

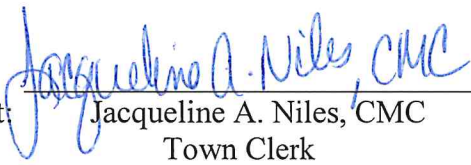
Councilwoman Coleman	yea	Councilwoman Jones	yea
Councilman Grant	absent	Councilman May	yea
Councilman Austin	yea	Mayor Peoples	yea


Motion carried.

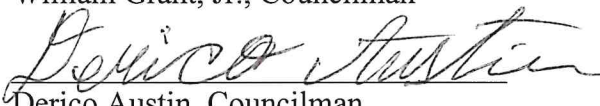
The meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm.

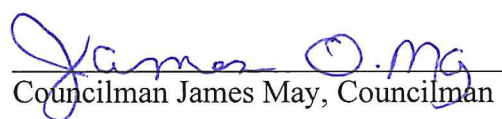
Approved on the <sup>23</sup>~~9~~<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

APPROVED:   
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Mayor Eric L. Peoples

Attest:   
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Jacqueline A. Niles, CMC  
Town Clerk

  
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B. Charlene Coleman, Councilwoman

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William Grant, Jr., Councilman  
  
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Derico Austin, Councilman

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Marcellious Jones, Councilwoman  
  
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Councilman James May, Councilman