



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



September 10, 2015
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Mayor Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. All members of City Council were present.

2. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Texas Pledge – *Invocations was given by Councilwoman Moczygemba. All in attendance cited the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.*

3. Citizens to be Heard – There were no citizens to be heard.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes from the August 13, 2015 Joint City Council and MDD Budget Workshop
- B. La Vernia Police Department – Reports, Traffic Violations & Arrests; and Number of Occurrences by Offense for the month of August 2015;
- C. Check Register and financial report for the month of August 2015

MOTION: Councilwoman Moczygemba made the motion to approve consent agenda items. Seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passed: 5-0

Public Hearing opened up at 6:35 – Public hearing was closed at 6:36 PM

5. Public Hearing

A. Public hearing regarding the 2015 – 2016 Fiscal Year Budget.

Mayor Gregory opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 PM. There were no comments.
Mayor Gregory closed the Public Hearing at 6:36 PM.

B. Public hearing regarding the 2015 Property Tax Rate – Public hearing was opened up at 6:36 – Public hearing was closed at 6:37

Mayor Gregory opened the Public Hearing at 6:36 PM. There were no comments.
Mayor Gregory closed the Public Hearing at 6:37 PM.

C. Public hearing on parks and recreation needs in the City of La Vernia.

PUBLIC HEARING – – Hear comments from the public concerning the City of La Vernia submitting an application to the Texas Park and Wildlife for a \$150,000 grant for park improvements at the La Vernia City Park – Mayor Robert Gregory opened the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m. Items were presented. Public Hearing was closed at 6:45 p.m.

La Vernia City Park Repair and Replacement Projects items presented and discussed are:

1. Add Splash Pad
2. Add lights to existing walking trail
3. Add Frisbee Golf
4. Add Rockwall
5. Enlarge existing basketball courts
6. Add new swimming pool
7. Add play equipment for children with special needs
8. Add extremely long slide
9. Add swings
10. Add tennis courts
11. Add paved parking lot
12. Add soccer field
13. Add skateboard Park
14. Add horseshoe pits
15. Make improvements at Little League fields

6. Presentation

- A. Introduction of Matthew Krueger as new Public Works Operator.
Matthew Krueger was not available at meeting.

7. Discussion/Action

- A. **Discussion and possible action on appointing Mayor Robert Gregory to AACOG Alamo Regional Rural Planning Organization (ARRPO).**

Mayor Gregory stated that we are going to dismiss Item A. Mayor Gregory was approached by AACOG due to lack of participation from others. Mayor Gregory has since been contacted regarding the position stated the newly retired Mayor from Karnes City.

No Action.

- B. **Consider and take action on adoption of a Citizen Participation Plan and Citizen Complaint Procedures to be followed during implementation of Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Texas Capital Fund projects.**

Annette Bargainer, Grantworks, wanted to ensure we will not have meetings behind closed doors without the public being made aware of. Therefore we would need to take action on adopting a citizen participation plan and citizen complain procedures.

MOTION: Councilwoman Gerlich made the motion to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan and Citizen Complain Procedure to be followed during implementation of Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Texas Capital Fund projects. Seconded by Councilwoman Moczygamba. Motion passed: 5-0

8. Ordinances

- A. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance adopting the 2015 – 2016 Fiscal Year Budget.

MOTION: Councilman Schott made the motion to approve an ordinance adopting the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget. Seconded by Councilman Cormier. **With a roll call vote the motion passed: 5 - 0.**

Councilman Cormier	YES
Councilman Doege	YES
Councilwoman Gerlich	YES
Councilwoman Moczygemba	YES
Councilman Schott	YES

- B. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance adopting the 2015 Tax Rate.

MOTION: Councilwoman Moczygemba made the motion to approve an ordinance adopting the 2015 Tax Rate. Seconded by Councilman Cormier. **With a roll call vote the motion passed: 5 - 0.**

Councilman Cormier	YES
Councilman Doege	YES
Councilwoman Gerlich	YES
Councilwoman Moczygemba	YES
Councilman Schott	YES

- C. Discuss and consider approval of an End of Year (EOY) Budget Amendment.

City Administrator Griffin only gave items that needed to be reviewed which was the software and the vehicle that was purchased for the police department. City Administrator stated "The city is doing much better in utilities than we had anticipated".

MOTION: Councilman Schott made the motion to approve an End of Year (EOY) Budget Amendment. Seconded by Councilwoman Gerlich. Motion passed: 5-0.

9. Resolutions

- A. Discuss and consider approval of a resolution in support of the grant application with Grantworks for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant.

Annette Bargainer, with Grantworks, advised the public hearing was in preparation for this item. The resolution is vague because it does not include numbers. The grant can be up to 75K up to match. We would need to know how much local match we could obtain.

