



City of La Vernia
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
VIA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

February 25, 2021
6:30 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Mayor Pro-Tem Poore called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and declared a quorum. All members were present.

2. Citizens to be Heard – there were no citizens to be heard.

3. 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, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilman Hennette made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilman Oates. Motion passes: 5-0.

4. Discussion

A. Discussion on 4th of July celebration in the park for 2021 to include entertainment, budget and cancellation.

Councilman Hennette spoke on behalf of the President for MDD and advised their recommendation would be to have a firework show only display only on July 4th.

Mayor Pro Tem stated he sat in on meeting and the one thing that caught his attention was that we may have a contract with entertainer. Concerns raised by members were how much are we going to be out of pocket, what are the refunds looking like, do we risk moving forward with chances of losing deposits, couple of months behind schedule – late to need on planning, enforcing masks and COVID regulations, would we have staff to work.

Members would like to hear if entertainer will request monies from the city even if canceled. Email was sent to entrainer will be in touch with council once we receive word.

B. Discuss and consider recruiting members for the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Poore stated that we have two vacant positions. Current members are Commissioner Bake, Commissioner Tanneberger and Commissioner Robles.

Councilwoman Recker stated she would think about it over night and send an email to staff if she comes up with something. Councilman Oates stated he was going to send a few messages out and would reach out to and get with staff in regards to it.

5. Discussion/Action

A. Discuss and consider action on approval of replacement copiers with Knight Office.

Mayor Pro Tem stated cover sheet and good information in packet provided by City Administrator.

MOTION: Councilman Oates made a motion to replacement copiers with Knight Office, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

B. Discuss and consider action on approval of creation of Waggin' Tails Dog Park located in City Park.

- a. Maintenance**
- b. Funding**

Martin stated his biggest concern was the proximity to the disk golf, afraid given the distance that is there, thinking 30', being thrown into the dog park however he stated he did not have heart burn over what was presented. Councilwoman Recker asked if the city had to share any special liability to this and the answer was no. Gretch, with Waggin' Tails Dog Park Coalition, stated that once the boundaries were set with the dog park she said they were to have 15' from the disk golf however where they established their boundaries it ended up being between 30-35', overall the final draw out shows approx. 40'. Councilman Oates stated he had personally played disk golf a couple of times, and knowing where the boundaries are he sees the concerns but the signs around the park regarding the disk golf would cover the city. He also stated his biggest concern is since this is going on city property, he reviewed the packet and it appears that the sun shade covers showed turquoise. Per Mayor Pro Tem, he stated they were going to comply with the same colors through out the park. Gretch was advised to ensure that she complied with the colors to match throughout the park, which were confirmed by staff to be Aqua Blue.

MOTION: Councilman Hennette made a motion to approve the Waggin' Tails Dog park, seconded by Councilman Oates. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

C. Discuss and consider action on approval of forming a parks committee to assist with Little League, baseball/softball field and use fees.

Mayor Pro Tem stated this committee will also go to a uniform vision for the park and overall plan, his thoughts will start at as himself, Jay, Yvonne and David. They will lay some ground work and then bring other folks in on the committee once the ground work is laid. It is not going to be a one and done, it is going to be a long-range plan on the park. Councilman Hennette stated he wanted to put this on record, since there is difficulty getting volunteers, look to establish a Parks and Recreations Director – a paid position. Mayor Pro Tem stated that would be a discussion item during the meetings that will be worked into everything.

MOTION: Councilman Hennette made a motion to approve forming a parking committee, seconded by Councilwoman Hutchinson. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

D. Discuss and consider action on approval of CEC schedule for FY 2021 Street Projects.

MOTION: Councilman Oates made a motion to approve FY 2021 Street Project, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passed: 5-0.**

E. Discuss and consider purchase of aerator for the Sewer Plant located on River Rd.

MOTION: Councilman Hennette made a motion to purchase the aerator, seconded by Councilwoman Hutchinson. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

F. Discuss and consider moving forward with obtaining grants for creation of walking trail on city owed property located between Industrial Drive and Forrest Dr.

Councilwoman Hutchinson asked if this was going where the gun range is and back in the brush. City Administrator stated that we are working with SARA in which they are going to provide a map to us. It will not be walking trails near the gun range. This will include a fence and signs near gun range, to stay clear of there. Councilwoman asked where they were going to enter from, goal is to enter from Industrial as they do not want any access through neighborhoods.

MOTION: Councilman Hennette made a motion to approve moving forward with seconded by Councilman Oates. **Motion passes: 4-1.**

G. Discuss and consider action on approval of an agreement with the La Vernia Market to permit them to use a portion of city property for Market Days.

City Administrator advised this is the property across the street from where Market Days is, they would like to have donkey and wagon rides through the piece of City owned property. Mr. Robbins, not present at meeting, stated he would maintain the property however City Administrator did advise it would have to be an agreement done year by year.

MOTION: Councilman Oates made a motion to move forward with an agreement with Market Days, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

H. Discuss and consider action on approval to move forward with an TxDot application for sidewalk creation along San Antonio.

Councilman Oates stated he drove the route and a lot of the area has sidewalks in it just needs repairs but wanted to confirm if it was one side or both sides and it would be one side on San Antonio Rd. Sidewalks will connect. He also stated DL Vest has a side walk however the other side does not, however on the commercial side it would have two breaks with the apartments/storage and Art Attack. He thought it would be more beneficial to do San Antonio Rd all the way to US Hwy 87. Councilman Hennette asked when we apply do we have to give specific linear ft? City Administrator stated that we are in the preliminary stages and in our master plan/comprehensive plan it did have this in there. At DL Vest and San Antonio, we are working in to have crosswalks in as staff did state the concerns were heard.

MOTION: Councilman Hennette made a motion to approve moving forward with a TxDOT application for sidewalk creation along San Antonio, seconded by Councilwoman Hutchinson. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

6. Ordinance

A. Discuss and consider action on amendment to Chapter 4 (Animals) definitions and adding dog park rules and signage.

MOTION: Councilwoman Recker made a motion to approve an ordinance amending chapter 4 (animals) definitions and adding dog park rules and signage, seconded by Councilwoman Hutchinson. **Motion passed: 5-0.**

B. Discuss and consider an ordinance to cancel the May 1, 2021 General Election.

MOTION: Councilman Hennette made a motion to approve canceling the General Election, seconded by Councilman Oates. **Motion passed: 5-0.**

7. Updates:

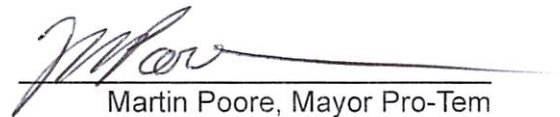
A. Winter Weather Storm – Impacts on city services and infrastructure.

City Administrator stated she had a meeting Monday morning with Public Works and Councilman Oates joined in.

8. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

- Re-plat

9. Adjourn – Councilman Hennette made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Oates. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM and motion passed.


Martin Poore, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:


Brittani Porter, City Secretary

