



City of La Vernia
JOINT WORKSHOP
City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission
City Council Chambers of La Vernia City Hall
102 E. Chihuahua Street, La Vernia, Texas 78121

February 15, 2017
4:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Gregory called the meeting to order at 4:11 PM and a quorum was declared.
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Texas Pledge** – The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited by all in attendance, followed by the invocation given by Mayor Gregory.
3. **Discussion**
 - A. **Discuss amending Section 26 of the La Vernia Code, Sign Ordinance**

Discussion between members of the council and commission about electronic signs and whether or not they are a distraction to drivers. Two signs that were specifically discussed were the signs at Crisp Realty and the La Vernia Country Store. The question was asked to Police Chief Ritchie on how many accidents had happened at or near either of these signs and he said none. Discussion on an example of a good electronic sign was the one near Randolph Air Force base on Loop 1604. Other examples given were the sign at Salem Sayers that is too bright and the sign at County Line Animal Hospital that is too slow. Mayor Gregory asked if anyone had heartburn over colored signs and everyone replied "no". There was discussion about the City of Cuero and their electronic sign ordinances. Currently La Vernia's ordinance is that the display time is 20 seconds, Cuero's is 8 seconds. There was additional discussion of teardrop signs and inflatable signs. Inflatable sign permits are currently good for 14 days. The question was presented of whether or not we make the owner get a new permit every two weeks and how do we regulate the 14 days. The consensus was that we have the owner purchase an initial permit but that we would not regulate the ordinance unless it gets to be a problem.

- B. **Discuss amending Section 38 of the La Vernia Code, Zoning Ordinance, regarding masonry on accessory buildings and structures.**

There was discussion between both boards regarding amending Section 38 of the La Vernia Code, Zoning Ordinance, regarding masonry on accessory buildings and structures. After much discussion on accessory building and masonry requirements, City Councilman Harold Schott suggested 25-30% masonry with columns being counted as part of the percentage. A recommendation for 25% on viewable areas from the street or any visible street or roadway and not on secondary residential buildings, only non-residential buildings.

4. Adjourn – Councilwoman Moczygemba made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Schott. The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 PM.


Robert Gregory, Mayor

ATTEST:


Brittani Porter, City Secretary

