



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

October 8, 2015
6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Mayor Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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

Councilwoman Marie Gerlich was absent from the meeting.

3. Citizens to be Heard

(At this time, citizens who have filled out a registration form prior to the start of the meeting may speak on any topic they wish to bring to the attention of the governing body so long as that topic is not on the agenda for this meeting. Citizens may speak on specific agenda items when that item is called for discussion. During the Citizens to be Heard section no council action may take place and no council discussion or response is required to the speaker. A time limit of three minutes per speaker is permitted; the council may extend this time at their discretion)

Beth Ware spoke on behalf of bringing a community garden to the City of La Vernia. She stated flourish brings a sense of community and could make the community whole again. There have been several comments on Facebook from individuals who are stating they miss the community togetherness and feel of La Vernia. Mrs. Ware believes that have a community garden would bring people even closer together. Her ideas for the community garden in memory in honor of our first responders. Plant swap page has a lot of the community gardeners jazzed about this idea. Mayor Gregory stated the he was never opposed to it but will get her in touch with some other parties that are interested in this same idea as well. There are a couple moving pieces to this that need to take place, in which we will follow up with her and provide some contact information to Mrs. Ware.

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 August 27, 2015 Joint City Council & MDD Budget Workshop Meeting
- B. Minutes from the September 10, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting
- C. Minutes from the September 22, 2015 Council Workshop
- D. La Vernia Police Department – Reports, Traffic Violations & Arrests; and Number of Occurrences by Offense for the month of September 2015;
- E. Check Register and financial report for the month of September 2015

MOTION: Councilwoman Moczygemba made the motion to approve consent agenda items. Seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passed: 4-0

5. Presentation

A. Presentation from Sarah Wood, Hues for Humanity, regarding a 5K Color Run.

Mrs. Sarah Woods presented to council the Hues for Humanity 5K Color Run that she would like to hold at the La Vernia City Park on January 9th 2016. She anticipates to make an annual event out of the event with all proceeds benefiting an organization call Kids Hope Ethiopia. Kids Hope Ethiopia first began in Canada as Canadian Humanitarian Organization for International Relief (Canadian Humanitarian), which is a non-religious, non-political, registered Canadian Charity. They are dedicated to assisting disadvantaged children, their families and communities break free from the cycle of poverty. The ultimate goal is to make it a Wilson County event and extend it out to surrounding cities. Mrs. Woods would like to make it a festival event that models previous runs that have been held in the city. Council stated they would not have an issue with an event that proposes good causes to the community.

B. Presentation from Paul Brunner, La Vernia EMS, regarding update to changes in board members and services.

Paul Brunner was not available for the meeting.

Council recessed at 7:03 PM and reconvened at 7:12 PM.

6. Discussion/Action

A. Discussion and possible action regarding hiring a Part-Time Fire Inspector for the City of La Vernia

Right now we are adhering to a national code but currently do not have anyone that goes out and makes sure that these individuals are following code. Councilwoman Moczygemba stated we really need to hire this position and it would be an added bonus to have them do code enforcement.

MOTION: Councilman Schott made the motion to hire a Part-Time Fire Inspector for the City of La Vernia. Seconded by Councilwoman Moczygemba. Motion passed 4-0

B. Discuss and approve engaging Frost Bank Capital Markets to serve as financial advisor.

Victor Quiroga with Frost Bank, requested to have an opportunity to serve the City of La Vernia as our Financial Advisor. He would try and get the city the lowest interest rates possible. The highlight to the contract, which is described more as a non-binding contract, would be that the city can opt out of the contract without engaging in any penalties.

MOTION: Councilman Schott made the motion to approve engaging Frost Bank Capital Markets to serve as the financial advisor. Seconded Cormier 4-0

C. Discussion and possible action regarding appointing Mayor Gregory to the Wilson County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors for the years 2016 & 2017.

MOTION: Councilman Schott made the motion to appoint Mayor Gregory to the Wilson County Central Appraisal District Board of Director. Seconded by Councilman Doege. Motion passed 4-0.

7. Resolutions

A. Discuss and approve a resolution directing publication of notice of intention to issue City of La Vernia, Texas combination tax and revenue Certificates of Obligation.

Victor Quiroga of Frost Bank, presented to Council the Financial Advisory Contract and a slide presentation regarding the financial plan which was explained page by page. Mr. Quiroga anticipates an interest rate of 1.25%, for the meters, in which the city would be under that threshold once the rates are locked in at the end of the year and a 3.75% interest rate for the other infrastructures. Public Notice publications will be put in the paper around November.

MOTION: Councilwoman Moczygemba made the motion to approve a resolution directing publication of notice of intention to issue City of La Vernia, Texas combination tax and revenue Certificates of Obligation. Seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passed 4-0.

8. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

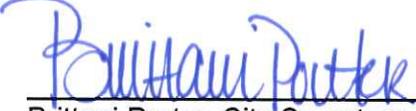
- **Solicitors Ordinance**
- **TABC License – request for Mayor & Chief of Police to review prior to approval**
- **Park**

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

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2015



Robert Gregory, Mayor



Brittani Porter, City Secretary