



**City of La Vernia**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
City Council Chambers of La Vernia City Hall  
102 E. Chihuahua Street, La Vernia, Texas 78121

February 11, 2016  
6:30 PM

**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order – Mayor Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. All members of Council were present.**

**2. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Texas Pledge** (*Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible*).

Mayor Gregory gave the invocation, all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

**3. Citizens to be Heard- There were no citizens to be heard.**

**4. Consent Agenda**

*(All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.)*

- A. Minutes from the January 14, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. La Vernia Police Department – Reports, Traffic Violations & Arrests; and Number of Occurrences by Offense for the month of January 2016;
- C. Check Register and financial report for the month of January 2016

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Moczygemba accepts the consent agenda as presented, Councilman Cormier seconds. **Motion passed: 4-0**

**5. Presentation**

**A. Presentation from Mayor Gregory regarding the donation of a podium from Joe & Cynthia Farmer, Realty Place.**

**B. Presentation of FY 2015 Audit.**

Phil Vaughn, with Armstrong Vaughn & Associates, presented the Annual Financial Report to the Council. Stated that this year going forward, due to new software, the city will be in good shape. There is still a surplus in the debt service that can be used on capital lease project as done in the past.

**C. Presentation of Public Safety Award for National Night Out.**

Sgt. Danny Pitts briefed the Council on the Award for National Night out in which they received 4<sup>th</sup> place. He stated they could not have done it without the help from Jason Scheel and his crew who gathered chairs ice and the necessities. Mr. Ronnie Rye and his crew with EMS and Air Life. We had multiple donations and crews listed below:

Whataburger

Buffalo Joes - Pudding

Golden Chick – Ice Cream  
Tejas Steak House- Carne Guisada  
Chinese Cuisine – Egg rolls  
GLVCC – Snow Cones

Sgt. Pitts stated they had fire trucks police cars and it turned out amazing.

We got fourth in the nation and should have been number one. One of the requirements is to have a video. Our local school district, La Vernia ISD, came and videoed but the video was never received. Chief Ritchey stated to the Mayor, "On behalf of our group we would like to recognize you with the 2015 plaque for National Night Out.

Mayor Gregory stated "Our volunteers and police department police and EMS are not only big in their professionalism but there big in their heart. Everybody has one common goal in mind and that is the health and welfare of our citizens. Mayor also stated, "Danny great job this year!" This was a collective community effort and the event was outstanding. We had a record attendance this year.

Sgt. Danny Pitts states tonight will start the planning committee for this upcoming 2016 National Night Out.

## 6. Discussion/Action

### A. Discuss and consider approving Fleet Fuel gas card agreement.

Management capabilities as far as the fuel goes and allows us to go to any station.

**MOTION:** Councilman Schott approves the Fleet Fuel gas car agreement, Councilman Cormier seconds. **Motion passed 4-0.**

### B. Discuss and consider approving Engineering water line upgrade cost for street improvements.

This is a part of the bond that was passed in January 2016. The cost of the project is where the city projected it to be. Councilman Schott expressed that water lines are pretty simple. City Administrator Griffin stated they are going to be. Public Works Director will have the water quality assurance performed by the engineer.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Moczygemba made the motion to approve the Engineering water line upgrade cost for street improvements, seconded by Councilman Cormier. **Motion passed: 5-0**

### C. Discuss and consider approving Engineering cost for street improvements.

Councilwoman Moczygemba asked if Warren Street be included? Mayor Gregory stated that there were some changes to the 5-year street plan due to the other capital projects. This is a different process that has been done in the past and puts more of the professional oversight on the engineer. Engineering cost is part of the amount that was budgeted for.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Moczygemba made the motion to approve the Engineering cost for street improvements, Councilman Doege seconds. **Motion passed: 5-0**

### D. Discuss and consider approving an appointment of a member for the LVMDD Board, Cynthia Farmer.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Moczygemba made the motion to approve appointing Cynthia Farmer to the LVMDD Board, seconded by Councilman Cormier. **Motion passes: 5-0**

**E. Discuss and consider appointment of Mayor Pro Temp.**

**MOTION:** Councilman Cormier made the motion to consider Councilman Schott as Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Councilwoman Moczygemba. **Motion passed: 5-0**

**F. Discuss and consider appointing a City Council member to Marie Gerlich's position.**

Mayor Gregory noted that Marie Gerlich served our city with such class and dignity. Mayor Gregory stated "I looked around for someone who spent her life in the community. I wanted to find someone with that same scenario. Rhonda and her family have lived and served in the city for many years and with that being said I thought she would be the perfect fit to our Council."

**MOTION:** Councilman Schott made the motion to appoint Rhonda Watson in Marie Gerlich's position, seconded by Councilwoman Moczygemba. **Motion passed: 4-0**

**G. Discuss and consider amending a lease with the La Vernia Historical Association to include Open Carry.**

**MOTION:** Councilman Schott approves amending the lease with the La Vernia Historical Association to include open carry, seconded by Council Cormier. **Motion passed: 5-0**

**7. Resolutions**

**A. Discuss and consider a resolution adopting the City's Investment Policy.**

City Administrator advised the investment policy dictates where we can invest city funds. Nothing has been changed from last year.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Moczygemba made the motion to accept a resolution adopting the City's Investment Policy, seconded by Councilman Cormier. **Motion passed: 5-0**

**B. Discuss and consider a resolution for Police Grant.**

Chief Bruce Ritchey briefed that Alamo Area Council of Government (AACOG) offers a grant that can be used to update or replace current equipment for the police department. This would be used to replace outdated radios and purchase watch guard (WatchGuard is an in-car digital video system typically housed in a compact, overhead console mounted between the visors of most standard law enforcement vehicles.) for the police vehicles. The grant is for \$49,000.00. Sgt. Danny Pitts attended the mandatory training session and now sits on the advisory board. Notification of funding approval will be made mid June-July time frame.

**MOTION:** Councilman Schott made the motion to accept a resolution for Police Grant, seconded by Councilwoman Moczygemba. **Motion passed: 5-0**

**C. Discuss and consider a resolution designating the City's official newspaper**

City Administrator advised this is formality that we must do every year.

**MOTION:** Councilman Cormier made the motion to accept a resolution designating the City's official newspaper, seconded by Councilwoman Moczygemba. **Motion passed: 5-0**

**8. Capital Project Update**

- A. Water Meter replacement
- B. Water Line Upgrade
- C. Well # 7
- D. Street Projects

**9. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda**

- Concert in the park in May
- Andrew Flores, Code Enforcement
- Re-Zoning
- Special Use Permit

**10. Adjourn- Councilman/Councilwoman Schott made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Cormier. Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.**

  
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Robert Gregory, Mayor

  
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Brittani Porter, City Secretary

