



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

March 10, 2016
6:30 PM

Minutes

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

Invocation 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

(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 February 11, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. La Vernia Police Department – Reports, Traffic Violations & Arrests; and Number of Occurrences by Offense for the month of February 2016;
- C. Check Register and financial report for the month of February 2016

MOTION: Councilwoman Moczygemba made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Watson. Motion passed: 5-0

5. Presentation

- A. **Presentation of new Public Works Employee, Richard Robins.**

Public Works Director, Jason Mills, briefed the council regarding our newest employee, Richard Robins. Mr. Robins currently holds a D license in water and will be going for his C in a few weeks. Richard brings previous water background to the city and will be a great asset to the crew.

6. Public Hearings

- A. **Public Hearing to receive public comments regarding granting a Special Use Permit request for a proposed automotive retailer located at 14101 US Hwy 87 W., La Vernia, Texas 78121.**

The public hearing was opened at 6:33 PM and with no one to speak it was closed at 6:34 PM.

- B. **Public Hearing to receive public comments regarding the proposed change of zoning district classification from present classification of R-A (Single Family**

Residence) to C-1 (Retail) for City of La Vernia, Lot #168 & 169, located at 309 Seguin Rd., La Vernia, Texas 78121.

The public hearing was opened at 6:35 PM.

Mr. Rackler stood up and spoke before the public and council. He stated he has been living in the city since 1980. He has done a bit of extensive work to the existing structure and has remodeled additional homes throughout the City of La Vernia. He has done his work with pride to make the city look nice. Whether its' commercial, industrial or residential, he stated the City of La Vernia co-exists everywhere. "I'm not asking for anything that is not already happening. Plans will be for a professional building with a business operation from 8 AM – 5 PM. I go by the city motto "live vibrantly" and believe the house expresses the live vibrantly logo. What I am asking is nothing more than what exists."

Julie Mattke commented by saying "she lives on Kimball and Hackberry and has lived there for 40 years. We watch one another and have never had problems. His cement is coming out on Hackberry which enables them from passing one another because they have to pull over to let the other by and cut off the flow of water at the corner of Hackberry and FM 775. It's been R-A for years and we don't believe it's right. We want to stay residential and we would not like to have a change if we can. We don't want a business down there we want to keep it residential."

The public hearing was closed at 6:46 PM

7. Ordinances

A. Discuss and consider an ordinance to cancel the May 7, 2016 General Election.

Motion: Councilman Schott made the motion to accept an ordinance to cancel the May 7, 2016 General Election. Seconded by Councilman Cormier.

Motion passed: 5-0

B. Discuss and consider an ordinance approving a Special Use Permit request for a proposed automotive retailer located at 14101 US Hwy 87 W., La Vernia, Texas 78121.

Motion: Councilwoman Moczygemba made the motion to approve a Special Use Permit request for a proposed automotive retailer located at 14101 US Hwy 87 W., La Vernia, Texas 78121. Seconded by Councilman Schott. Motion passed: 5-0

C. Discuss and consider an ordinance approving the proposed change of zoning district classification from present classification of R-A (Residential Single Family Agriculture) to C-1 (Retail) for City of La Vernia, Lot #168 & 169, located at 309 Seguin Rd., La Vernia, Texas 78121.

Councilwoman Watson asked Mr. Rackler what his future plans were going to be on Lot 169. Mr. Rackler stated there were none. He also stated going forward it would not be offensive to the neighborhood nor city. Mr. Rackler briefed the council by stating he took into consideration the unknown to the known. He decorated the inside and it's been set up for future offices. This commercial building will be a great asset, not to be offensive by anyone and/or the business that will be conducted there. Mr. Rackler stated he is not asking for anything that doesn't already exist or co-exist within the current placement of the structure off of Seguin Rd.

Councilwoman Watson asked Mr. Bake what were the negatives and why the Planning & Zoning Commission declined Mr. Rackler's request? Were there any positives?

Gordon Bake, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission stood up and spoke on behalf of the Planning & Zoning. Mr. Bake's response was that he was not sure they had any. The two dissenting votes were not necessarily no and also explained that it was not presented to us in 2014 that it was going to be a business therefore we opposed to the recommending C-1.

Motion: Councilwoman Watson made a motion to accept an ordinance approving the proposed change of zoning district classification from present R-A (Residential Single Family Agriculture) to C-1 (Retail) for City of La Vernia, Lot #168 & 169 located at 309 Seguin Rd., La Vernia, Texas 78121. Seconded by Councilwoman Moczygemba. Councilman Schott abstained. Motion passed: 4-0-1.

8. Resolutions

A. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution to contribute matching funds to the Floresville Electric Light and Power System for the 2016 Summer Youth Program.

Councilwoman Moczygemba recommended the matching funds go towards the La Vernia Youth Advisory Council (YAC). This is a new organization that could certainly use the funds. Mayor Gregory made a recommendation to contribute matching funds to the La Vernia Challengers League. Challenger league is near and dear to his heart and they could always use additional funds for certain types of equipment. This would be for a very worthy cause. The 2016 Summer Youth Program, which we have also participated in in the past, offers monies per meter and the city matches it. It goes towards a youth program during the summer time. Every year the city choose a different group and we try to spread it out.

Motion: Councilwoman Moczygemba made the motion to approve a Resolution to contribute matching funds to the Floresville Electric Light and Power System for the 2016 Summer Youth Program and it go towards the La Vernia Little League Challengers. Seconded by Councilman Doege. Motion passed: 5-0.

B. Discuss and consider action on appointing a representative to a one-year term on the Canyon Regional Water Authority Board of Managers.

Motion: Councilwoman Moczygemba made the motion to appoint Public Works Director Jason Mills, to the one-year term on the Canyon Regional Water Authority Board of Managers. Seconded by Councilwoman Watson. Motion passed: 5-0

9. Discussion/Action

A. Discuss and consider approving Andrew Flores as the Code Enforcement Officer.

Mayor Gregory stated City Secretary, Brittani Porter, work load has increasingly progressed and I believe Andrew Flores, Fire Inspector, would be a great strength to us.

Motion: Councilman Schott made the motion to approve Andrew Flores as the Code Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Councilman Cormier. **Motion passed: 5-0**

10. Capital Project Update

- A. Water Meter replacement – Meters are currently being replaced in the city.
- B. Water Line Upgrade

- C. Well # 7 – Currently working on getting easements signed – April 7th @ 2:00 PM- bid opening
- D. Street Projects

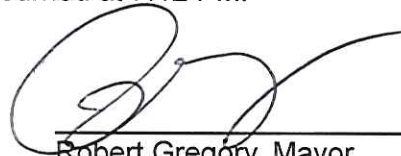
11. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

- Personnel Policy
- Sign Workshop
- Councilman Schott recommended that he would like to see “In God we Trust above our City Seal”

12. Adjourn - With no further business Councilman Cormier made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Councilman Doege. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.



Brittani Porter, City Secretary



Robert Gregory, Mayor

