

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION TOWN COUNCIL MEETING FOR
THE TOWN OF MT. VERNON
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**

Mayor Peoples called to order the meeting for the Town of Mount Vernon, Alabama, September 24, 2024, at 4:00 PM at Town Hall located at 1565 Boyles Avenue, Mount Vernon, Alabama.

Meeting commenced at 4:24 pm

Present: Members of the Town Council: Eric L. Peoples, B. Charlene Coleman, Derico Austin, Marcellious Jones, James May, 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

Attorney Jay Ross with Adams and Reese was present for the meeting.

Jacqueline A. Niles served as recording clerk for the meeting.

August 27, 2024, council meeting minutes were presented to the council.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the August 27, 2024, 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.

September 10, 2024, workshop and council meeting minutes were presented to the council.

Motion by Councilman Austing and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve the September 10, 2024, workshop and council meeting minutes.

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.

Standing Committee reports & special board reports

Finance – No report

Public Works – Was letter sent to delinquent water customers and will cut off begin next month

Police/Fire – No report

Street & Road – No report

Library/Senior Citizens/Parks/Recreation – No Report

The proposed automobile policy was presented to the council.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve the proposed automobile policy.

Discussion

Jones – if in accident with drug should the town pay

Ross – yes, the town will pay, and the employee can be disciplined

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 amend the town's sick policy.

Motion by Councilman May and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve changes to the towns sick policy.

In the event an employee is out sick, the town will require doctor's excuse.

8-hour employees must provide doctors excuse at 16 hours

12-hour employees must provide doctors excuse at 24 hours

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 \$50,108.27.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$50,108.27.

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 amend the health insurance effective date for new hires.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to amend the health insurance effective date to first day second month for new hires.

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 create a police cadet position with MCPB.

Motion by Councilman May and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve the request to create police cadet position with salary range of \$15.50 with the Mobile County Personnel Board.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

August 2024 call out pay was presented to the council.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve August 2024 call out pay in the amount of \$1755.

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 hire Anthony Clarkbanks as a consultant to Chief Eric Pettway.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the request to hire Anthony Clarkbanks as a consultant to Chief Eric Pettway for 8 hours per week at the pay rate of \$17.00 per hour.

Discussion

Jones – 8 hours a week

Mayor – Just to help with policy and procedures

Coleman – Is there an end date

Mayor - I will have to get with Chief

Coleman – Chief will not be in during October

Mayor – October 25

May – I suggest he start now so things can be done when he gets here

Ross – He is working nights and weekends now. The position is appropriate.

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 seconded 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 was adjourned at 4:42 pm.

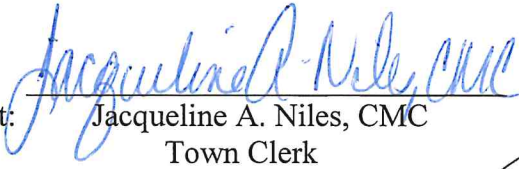
Approved on the 8th day of October 2024.

APPROVED



Mayor Eric L. Peoples

Attest:

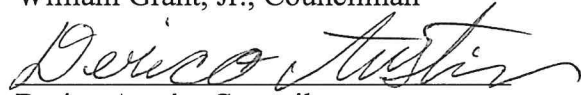


Jacqueline A. Niles, CMC
Town Clerk




B. Charlene Coleman, Councilwoman

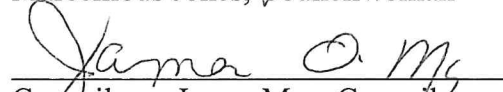
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Derico Austin, Councilman



Marcellious Jones, Councilwoman



Councilman James May, Councilman