

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION TOWN COUNCIL MEETING FOR  
THE TOWN OF MT. VERNON  
OCTOBER 8, 2024**

Mayor Peoples called to order the meeting for the Town of Mount Vernon, Alabama, October 8, 2024, at 4:00 PM at Town Hall located at 1565 Boyles Avenue, Mount Vernon, Alabama.

Meeting commenced at 4:07 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.

September 24, 2024, workshop meeting minutes were presented to the council.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the September 24, 2024, 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.

September 24, 2024, council meeting minutes were presented to the council.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve the September 24, 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.

Standing Committee reports & special board reports

Finance – Discussion was held regarding insurance and ways for the town to save money was had and was not to tax employees too bad.

Public Works – No report

Police/Fire – Interviewing for police offices and have some prospects.

Street & Road – No report

Councilman May will contact Ms. Niles to give information regarding streetlight out on Sam Jones

Library/Senior Citizens/Parks/Recreation – Senior Center has a trip to Dauphin Island to go fishing on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Center has picked up in house and homebound meals.

Mayor Peoples - advised the prom turned out nice with 40-50 people. Valuable feedback and recommend moving to larger area next time. Williamson high school will be marching in parade. Councilwoman Coleman will be reaching out to bands. Contact is being made to Citronelle High Schools JROTC to participate. Surveys have been placed in boxes for feedback on the summer internship program. They can be completed and given back to the mayor.

Approval of bills to be paid in the amount of \$49,782.09.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$49,782.09.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Approval to issue pay adjustment for Jacqueline Niles, Town Clerk was presented.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve to one time pay adjustment for Jacqueline Niles, Town Clerk in the amount of \$1500.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

A proposal to provide and install sixteen network drops in the library was presented.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the request to provide and install sixteen network drops in the library CTS in the amount of \$4,825.00.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Approval of travel for Tena Dillard and Jacqueline Niles was presented.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve the travel request for Tena Dillard and Jacqueline Niles to attend Local Gov Health + Wellness Annual Benefit Administrator's Conference in Spanish Fort October 17, 2024 (no fees)

Discussion

Councilwoman Jones – How will they get there.

Mayor Peoples - Durango

Councilwoman Coleman - No problem with driving their personal vehicle, what's the difference

Jacqueline Niles – Mileage rate is \$.67 per mile and would be less on town for both to meet at town hall and ride in town vehicle.

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 place Brother Landing subdivision application on the next scheduled meeting.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman to approve the request to place Brother Landing subdivision application on the October 22, 2024, agenda.

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 by place S.E. Civil Engineering & Surveying subdivision application on the next council agenda.

Motion by Councilman Austin and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to place S.E. Civil Engineering & Surveying subdivision application on the October 22, 2024, agenda.

Discussion

Councilwoman Coleman – Did we cover this in workshop.

Mayor Peoples – yes this is Atla Pointe  
A request was made to adjourn.

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

Motion carried.

Request to remove supplemental insurance companies.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Austin to approve the request to remove supplemental insurance companies from payroll to be effective January 1, 2025.

Discussion

Councilwoman Coleman – How many  
Mayor Peoples – 3 or 4

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman seconded Councilman Austin to adjourn.

No discussion

Councilwoman Coleman	yea	Councilwoman Jones	yea
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Councilman Grant  
Councilman Austin

absent  
yea

Councilman May  
Mayor Peoples


yea  
yea

Motion carried.

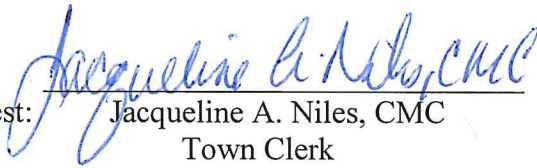
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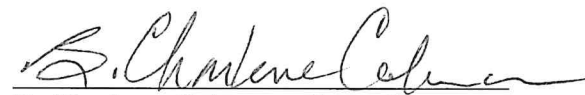
Approved on the 22nd day of October 2024.

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Mayor Eric L. Peoples

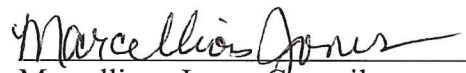
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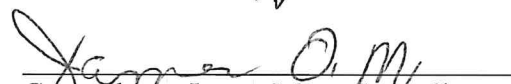
  
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Jacqueline A. Niles, CMC  
Town Clerk

  
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