

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION TOWN COUNCIL MEETING FOR
THE TOWN OF MT. VERNON
NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

Mayor Peoples called to order the meeting for the Town of Mount Vernon, Alabama, November 12, 2024, at 4:00 PM at Town Hall located at 1565 Boyles Avenue, Mount Vernon, Alabama.

Meeting commenced at 4:30 pm

Present: Members of the Town Council: Eric L. Peoples, B. Charlene Coleman, Marcellious Jones, James May, Chief Eric 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 – Absent
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.

October 22, 2024, workshop and council meeting minutes were presented to the council.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve the October 22, 2024, workshop and council meeting minutes.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Standing Committee reports & special board reports

Councilwoman Coelman exited the meeting at 4:31

Councilwoman Coleman returned to the meeting at 4:32

Finance – No report. Councilwoman Coleman asked about setting up meeting with Mayor and Councilwoman Jones to discuss finances. Councilwoman Jones asked about letter going out to employees about cancelling all supplemental insurances with other plans. Mayor Peoples advised Town Clerk to compose and send it out.

Public Works – No report

Police/Fire – No report. Chief Pettway explained the hiring process and advised good candidates are being hired and looked at

Street & Road – No report. Councilman May had light out that has been taken care of with the assistance of Town Clerk. Mayor Peoples will give Town Clerk lighting information on another outage.

Library/Senior Citizens/Parks/Recreation – No report. Mayor advised Christmas Parade will be held on December 14. Three or four judges are needed. Councilwoman Coleman suggested Jay Ross as the Grand Marshall.

Mayor Peoples advised council members to turn in any lights or signs needed. The Christmas parade will be on December 14, 2024, at 11:00 AM and line up at 10:00 AM. We need to consider who Grand Marshall will be.

Approval of bills to be paid in the amount of \$55,686.55.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$55,686.55.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Request of Moazzam Butt and Hamayun Imran to hold public hearing for subdivision application (1160 Old Military Road)

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve the request of Moazzam Butt and Hamayun Imran to hold a public hearing for subdivision application for property located at 1160 Old Military Road on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Request of Arks Store LLC to hold public hearing for off premises Retail Beer, Retail Table Wine, and Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package) license.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilman May to approve the request of Arks Store LLC to hold public hearing for off premises Retail Beer, Retail Table Wine, and Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package) license on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Request to approve quote from Walker Lock & Key in the amount of \$3,811.50.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve quote from Walker Lock & Key in the amount of \$3,811.50.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Pole attachment agreements from Alabama Power for attachment of banners or flags and holiday decorations were presented to the council.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve pole attachment agreements from Alabama Power for attachment of banners or flags and holiday decorations.

Discussion

Councilwoman Coleman – Didn't we work on this earlier this year
Mayor Eric L. Peoples – This is just lighting from Alabama Power for Christmas decoration

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

Motion carried.

A proposed resolution authorizing submission of Jag Fund Grant application was presented to the Council.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to adopt the proposed resolution authorizing submission of Jag Fund Grant application.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Resolution # 24-11-12 adopted

A request was made to allow Mayor Peoples to designate Administrative Leave when necessary.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilwoman Jones authorize Mayor Peoples to designate Administrative Leave when necessary.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Request of the Fire Department to purchase one AED in the amount of \$1,786.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve the request of the Fire Department to purchase one AED in the amount of \$1,786.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

Request of Mayor Peoples to purchase AED for all town buildings.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve the request of mayor Peoples to purchase AED for all town buildings, one AED per month.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

A proposed contract with Shanna Bell for part time Jailer/Dispatcher was presented to the council.

Motion by Councilman May and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve the proposed contract with Shanna Bell for part time Jailer/Dispatcher in the amount of \$12.37.

Discussion

Councilwoman Coleman – Are these the ones who are going to come up and do the training

Mayor Peoples – Yes

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

Motion carried.

A proposed contract with Cynthia Burt for part time Jailer/Dispatcher was presented to the council.

Motion by Councilwoman Coleman and seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve the proposed contract with Cynthia Burt for part time Jailer/Dispatcher in the amount of \$12.37.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

A request was made to increase Police Officer Pay.

Motion by Councilman May and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman based off the recommendation of Chief Pettway to increase Police Officer pay to \$20.00.

Public Safety Pay Plan 9% increase

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

Motion carried.

Request of Mayor Peoples for the town to go cash less.

Motion by Councilman May and seconded by Councilwoman Coleman to approve the request of Mayor Peoples for the town to go cash less effective January 1, 2025.

Discussion

Attorney Ross – Will this include all license and fees
Jacqueline Niles, Town Clerk - Yes

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

Motion carried.

A request was made to adjourn.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman May to adjourn.

No discussion

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

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm.

Approved on the 26th day of November 2024.

APPROVED: _____

Mayor Eric L. Peoples

Attest: Jacqueline A. Niles, CMC
Town Clerk

B. Charlene Coleman
B. Charlene Coleman, Councilwoman

William Grant, Jr.
William Grant, Jr., Councilman

Derico Austin
Derico Austin, Councilman

Marcellious Jones
Marcellious Jones, Councilwoman

Councilman James May, Councilman