MOTION: Councilman Cormier made the motion to accept the resolution in support of the grant application with Grantworks for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant. Seconded by Councilman Schott. Motion passed: 5-0.

- B. Discuss and consider approval of a resolution prohibiting drilling and mining, or the reopening of any abandoned well or mine in any public park located within the city limits of La Vernia, Texas.**

Annette Bargainer, Grantworks, stated this resolution is a requirement by Parks & Wildlife to move forward with the grant or they will not accept the application.

MOTION: Councilwoman Moczygemba made the motion to approve a resolution prohibiting drilling and mining, or the reopening of any abandoned well or mine in any public park located within the city limits of La Vernia, Texas. Seconded by Councilman Doege. Motion passed: 5-0

- C. Consider and take action on resolution that establishes the boundaries of the City's Historic Commercial District.**

MDD Executive Director, Jennifer Kolbe, commented by saying they want to designate the historical district for grant purposes. Their needs to be areas designated for improvements at this time. This is not currently zoned Historical District, they are just needing to establish boundaries for the grant process.

MOTION: Councilman Schott made the motion to establish the boundaries of the City's Historic Commercial District. Seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passed: 5-0.

- D. Consider and take action on resolution that designates areas within the designated Historic Commercial District as slum/blighted and in need of improvement.**

MOTION: Councilwoman Moczygemba made a motion that designates areas within the designated Historic Commercial District as slum/blighted and in need of improvement. Seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passed: 5-0.

- E. Consider and take action on resolution that authorizes submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a 2015 Texas Capital Fund – Downtown Revitalization Program grant to construct sidewalk, lighting, and handicap-accessibility improvements in the designated Historic Commercial District.**

MOTION: Councilman Schott made the motion that authorizes submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a 2015 Texas Capital Fund – Downtown Revitalization Program Grant to construct sidewalk, lighting and handicap-accessibility improvements in the designated Historic Commercial District. Seconded by Councilman Doege. Motion passed: 5-0

- F. Consider and take action on resolution that adopts a public access plan to be utilized during infrastructure construction projects funded through the Texas Capital Fund – Downtown Revitalization Program.
You have to have accessibility during construction phase.**

MOTION: Councilman Cormier made the motion that adopts a public access plan to be utilized during infrastructure construction projects funded through the Texas Capital Fund – Downtown Revitalization Program. Seconded by Councilwoman Moczygemba. Motion passed: 5-0.

10. Discussion Only

A. Discussion on setting workshops on future water well and infrastructure projects to include possible funding options.

September 22nd is the target date at 3:00. We will have Clarence Littlefield from Southwest Engineers, Inc. & John Mooneyham from CEC. We will also invite Mr. Callaway to this meeting.

No Action

11. Executive Session

A. Pursuant to Local Government Code §551.074 of the Open Meeting Act. Tex. Gov't Code, council will meet in closed session to deliberate annual job performance of the City Administrator.

City Council went into Executive Session at 7:00 PM.

B. Pursuant to Local Government Code §551.074 of the Open Meeting Act. Tex. Gov't Code, council will meet in closed session to deliberate annual job performance of the Police Chief.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session and take action/or give direction, if necessary on items discussed in Executive Session.

Approve items A, & B as discussed in session. Meeting reconvened in regular session at 7:31 PM.

12. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

- City Council Workshop – September 22, 2015 at 3:00 PM

13. Adjourn – Councilman Cormier made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Schott. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF OCTOBER 2015



Robert Gregory, Mayor



Brittani Porter, City Secretary





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

September 22, 2015
3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Gregory called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation** – All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge. Invocation was given by Mayor Robert Gregory.
3. **Discussion/Action**
 - A. **Discuss and consider action on putting together a possible bond package for Well #7 and additional capital projects.**

Clarence Littlefield came on behalf of Southwest Engineers and presented to council the urgency of proceeding on with Well # 7. Our current well runs 23+ hours and a good running well will run approximately 18 hours. In order to keep up with our water demands the well would need to be in place by spring time. Projected costs will be around \$2 million dollars. Victor Quiroga, Senior Vice President of Frost Bank, presented to City Council a power point slide on Information on Financing Tools. Council reviewed four financing options for the Well Project and Capital Improvements.

Mayor Gregory mentioned reaching out for Grant opportunities since a sister city had recently received a \$34 million Grant.

The Capital Improvement Project brought up a major project that needs to be addressed. The project will replace the 2" line running down DL Vest across San Antonio Rd down San Antonio Rd to US Hwy 87 to tie back into the 8". The 8" would then run back towards the City Park on the US Hwy 87 side and tie into the 6"

4. **Adjourn** – Councilwoman Moczygemba made the motion to adjourn, Councilman Schott seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 PM. Motion passed 5-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2015



Robert Gregory, Mayor



Brittani Porter, City Secretary

