

The La Vernia City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on March 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall, La Vernia, and Texas.

**Item No. 1. Call to Order** Mayor Robert Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Marie Gerlich, Harold Schott, Eloi Cormier, Jennifer Moczygemba, and Mark Doege. Staff members present were Code Enforcement Bobby Caldwell, City Secretary Angela Cantu, City Administrator Yvonne Griffin, MDD Director Jennifer Kolbe, and Police Chief Bruce Ritchey.

**Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation** The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited and Councilman Schott gave the invocation.

**Item No. 3. Citizens to be heard** There were no citizens to be heard.

**Item No. 4. Consent Agenda** Councilwoman Moczygemba made a motion to accept the consent agenda and Councilman Cormier seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 5.A. Presentation** Elaine Stephens with the La Vernia Historical Association gave an update on the La Vernia Veterans Memorial in the La Vernia City Park near the main entrance. A Board has been appointed to oversee the policy regarding who can go on the memorial, the construction of the memorial, and sponsorship of the memorial. The Chairman of the Board is Walter Scull. Kip Workman is in charge of the construction of the project. Councilman Cormier asked if additional names could be added. Mr. Workman stated that there should be more than enough room for another 50 years down the line. Mayor Gregory stated that the City needs to step up and take care of the drainage issues. He also asked if there is a tentative start date. Mr. Workman stated they could do the foundation and pay for it. Councilwoman Moczygemba asked who could be on it. Mr. Scull looking for someone who has a connection with the La Vernia area and completed their service honorably.

**Item No. 6.A. Ordinances** Mayor Gregory explained ORDINANCE NO. 031215-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS, DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 9, 2015, GENERAL CITY ELECTION, ELECTED TO OFFICE; CANCELING THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Councilman Schott made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 031215-01 and Councilman Cormier seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 6.B. Ordinances** Mayor Gregory explained ORDINANCE NO. 031215-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS, ENTITLED "EMERGENCY SERVICES" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA TO ESTABLISH POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS AS THEY RELATE TO ALARMS; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS AND FINDINGS RELATED THERETO. Chief Ritchey stated that his main concern is to get contact information in case an alarm goes off. Councilwoman Moczygemba asked if the information can be gathered from the alarm companies and Chief Ritchey said it cannot. Councilman Schott made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 031215-02 and Councilman Doege seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**



**Item No. 6.C. Ordinances** Mayor Gregory explained ORDINANCE NO. 031215-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 16-504 SUB-SECTION B PARAGRAPH 4A, OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 070810-03; PROVIDING A NEW IMMINENT HEALTH HAZARD CONDITION IN WHICH THE PRESENTS WOULD CAUSE ALL FOOD STORE OPERATIONS TO CEASE. Councilwoman Gerlich made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 031215-03 and Councilman Cormier seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 7.A. Resolutions** Mayor Gregory explained RESOLUTION NO. R031215-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS APPOINTING TO CANYON REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY ONE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A TWO YEAR TERM OF OFFICE. Councilwoman Gerlich made a motion to appoint Mayor Gregory to serve a two year term on the Canyon Regional Water Authority Board of Trustees and Councilwoman Moczygamba seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 7.B. Resolutions** Mayor Gregory explained RESOLUTION NO. R031215-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS APPOINTING TO CANYON REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY ONE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR A ONE YEAR TERM OF OFFICE. Councilwoman Moczygamba made a motion to appoint Public Works Director Jason Mills to serve a one year term on the Canyon Regional Water Authority Board of Managers and Councilwoman Gerlich seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 7.C. Resolutions** Mayor Gregory explained RESOLUTION NO. R031215-03 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR FOOD LICENSES; PROVIDING A REPEALING SECTION; PROVIDING A REPEALING SECTION' PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Councilwoman Moczygamba made a motion to approve Resolution No. R031215-03 and Councilman Cormier seconded. Councilman Schott asked about mobile vendors and City Administrator Griffin stated that they will be inspected. Councilwoman Gerlich asked if grease traps will be inspected. City Secretary Cantu stated that all he does is check the logs to make sure that they are being cleaned according to the maintenance schedule. Councilman Doege asked if every complaint would result in an inspection fee and City Administrator Griffin stated that we will pass on any fees that the City is charged. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 8.A. Discussion/Action** Mayor Gregory explained the bid from J & K Utility Service regarding constructing the tie-in at the HEB site to allow for the emergency supply as approved by TCEQ. He stated that they will be utilizing a clay valve and tying into the system to give total redundant supply at full pressure. Councilman Schott asked if the system would draw off of the HEB tank if all of the other wells in the City were to fail and Mayor Gregory stated that it would. Councilman Cormier made a motion to approve the bid from J & K Utility Service regarding constructing the tie-in at the HEB site to allow for the emergency supply as approved by TCEQ and Councilman Schott seconded. Councilwoman Moczygamba asked where we would be pulling the money from to pay for this project. Mayor Gregory stated it would be coming from the water fund and City Administrator Griffin also stated that it would be addressed in next month's mid-year review. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 8.B. Discussion/Action** City Administrator Griffin asked how Council would like to see the minutes, keep the way the currently are (summary) or change to motion only. Both Councilman Cormier and Schott stated that they are used to the way they are currently



presented. Councilwoman Moczygemba asked what the rationale is behind changing to a motion only format and City Administrator Griffin stated that some City Attorneys prefer motion only to keep you out of trouble and all of the documentation is kept in the minute book. Mayor Gregory stated that we have had to go back to look at motion only and he personally likes to see the details to understand the decision making process. Councilwoman Moczygemba asked why attorneys like motion only and City Administrator Griffin stated that it is just a preference because no one takes the minutes the same. Mayor Gregory stated that he understands the motion only but likes more detail. Councilwoman Moczygemba asked if we could do a blend and Councilwoman Gerlich asked who would draw the line on what needs to be put in and what doesn't. Councilman Schott stated from a Mayor's perspective you need some background. City Administrator Griffin asked if we need to leave them as-is and Mayor Gregory said yes.

**Item No. 8.C. Discussion/Action** Mayor Gregory stated that the Impact Fee Advisory Committee is made up of the Planning and Zoning Commission along with a member of the real estate community. Councilwoman Moczygemba stated that there are only two maybe three members of the real estate community that live in the city limits. Mayor Gregory suggested we make communication with the ones that live in the city to see if we can get someone to volunteer to serve on the Committee. City Administrator Griffin asked if they would like to add someone from the ETJ and Councilwoman Moczygemba stated that would be helpful because these fees will truly impact them as we move forward and grow. Councilman Cormier made a motion to appoint the Planning and Zoning Commission and two open seats to be filled at a later date to the Impact Fee Advisory Committee and Councilwoman Gerlich seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 8.D. Discussion/Action** Mayor Gregory explained that we need to appoint a City Prosecutor since we moved Stephen Barrera from prosecutor to Judge. Jameene Banks from the City Attorney's office, Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal Hyde and Zech, serves as prosecutor for several other small cities in the area. Councilwoman Moczygemba made a motion to approve the contact with Jameene Banks of Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal Hyde and Zech for prosecutor services and Councilman Cormier seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 9. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda** The following items will appear on future agendas:

- 1) Personnel policy
- 2) Bank
- 3) Mid-year review
- 4) Impact fee appointments

**Item No. 10. Adjourn** With no further business Councilman Cormier made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Doege seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

  
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Robert Gregory, Mayor

  
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Angela Cantu, City Secretary-Treasurer

